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## **LOCAL NON-PROFIT HOSTS 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS GALA RECOGNIZING TALLAHASSEE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – The Tallahassee Network of Young Professionals (NYP) announced the winners of the fifth annual Golden A.C.E awards at a ceremony held May 7, 2016 at Hotel Duval in Tallahassee, FL. The five-star event was held to recognize the top 20 young professionals living in Tallahassee that exemplify authentic community engagement, or A.C.E. The awards were emceed by Mr. Whitney Ray, Tallahassee NYP board member, and Ms. Abby Walton, WCTV News Anchor.

The highest recognition of Top A.C.E. sponsored by Tri-Eagle Sales is the young professional that best embodies NYP’s mission to aid the community and build a better Tallahassee. This honor was awarded to G.C. Murray of the Florida Justice Association. Murray is currently the youngest serving President of the Tallahassee Barristers Association, an organization focused on the legal and economic empowerment of minorities in our area. As the Top A.C.E. winner, Murray selected the Innovative Community Engagement Foundation as his charity of choice to receive a \$1,000 donation from NYP.

Tallahassee NYP thanks their sponsors for making this event possible: Tri-Eagle Sales; Madison Social; Goose Island; Carr. Riggs, & Ingram CPA Advisors; FSU Credit Union; Painting with a Twist; Double Tree; and Justice Entertainment.

*Golden A.C.E. winners in their respective 20 categories are:*

### **Arts & Culture**

Sarah Howard Bozeman – Opening Nights Performing Arts at Florida State University

### **Business & Technology**

Elizabeth Chambers Emmanuel – Bevis Funeral Home

### **Communications**

Alicia Turner – WCTV

### **Education**

Christopher R. Strunk – Tallahassee Community College



### **Entrepreneurship**

Saralyn Grass – Grasslands Brewing Company

### **Finance**

Michael Kalifeh – Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A. CPAs

### **Government Relations & Law**

Samantha Sexton – PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

### **Insurance**

Tom Paterson – Tom Paterson Insurance

### **Journalism & Podcasting**

Trimmel Gomes – Gomes Media Strategies

### **Law**

G.C. Murray, Jr. – Florida Justice Association

### **Non-Profit**

Kelsea Clark – American Cancer Association

### **Real Estate**

Jeff Billingsley – Craig Commercial Realty

### **At Large**

Lauren Bacon – Earl Bacon Agency

Elizabeth D. Barron – Ausley McMullen Law Firm

Sara Blumenthal – Guardian Ad Litem Program

Iris A. Elijah – State University System Board of Governors

Matt Galka – Capitol News Service

Marie Mahovetz – Southern Scholarship Foundation

Colette Podgorski – FSU Foundation

Amanda Womble – Leon County Schools

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*The Tallahassee Network of Young Professionals (NYP) was established in 2003 to help individuals foster an authentic relationship with the community they call home. The organization is dedicated to making Tallahassee a city where young professionals choose to live, work, play and stay. Learn more at [www.TallahasseeNYP.com](http://www.TallahasseeNYP.com)*