

1976-1995

## PAGE ONE AWARDS

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## 20th Anniversary



BILLY WATSON

## Program inspiring, rewarding achievement

**I**t definitely seems out of kilter. Pick up any newspaper and turn to the sports section. You'll see story after story describing and applauding the athletic exploits of young people.

Then conduct a page-by-page search for similar stories about the academic achievements of young people. Lotsa luck.

But the scale has been brought more in balance at the Columbus

Ledger-Enquirer, thanks to one thing that happened 20 years ago and another that happened more recently.

In 1976 the management of the paper launched the Page One Awards Program. It provides each scholastic to

# PAGE ONE

## Nominees honored in 20th year of awards

From staff reports

**E**very year, they come to the auditorium in their Sunday best hoping this will be a night they will remember, not realizing that this is one of those events that brings to a close a lengthy chapter in their lives.

Their parents sit on the edge of their seats, listening to the reading of the student resumes, listening for a clue that the winner about to be announced might be their daughter or son.

Their teachers and principals find a seat, remembering when these students came to them as frightened adolescents, marveling at how they have matured and proud of all they have accomplished.

For 20 years these moments have been celebrated at the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer's Page One Awards. This Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., with the student orchestra playing and the audience cheering, the latest

Outstanding high school seniors in this area. Awards granted over the years total some \$200,000.

Equally or more important is the prestige of the program, the recognition granted the nominees and winners, and the incentive all this provides for academic excellence. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Page One Awards are among the most highly regarded and most sought-after of any in the Chattahoochee Valley.

More about the Page One Awards in a minute.

The more recent development was recognition two years ago, following discussions with community leaders, that education was the number one priority and concern here. That led to a year-long news and editorial undertaking called Project: Education. Published mostly in 1994, the Project: Education articles comprise one of the most comprehensive reports ever published in this paper.

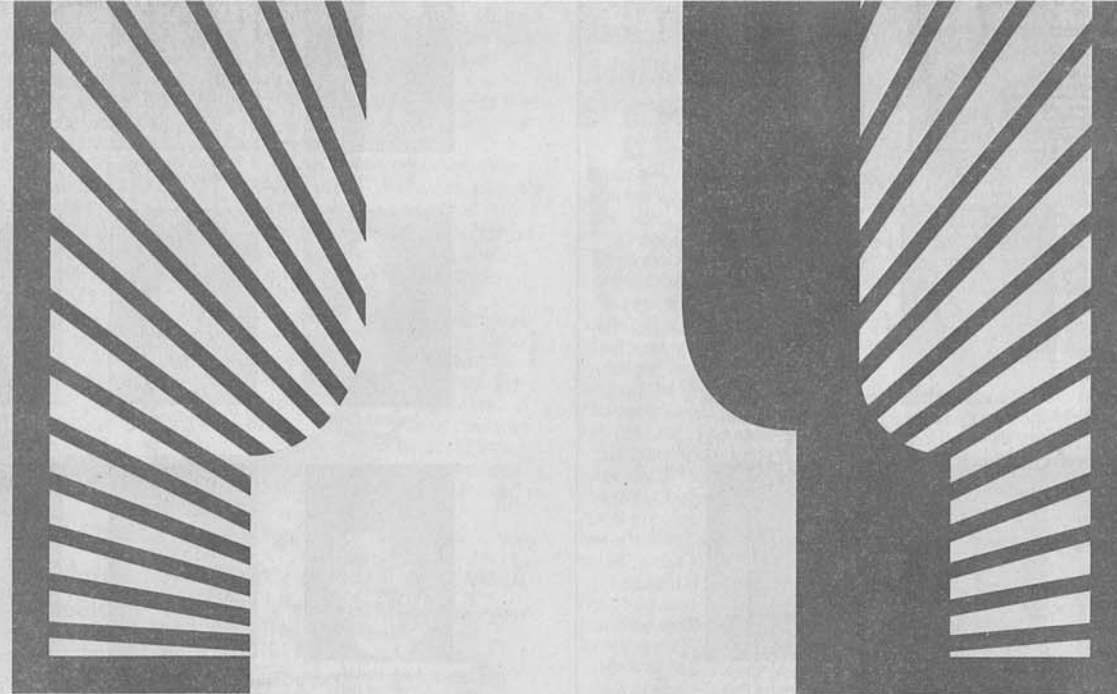
As an outgrowth of that project, we continue to publish many positive educational stories about young people, including standing features called "Academic Achievers" and "Hype!" Also as part of Project: Education, we created a new recognition program for the middle schools called the Headline Awards.

