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SPJ South Florida Announces New First Amendment Award

The South Florida chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists recently launched the 19th annual Sunshine State Awards. One of the new categories this year is the “First Amendment Foundation Freedom of Information Award,” which will “honor a journalist or news organization for outstanding use of public records in reporting or advocacy of rights such as press freedom and public access.”

The award is named after the First Amendment Foundation in Tallahassee.

“Open government and public access to records is an essential part of a journalist’s job and this year we wanted to recognize those that take full advantage of Florida’s liberal laws regarding public records,” said chapter President, Jason Parsley. “In addition we have partnered with FAF to spotlight the amazing work the organization does here in Florida.”

Visit www.spjsofla.net for more information on the awards. To learn more about the First Amendment Foundation visit www.floridafaf.org.