

Chicago Defender Wins Top Award in 2009 NNPA Merit Contest

Written by

Wednesday, 08 July 2009 18:15

MINNEAPOLIS (NNPA) - The *Chicago Defender Newspaper*, which at 104, one of the nation's oldest and most influential Black-owned newspapers, was awarded the prestigious Russwurm Award during this year's NNPA Merit Awards Gala.

With two first place and two third place awards, including the John H. Sengstacke General Excellence Award,

Defender

Publisher Michael House took the organization's most coveted award this year, which is based on the paper that wins the most points in categories, including General Excellence.

The Merit Awards Gala, among a staple event during the organization's annual summer convention, is sponsored by the NNPA Foundation. It included a new award this year – the Thomas Morgan III Award for HIV/AIDS Education, named for a *New York Times* editor and president of the National Associate of Black Journalists, who died of AIDS in December of 2007. The winner of that award, sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's ACT Against AIDS Outreach Initiative, was the

Dallas Examiner

, for its original and consistent reporting on HIV/AIDS last year.

Among other top awards, the *Washington Afro-American* was first place winner of the Sengstacke Award for General Excellence; with the

New Pittsburgh Courier

in second place and

Defender

in third.

Another new addition to the Merit Awards this year was the official naming of the sports award for Don King, the famous boxing promoter who is publisher of the Cleveland Call & Post.

The following is a full list of Merit Award winners:

Thomas Morgan III Award HIV/AIDS Education

1st: The Dallas Examiner

2nd: The Houston Defender

3rd: NY Amsterdam News

John H. Sengstacke General Excellence

1st: Washington Afro-American

2nd: New Pittsburgh Courier

3rd: The Chicago Defender

Chicago Defender Wins Top Award in 2009 NNPA Merit Contest

Written by

Wednesday, 08 July 2009 18:15

Robert S. Abbott Best Editorial

1st: The St. Louis American

2nd: The Richmond Free Press

3rd: The New County News

Emory O. Jackson Best Column Writing

1st: Los Angeles Wave

2nd: New County News

3rd: Call and Post

Carl Murphy Best Community Service

1st: The Houston Defender

2nd: The Los Angeles Sentinel

3rd: The Philadelphia Tribune

Ida B. Wells Best News Story

1st: Los Angeles Sentinel

2nd: New County News

3rd: The Dallas Weekly

Frank L. Stanley Sr. Best Feature Story

1st: The Winston-Salem Chronicle

2nd: New County News

3rd: The Portland Skanner

Best News Picture

1st: St. Louis American

2nd: The Charlotte Post

3rd: The Richmond Free Press

Wilbert L. Holloway Best Editorial Cartoon

1st: The Chicago Defender

2nd: The Los Angeles Sentinel

3rd: The Philadelphia Tribune

Robert L. Vann Best Layout and Design

Tabloid

1st: The Portland Skanner

2nd: The Atlanta Voice

3rd: The Chicago Defender

Best Layout and Design

Broadsheet

1st: The Los Angeles Sentinel

2nd: The Philadelphia Tribune

3rd: The St. Louis American

Chicago Defender Wins Top Award in 2009 NNPA Merit Contest

Written by

Wednesday, 08 July 2009 18:15

Leon H. Washington Best Special Edition

1st: The Winston-Salem Chronicle

2nd: The Richmond Free Press

3rd: The Michigan Chronicle

W. A. Scott Best Circulation Promotion

1st: Philadelphia Tribune

2nd: St. Louis American

3rd: The Portland Skanner

Ada S. Franklin Best Lifestyles Section

1st: The Charlotte Post

2nd: The New Pittsburgh Courier

3rd: The Los Angeles Sentinel

Best Youth Section

1st: The Philadelphia Tribune

2nd: The New Pittsburgh Courier

3rd: The Los Angeles Sentinel

E. Washington Rhodes Best Original Advertising

1st: The Philadelphia Tribune

2nd: Call and Post

3rd: The Houston Defender

Best Use of Photographs

Tabloid Division

1st: The Chicago Defender

2nd: The Michigan Front Page

3rd: The Portland Skanner

Best Use of Photographs

Broadsheet Division

1st: The Winston-Salem Chronicle

2nd: Insight News

3rd: The St. Louis American

Best Church Page

1st: The Indianapolis Recorder

2nd: The Philadelphia Tribune

3rd: The Los Angeles Sentinel

Don King Best Sports Page

1st: The Los Angeles Sentinel

2nd: The Winston-Salem Chronicle

3rd: The St. Louis American

Chicago Defender Wins Top Award in 2009 NNPA Merit Contest

Written by

Wednesday, 08 July 2009 18:15

Best Business Section

1st: The New Pittsburgh Courier

2nd: The Philadelphia Tribune

3rd: The Winston-Salem Chronicle

Best Entertainment Section

1st: The Portland Skanner

2nd: The Philadelphia Tribune

3rd: The St. Louis American