Back to the Page One Awards. The 20th anniversary awards program, to be held May 10 at the Three Arts Theatre, is a testament to the foresight of former Ledger-Enquirer Publisher Glenn Vaughn, now retired, and former marketing and promotion

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# A W A R D S

group of outstanding high school graduates and teachers will walk across the stage at The Three Arts Theater.

This is a milestone year. In the past two decades, thousands of talented students have been nominated and hundreds have been honored. These young people are ones who have shown abilities both in and out of the classroom.

Since their night of honor, they have graduated into their various communities. Some have stayed close to home. Some have found homes far away. Whatever their address, they contribute in all walks of life. Some have gone on to other rewards. Some live out of the spotlight and away from the headlines.

Twenty years ago, the Ledger-Enquirer gave birth to these awards hoping to nurture and encourage.

They wanted to put these young people on Page 1 of the newspaper. They wanted to underscore the idea that everyone has potential and they wanted to let these students know that they were appreciated.

Over the years, the categories have changed, the number of participating schools has expanded and teachers have been added to the list of honorees. The basic principles remain the same, however.

Those principles are simple but important. Hard work deserves a reward. Involvement should be encouraged. Potentials need to be noted. Academics should be applauded as well as athletics.

Such were the goals in 1976. Such are the goals in 1995.

#### PAGE ONE CEREMONY

- ▶ **WHERE:** Three Arts Theater.
- ▶ **WHEN:** Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ **ADMISSION:** Free.

# 20th annual Page One Awards program Wednesday

The 20th annual Page One Awards, honoring outstanding high school seniors and teachers, will be presented Wednesday at The Three Arts Theatre, 1020 Talbotton Road, Columbus.

The awards are sponsored by the R.W. Page Corp., publisher of the Ledger-Enquirer. Winners in the student and teacher categories receive \$750 each and runners-up receive \$150 each.

Also presented will be the newspaper's \$2,000 Tucker-Wilder Scholarship to a student planning a newspaper journalism career. It is named for three former local newspaper editors. The Sara Spano Top Teacher Award, named for the Ledger-Enquirer food editor emeritus and senior columnist, will be presented to an area teacher.

Recognized will be 184 area seniors and 14 high school teachers. The public

is invited to the free program which begins at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Central High School Symphonic Band conducted by Neal Crawford.

Teacher selection is based on ability, educational background, previous recognition, achievements, public and school service, articles published, student achievement, recognition of students taught and teaching philosophy.

Two runner-up teacher awards will be presented.

Top students and runners-up will be named in art, athletics, citizenship, drama, English and literature, foreign language, general scholarship, industrial-vocational, journalism, mathematics, music, science and social science.

Area schools nominated the students then judges made their decisions based on scholarship, service and a personal

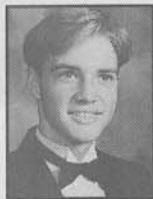
interview. The awards go to individuals who have exemplary scholastic records and "whose records of excellence, achievement and service to school and community best exemplify the unselfish use of talents and abilities to help others."

Since 1976, the Ledger-Enquirer will have awarded \$201,000 in scholarships and recognized 3,591 students and teachers.

