

George A. Smathers Libraries Convocation

Wednesday, August 13, 2009

Smathers Library

Employee Excellence Award Winners

Instruction and Training Award
ANGELA MOTT

The Instruction and Training Award salutes an instructor or trainer who demonstrated excellence in teaching or providing guidance to others. This exceptional mentor/teacher may have:

- Frequently and consistently surpassed normal
- Instruction/Mentoring expectations
- Shared knowledge that had an exceptional effect on the performance or career of others
- Demonstrated depth of knowledge, outstanding communication skills and/or special awareness of the needs of trainees
- Successfully used innovative training/teaching methods



Angela Mott, right, is congratulated by Dean Judy Russell upon receiving the award for instruction and training.

Innovation Award
VALRIE DAVIS
SARA RUSSELL GONZALEZ

The Innovation Award honors creativity and/or problem solving skills that resulted in innovative methods, projects, products or organizational enhancements to improve library services, resources or operations. Areas of innovation include but are not limited to:

- Integrating the libraries into campus educational goals
- Creating or inventing a new program or tool
- Designing or implementing library cost-cutting measures
- Experimenting with and incorporating new technologies



Sara Russell Gonzalez and Valrie Davis are congratulated by Dean Judy Russell upon receiving the award for innovation for GatorScholar.

Customer Service Award TINA PRUITT

The Customer Service Award acknowledges 5 star performance in one or more of the following categories:

- Enhancement of quality customer service at the library
- Exceptional initiative in “going the extra mile”
- Top-notch service to internal and external customers with timely and appropriate follow-up
- Demonstrated improvement of customer service and satisfaction

Behind-the-Scenes Award PAT HASKINS

The Behind-the-Scenes Award celebrates the quiet dedication and performance that improve library or staff performance and is not always noticeable by patrons. For example, this may be an employee:

- Who improved methods of handling internal library tasks
- Whose skills, talents, and can-do attitude repeatedly and consistently supported and enabled others to perform their jobs or to accomplish a large and important project
- Who is an invaluable behind-the-scenes contributor who could be consistently relied upon by others for his or her highest standards



Tara Cataldo accepts the award on behalf of Pat Haskins.

Outreach Award JAMES CUSICK

The Outreach Award honors an individual or group who made an outstanding effort in reaching out to the university and/or to an outside or donor community in a unique or creative way.

- Collaboration with faculty from university colleges and centers to help bring the libraries' services and collections into their teaching and research
- Designed and instituted outreach activities, programs and/or workshops





ABOVE: Ben Walker, Rachel Schipper, Wallace McLendon and Cathy Martyniak.

2009 Convocation Committee:



Joyce Dewsbury
Hikaru Nakano
Melody Royster

Jennifer Farrington
John Nemmers (chair)
Stephen Williams

Brian Keith
Jane Pen
Beth Zavovyski





ABOVE: Sam Huang, Bonnie Smith, Jay Wiese & Adrian (drawing for door prizes). Remember, you had to be present to win!



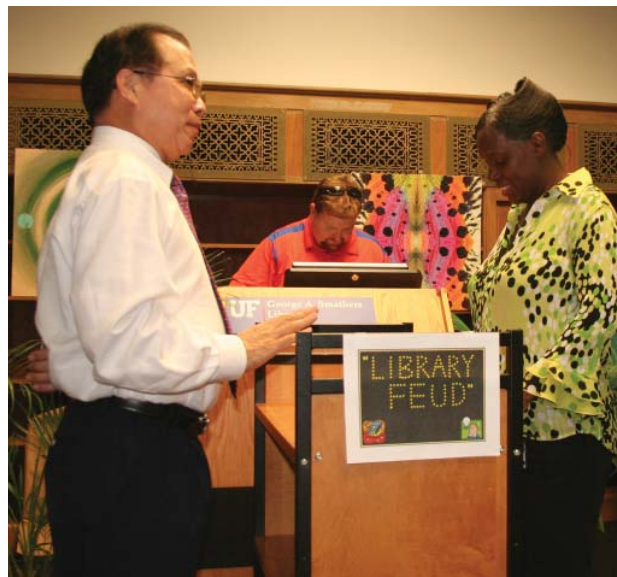
ABOVE: The Orange Team in the Library Feud game: Angela Mott, Adrian Zeck, Alex Annis & Laydene Manning with MC Matthew Daley.



ABOVE: The Blue Team in Library Feud (and the winners): Sam Huang, Rachel Schipper, Judy Russell and Bill Covey.



FAR LEFT: Rachel Schipper and Alex Annis compete. Stephen Williams in background.



LEFT: Sam Huang and Laydene Manning.

