

Public Service Recognition Awards – Past Recipients

Each year, the School of Public Administration recognizes and honors individuals who have achieved great levels of success and demonstrated leadership in and commitment to the field of public service. Past award recipients are listed below.

2019 Winners:

Public Service Leadership Awards

- Emerging Public Administration Award: James Hartsfield
- Exemplary Public Service Organization Award: 100 Women Strong
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Elected Official: Commissioner Robert Stuart
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Non-Elected Official: Joe Pennisi

Alumni Achievement Awards

- Public Administration: Darren Gray
- Nonprofit Management: Charlene Miseli
- Urban and Regional Planning: Samuel Weekley
- Research Administration: Mir Asghar Ali Khan
- Emergency Management: Michele Jones

To view the photos from the event, [visit Flickr](#).

2018 Winners:

Public Service Leadership Awards

- Emerging Public Administration Award: Amy Bradbury
- Exemplary Public Service Organization Award: Latino Leadership, Inc.
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Elected Official: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Non-Elected Official: Norton Bonaparte

Alumni Achievement Awards

- Public Administration: Paul Lewis
- Nonprofit Management: Leesa Souto
- Urban and Regional Planning: Patrick Panza
- Research Administration: Sikirat Tijani
- Emergency Management: Steven Lerner

2017 Winners:

Public Service Leadership Awards

- Young Public Service Professional Award: Chris Castro, director of sustainability for the City of Orlando
- Exemplary Public Service Organization Award: City of Orlando Response Team, Pulse tragedy
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Elected Official: Mary Jane Arrington, Osceola County supervisor of elections
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Nonelected Official: Barbara Jenkins, superintendent of Orange County Public Schools

Alumni Achievement Awards

- Public Administration: Donna Walsh
- Nonprofit Management: Bridget Healy

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- Urban and Regional Planning: Emily Hanna
- Research Administration: Jo Ann Smith
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security: Keila Walker

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2016 Winners:

Public Service Leadership Awards

- Exemplary Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award: Sen. Bill Nelson
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Elected Official: Sen. Andy Gardiner
- Exemplary Public Service Leadership Award, Nonelected Official: Ajit Lalchandani, Orange County administrator
- Exemplary Public Service Organization Award: Central Florida Commission on Homelessness
- Public Service Career Achievement Award: Pamela Landwirth, president and CEO of Give Kids the World
- Young Public Service Professional Award: Jessica Schwendeman, assistant director of Volunteer Resource Center at Heart of Florida United Way

Alumni Achievement Awards

- Public Administration: John Titkanich
- Nonprofit Management: Anna Eskamani
- Urban & Regional Planning: Erin Sterk
- Research Administration: Winona Ward
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security: Michelle Cechowski

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2015 Winners:

Alumni Achievement Awards

- Undergraduate Public Administration: Johnny Bledsoe
- Graduate Public Administration: Michelle Neuner
- Nonprofit Management: Jahkiya Bell
- Research Administration: Tammie McClellan
- Urban and Regional Planning: Judy Pizzo
- Emergency Management: Angela Moreno

2014 Winners:

Alumni Achievement Awards

- Nonprofit Management: Lauren Nelson
- Research Administration: April Heyward
- Alumnus of the Year: Thomas Harmer
- Emergency Management: Kristie Toruno
- Urban & Regional Planning: Jason McHugh