## ENGLISH-LITERATURE



Beth Curry Shaw



Chris Curtis Harris County High



Alida Davis Carver



Michele Dodson Spencer



Danielle Doughman Pacelli



Corey Dowdell Stewart-Quitman High



Jennifer Gammage Kendrick



Mary Jerzak Columbus High



Jennifer Johnson Central/Phenix City



Josh Llanos Jordan



Lauren Matthews Hardaway



Hollie Ramsey Glenwood



Andrea Thomas Central/Talbotton



Briarly White Brookstone

## ART

## MATHEMATICS



Mark Buchholz Hardaway



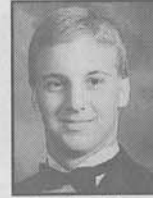
Japonica Childs Russell County High



Jeff B. Fowler Smiths Station High



Jeff M. Fowler Shaw



Jonathan Gray Harris County High



Sebastian Enberg Spencer



Jason Hankins Kendrick



Lakita Harvey Central/Talbotton



Josh Hicks Central/Phenix City



Jim Hudson Columbus High



Willis Kao Brookstone



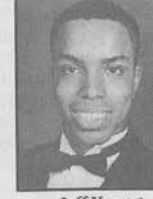
Eileen King Jordan



Bergen Ostervold Pacelli



Jay Wilson Glenwood



Jeff Young Carver

## SCIENCE



Carrie Alvarez  
Facelli



Christina Erb  
Russell County High



John Adams  
Brookstone



Bessie Bussie  
Central/Talbotton



Eric Fowler  
Shaw



Coulter Fussell  
Hardaway



Melanie Head  
Central/Phenix City



Angela Cruz  
Kendrick



Tanya Duncan  
Shaw



Amy Funk  
Hardaway



Nikki Jackson  
Spencer



Hope Johnson  
Smiths Station High



Amber Lane  
Columbus High



Joel Judah  
Columbus High



Josh Laney  
Central/Phenix City



Carolyn Martinez  
Facelli



Nataly Morgan  
Glenwood



Cortney Lynch  
Brookstone



Tiffany Overstreet  
Kendrick



Ben Stanton  
Glenwood



Jonathan Walker  
Harris County High



Jolene Oakland  
Smiths Station High



Sunny Resch  
Carver



Brooke Russell  
Harris County High



Stanley Washington  
Russell County High

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP



Nicki Bailey  
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Reese Boulware  
Russell County High



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Jordan



Tennile Durham  
Central/Talbotton



Anthony Glackmeyer  
Shaw



Tara Kumar  
Brookstone



Cory Cooper  
Central/Phenix City



Alicia Leerssen  
Hardaway



DeRhonda Monagan  
Smiths Station High



Brandon Shliver  
Carver



Beth Topping  
Glenwood



Laura Warner  
Facelli



Madeana West  
Spencer



Julio Morales  
Kendrick

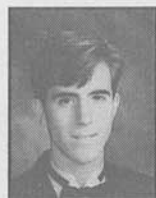


Brad Parker  
Christian Heritage Academy



Laura Lanter  
Springwood

# MUSIC



Chris Barkdull  
Kendrick



Jennifer Carden  
Pacelli



Veronica English  
Russell County High



Molly Henderson  
Eufaula High



Yolonda King  
Shaw



Julia McKenzie  
Spencer



John O'Brien  
Columbus High



Heather Ogilvie  
Jordan



Dawn Platt  
Opelika High



Robby Sanders  
Brookstone



Steven Smith  
Harris County High



Kimberly Snyder  
Auburn High



Michael Thomas  
Central/Phenix City



Chris Tucker  
Hardaway



Phillip Arrington  
Jordan



Marla Dewey  
Carver



Diana Faulkner  
Columbus High



Twila Schneider  
Spencer



Lisa Brinker  
Hardaway



Robert Dozier  
Brookstone



Cassandra Gleaton  
Randolph-Clay High



Janice Terry  
Shaw



# SARA SPANO TOP TEACHER



Agnes Evans  
Kendrick



Laura Oswalt  
Pacelli



Jane Walden  
Central/Phenix City



Gene Rodgers  
Harris County High



Dianne White  
Russell County High



Deborah Williams  
Central/Talbotton

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Nicole McIntosh  
Shaw



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Brookstone



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Jordan



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Auburn High



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Stewart-Quitman High



Carleton Swift  
Brookstone



Susan Smith  
Hardaway



Brandi Stamp  
Central/Phenix City



Kathy Thomas  
Springwood



Maria Velez  
Pacelli



Joshua Sturgill  
Kendrick



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Russell County High



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Jordan

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Carver



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Opelika High



Chatele' Chester  
Stewart-Quitman High



Louisa Childs  
Brookstone



Keisha Dixon  
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Anessah Griffin  
Central/Phenix City



Corwin Howard  
Jordan



Matthew Johnson  
Columbus High



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Smiths Station High



Scott Jones  
Glenwood



Tasha Minter  
Kendrick



Amanda Regnier  
et.



Keisha Rush  
Russell County High



Allison Walsh  
Hardaway



Michelle Williams  
Pacelli

## INDUSTRIAL-VOCATIONAL



Damien Currier  
Spencer



Sabrina Ellison  
Kendrick



Kathy Hall  
Carver



Tammy Henderson  
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Sarah-Jessica Hood  
Smiths Station High



Anita Jackson  
Russell County High



Sonya Mack  
Hardaway



Virginia McKenzie  
Eufaula High



Michelle Rayl  
Shaw



Katie Richburg  
Auburn High



Beth Roberts  
Jordan



Kemekia Smith  
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Tommy Tante  
Columbus High



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Robert Weaver  
Harris County High



Stacy Williams  
Glenwood

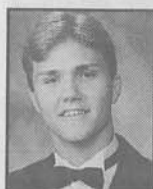
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Auburn High



Janet Cotton  
Central/Phenix City



Adam Coursey  
Jordan



Shawn Austin  
Glenwood



Kim Black  
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Chris Bussey  
Stewart-Quitman High



Brandi Bell  
Glenwood



Lauren Dowd  
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Hardaway



Sam Hodge  
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Reagan Griffin  
Shaw



David Harris  
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Stewart-Quitman High



Katie Lenhard  
Shaw



Alex Llanos  
Carver



Shameika McCoy  
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Pacelli



Jay Harris  
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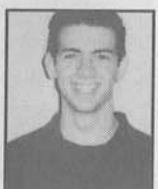
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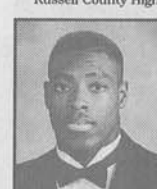
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Harris County High



Cle Swift  
Brookstone



Marlon Taylor  
Smiths Station High



Tiffney Taylor  
Jordan



Ra Mel Thomas  
Randolph-Clay High

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# PAGE ONE AWARD WINNERS THROUGH THE YEARS

Here are the winners since the beginning of the Page One Awards in 1976. There were originally 12 categories. A Citizenship award was added in 1977. In 1985, the Sara Spano Top Teacher category was added to the program.

## ART

1976



**Robert W. Ehrhart**  
Carver

1977



**Charles Keith Panco**  
Baker

1978



**Cyde McQuien**  
Kendrick

1979



**Sheila Turner**  
Columbus High

1980



**Michael Chalmers**  
Columbus High

1981



**Leslie Alexander**  
Shaw

1982



**Mark Johnson**  
Brookstone

1983



**Sheila Brooks**  
Jordan

1984



**Pat Simpson**  
Smiths Station High

1985



**Jennifer Ivey**  
Glenwood

1986



**Nita Gale**  
Central/Phenix City

1987



**Jeff Latham**  
Hardaway

1988



**Mark Smith**  
Pacelli

1989



**Laura Terry**  
Hardaway

1990



**Ilhae Shin**  
Hardaway

1991



**Heather Shannon**  
Columbus High

1992



**Martha Green**  
Harris County High

1993



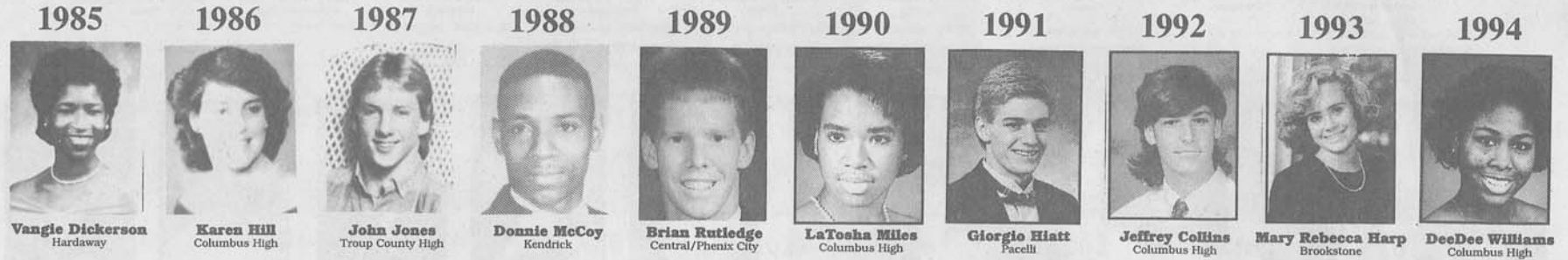
**TeMika Grooms**  
Hardaway

1994



**Laura Deavours**  
Harris County High

## ATHLETICS



### CITIZENSHIP



### DRAMA

1976



**Sharon K. Turner**  
Hardaway

1977



**Alan Tomblin**  
Brikstone

1978



**Mike Thomas**  
Pacelli

1979



**Kelly Stansel**  
Brookstone

1980



**Andy Allen**  
Brookstone

1981



**Laura Fessenden**  
Hardaway

1982



**Jerry Powell**  
Pacelli

1983



**Gilbert Lawson**  
Pacelli

1984



**Julia Fessenden**  
Hardaway

1985



**Kellie Reynolds**  
Jordan

1986



**Bob Hyscher**  
Columbus High

1987



**Deidra Taylor**  
Smiths Station High

1988



**Nancy Tubberville**  
Pacelli

1989



**Tommy Kemp**  
Hardaway

1990



**Jenni Jordan**  
Brookstone

1991



**Jason Ferguson**  
Hardaway

1992



**Pam Anthony**  
Columbus High

1993



**Megan Davis**  
Brookstone

1994



**Ginger McKibben**  
Shaw

### ENGLISH- LITERATURE

1976



**Barbara J. Prescott**  
Columbus High

1977



**Annette Dyer**  
Spencer

1978



**Kim Shumate**  
Columbus High

1979



**Lynn Smith**  
Columbus High

1980



**Eric Fleischauer**  
Hardaway

1981



**Haynes Brooke**  
Hardaway

1982



**Melissa Hicks**  
Brookstone

1983



**Donna Fussell**  
Columbus High

1984



**Angela Coleman**  
Smiths Station High

1985



**Gina Rigby**  
Smiths Station High

1986



**Kari Douglass**  
Spencer

1987



**Denise Carson**  
Central/Phenix City

1988



**Valerie Rodgers**  
Shaw

1989



**Shannan Easter**  
Pacelli

1990



**Nazaniel Thompson**  
Brookstone

1991



**Laura Brown**  
Columbus High

1992



**Jennifer Plunk**  
Hardaway

1993



**Jason Vaughan**  
Brookstone

1994



**Heather Konkoli**  
Columbus High

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

1976



**Patricia D. Kravtin**  
Hardaway

1977



**Dana Jennings**  
Hardaway

1978



**Sharon Shoemaker**  
Spencer

1979



**Bobby James**  
Kendrick

1980



**Melvin Cloud**  
Shaw

1981



**Tippi Faucett**  
Brookstone

1982



**Susan Looney**  
Kendrick

1983



**Amy Thornton**  
Columbus High

1984



**Becci Thompson**  
Spencer

1985



**Lindsey Atkins**  
Columbus High

1986



**Anne Zschoche**  
Pacelli

1987



**Archana Koganti**  
Brookstone

1988



**Amy Asbell**  
Columbus High

1989



**Jennifer Corley**  
Columbus High

1990



**Jay Gemes**  
Hardaway

1991



**D'Anna Thomas**  
Glenwood

1992



**Shane Winfield**  
Pacelli

1993



**Sadia Subhani**  
Brookstone

1994



**Carey Taft**  
Harris County High

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

1976



**Rebecca E. Geeslin**  
Columbus High

1977



**Annemarie Frohn**  
Hardaway

1978



**Faye Crawford**  
Hardaway

1979



**Beth Hinson**  
Hardaway

1980



**Mona Crawford**  
Brookstone

1981



**Cathy Carlisle**  
Hardaway

1982



**Mike Boling**  
Pacelli

1983



**Susan Parker**  
Pacelli

1984



**Jimmy Adams**  
Hardaway

1985



**Jill Butler**  
Hardaway

1986



**Stephanie Tomlin**  
Hardaway

1987



**Stan West**  
Shaw

1988



**Laura Bingham**  
Troup County High

1989



**Steve Elliott**  
Smiths Station High

1990



**James Bazetta**  
Baker

1991



**Jill Ussery**  
Columbus High

1992



**Bobbie Hollis**  
Spencer

1993



**Kelly Virella**  
Columbus High

1994



**Nikki Scott**  
Pacelli

INDUSTRIAL- VOCATIONAL

1976



**Patricia Lynn Miller**  
Spencer

1977



**Pattiann Saczawa**  
Kendrick

1978



**Melody Perella**  
Kendrick

1979



**Jean Patnaude**  
Kendrick

1980



**Eva Redfearn**  
Carver

1981



**Linda Cote**  
Kendrick

1982



**Kenneth Walker**  
Kendrick

1983



**Ronnie Wisener**  
Smiths Station High

1984



**Ashley Karriker**  
Harris County High

1985



**Ginger Davis**  
Early County High

1986



**Monica Shelley**  
Central/Phenix City

1987



**Doug Bryant III**  
Kendrick

1988



**Melody Barksdale**  
Central/Phenix City

1989



**Frank Braski**  
Spencer

1990



**Rusty Phillips**  
Hardaway

1991



**Kirsten Barnes**  
Central/Phenix City

1992



**Lange Taylor**  
Hardaway

1993



**Doryiane Washington**  
Hardaway

1994



**Tina Thomas**  
Central/Phenix City

JOURNALISM

1976



**Sylvia Orkand**  
Columbus High

1977



**Martha Lowe**  
Hardaway

1978



**Kaye Prescott**  
Columbus High

1979



**Ralph Barnes**  
Carver

1980



**Mike Aiken**  
Columbus High

1981



**Rachel Liebermann**  
Columbus High

1982



**Karyn Langhorne**  
Spencer

1983



**Michelle deBrabant**  
Columbus High

1984



**Wendee Wall**  
Smiths Station High

1985



**Donna Itzoe**  
Kendrick

1986



**Emily Burba**  
Spencer

1987



**Cam McClellan**  
Shaw

1988



**Lisa Gilmore**  
Hardaway

1989



**Melody Willis**  
Shaw

1990



**Kelly Williams**  
Shaw

1991



**Traci Tucker**  
Jordan

1992



**Anna Burdeshaw**  
Brookstone

1993



**Allison Kent**  
Hardaway

1994



**Lindsay Swift**  
Dawell

## MATHEMATICS

1976



**James K. Pound**  
Brookstone

1977



**Ralph Cecil Weeks**  
Baker

1978



**Nanci Aiken**  
Columbus High

1979



**Angela Robinson**  
Columbus High

1980



**Curtis Paul**  
Jordan

1981



**Lisa Calton**  
Spencer

1982



**David McCaskill**  
Hardaway

1983



**Soo Ra Yoon**  
Kendrick

1984



**Angela Corley**  
Shaw

1985



**Jason Asbell**  
Columbus High

1986



**George Webb**  
Brookstone

1987



**David Hopper**  
Smiths Station High

1988



**Tara Lane**  
Central/Phenix City

1989



**Joseph Rivera**  
Pacelli

1990



**Wilfred Graves**  
Columbus High

1991



**Brian Chen**  
Hardaway

1992



**Bing Kao**  
Brookstone

1993



**Chris You**  
Brookstone

1994



**Tom Lawhorne**  
Brookstone

## MUSIC

1976



**Rebecca L. Kruger**  
Columbus High

1977



**Steve Pharris**  
Glenwood

1978



**Anna Kruger**  
Columbus High

1979



**Marc Goldman**  
Hardaway

1980



**Teresa Davis**  
Hardaway

1981



**Greg Faulkner**  
Central/Phenix City

1982



**Jay George**  
Spencer

1983



**Gratia Richardson**  
Hardaway

1984



**Anthony Criswell**  
LaGrange High

1985



**Dawn Bradley**  
Shaw

1986



**Cindy Kelly**  
Kendrick

1987



**Rojav Evans**  
Hardaway

1988



**Alice Miller**  
Columbus High

1989



**Aimee Homer**  
Columbus High

1990



**Dana Shehane**  
Hardaway

1991



**Wren Bettes**  
Shaw

1992



**Grace Kwan**  
Auburn High

1993



**Melanie Mewbourne**  
Columbus High

1994



**Allyson Fleck**  
Columbus High

SCIENCE

1976



**John W. Lee**  
Columbus High

1977



**John Woods**  
Glenwood

1978



**Cathy Williams**  
Spencer

1979



**Terry Woods**  
Carver

1980



**Penny Forest**  
Spencer

1981



**Shellie Harris**  
Spencer

1982



**Jean Stevens**  
Spencer

1983



**Scott Nelson**  
Kendrick

1984



**C. P. Dawkins**  
Central/Phenix City

1985



**Mike Chalkley**  
Kendrick

1986



**Josie Hooten**  
Hardaway

1987



**Kyang Kim**  
Kendrick

1988



**Kathryn Cavis**  
Columbus High

1989



**Bobby Moughon**  
Brookstone

1990



**Jennifer Bunyea**  
Pacelli

1991



**Vicky Rudd**  
Glenwood

1992



**Stewart Godwin**  
Shaw

1993



**Eric Konan**  
Carver

1994



**Wayne Manuel**  
Hardaway

SOCIAL SCIENCE

1976



**Mary A. Sheppard**  
Kendrick

1977



**Elizabeth Ann Raines**  
Hardaway

1978



**Caria Hodges**  
Carver

1979



**Stephanie Wilson**  
Kendrick

1980



**Kenneth Sheves**  
Spencer

1981



**Angie Walker**  
Shaw

1982



**Lynda McNealy**  
Jordan

1983



**Fletcher McElreath**  
Jordan

1984



**Colin Martin**  
Pacelli

1985



1986



1987



1988



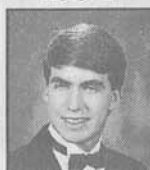
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1990



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1994



## SARÀ SPANO TOP TEACHER

1985



Dr. Susan Squiers  
Shaw

1986



Pamela Carter  
Carver

1987



Mike Edmondson  
Spencer

1988



Regina Lewis  
Kendrick

1989



Edgar Johnson  
Shaw

1990



Kathryn Agnew  
Pacelli

1991



Vivi Anne Johnson  
Baker

1992



Mike Stephens  
Shaw

1993



Jennye Davidson  
Shaw

1994



Evelyn Harris  
Smiths Station High

# Columnist recalls Page One nomination

My Page One award nomination was the first real honor I ever got, and I cherished it. It was a heavy, parchment-colored certificate, and right on the front in bold, black letters, it said, "Tim Chitwood," and right over that, it said . . .



Chitwood in '78

Look, I don't know what it said, OK? I don't know where it is. I had it here somewhere, but now it's gone. Like my hair.

We all did. But we didn't use it wisely. We had some sort of fashion-deficit disorder.

To the 1978 Page One Awards ceremony, I wore a maroon, polyester, double-knit suit, a wide, navy, clip-on tie and rust-colored suede shoes with platform heels. I wore Clearasil skin cream. I had as much



TIM CHITWOOD

chance of winning as of losing my virginity.

The only reason I was nominated at all was because I was absolutely the only senior at my high school who deliberately planned to go into journalism. The other kids had ambition.

I played along. I was interviewed by three distinguished judges (I forget their names) who asked tough questions such as, "Have you ever written anything that was published?" I had, but only twice, as a student correspondent for what the Ledger-Enquirer then called its

director Merry Tipton, now living at St. Simons. They started the local program after viewing a similar one at our sister Knight-Ridder paper in Miami.

"Teen Tempo" page. (And you thought "Excellent Views" was a silly name.)

On awards night, I sat nervously with the other kids in the Three Arts Theater until the moderator (I forget who) called our names, and we walked on stage, and someone gave us our certificates and shook our hands. Then we stood there, blinking in the bright lights, while everyone applauded. Then we stumbled off, blinded by the light (that was a song then), and the ushers sent us to our seats.

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All of the above takes the long route to a couple of important points.

First, our experience at the Ledger-Enquirer has convinced

us that nothing is more important to this community than education. There is deep and widespread agreement on that.

Second, all of us need to do more to encourage, recognize and reward good academic efforts by students. In the long run, book learning is far more important than running fast, jumping high, or hitting a ball far. That is

That's when an usher who looked like Cat Stevens knelt beside me and asked to see my certificate. "That's great!" he said, holding it like jewelry. "Congratulations! I never got anything like that."

Poor guy. Must have been a copy editor. I didn't feel so honored until my mom kissed my cheek later and told me how proud she was. Then I felt like someone who might actually become a newspaper columnist one day, and not just a zit-faced kid in a

polyester suit.

As a bonus, my Page One nomination automatically enrolled me in the Rozell TV show's "Speak Up For Young Americans" edition. This required standing quietly in front of a camera while a teacher told viewers what a nice young man I was.

It scared me witless. From my look of frozen terror, you would have thought someone had a gun on me. Days later a neighbor's rat-faced kid rode up on his bike and said, "I saw you on TV."

a tough point to make with many young people, and we adults need to work harder to make it convincingly.

The Page One Awards program is just one small effort to show the young people of this area that we care about them, we appreciate their good efforts in the classroom, and we want

"You did," I said. "You looked scared," he said, giggled, and rode off.

So I did. But I got another certificate for having been "spoken up for," and I treasured it. It was made of heavy, white paper, and right on the front in bold, blue letters, it said: "Tim Chipwood."

I guess I should have saved that one, too.

Tim Chitwood is now a Ledger-Enquirer columnist.

them to do well in the future. It is, nevertheless, one of the most important and rewarding things we do at the Ledger-Enquirer, and we plan to keep doing it for many (at least another 20) years to come.

Billy Watson is president and publisher of the Ledger-Enquirer.