



Community Feature Board of Commissioners

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COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZE RECENT AWARD WINNERS

The Wake County Board of Commissioners recognized recent award winners during their meeting today, Monday, December 2, 2013. The awards were from a variety of national, regional, state and local organizations.

National Association of Government Web Professionals: Pinnacle Award

The National Association of Government Web Professionals awarded Wake County Government with a Pinnacle Award for best local government website in the nation for the large population group. WakeGOV.com was re-launched in October 2012 after a nine month re-design by County staff. The website receives more than 9.4 million visits and 126.7 million page views annually.

North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers: First Place in Graphic Design

The North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers (NCAGIO) recognized Digital Media and Design Services Manager Chris Smith for excellence in the design of promotional and educational pieces – including the event program, service changes signs and an infographic – related to the opening of the Justice Center.

North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers: Honorable Mention in Social Media

NCAGIO recognized the #WakeIsGreat campaign for excellence in Social Media. The Public Affairs Office (PAO) and Digital Media and Design Services worked together to launch the County's Instagram account with a contest for people to share photos using the hashtag #WakeisGreat. Within weeks, about 200 photos were submitted and there were more than 100 new followers. The public then selected the top photos via a Facebook poll. The winning images were incorporated into the Board Accomplishments Wake Is Great handout.

North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers: Honorable Mention in News Release/Feature Writing

NCAGIO recognized the community feature written, edited and distributed by PAO and Libraries for the traveling exhibition "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible," that came to the Cameron Village Regional Library. Stories about the exhibit appeared in print and/or online in the North Raleigh News, Indy Week, Fayetteville Observer and Zvents. More than 1,600 people attended the exhibit itself during the four weeks it was in Wake County.

North Carolina Association of Government Information Officers: Honorable Mention in Biggest Impact with Small Budget

NCAGIO recognized PAO, with input from partners, for the creation of the communications plan, letters to consumers, Board of Commissioners updates, bhp.wakegov.com and WakeGOV TV segments related to changes in care for the behavioral health population. The County and partners needed to communicate with the elected officials, appointed leaders, Wake Behavioral staff and the 3,000 clients, some of which had been clients of the County's for more than 50 years.

North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission: Local Program Award for Excellence in Sedimentation and Erosion Control

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission awarded the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program the Local Program Award for Excellence in Sedimentation and Erosion Control. The program works with developers, builders and landowners to prevent sediment from leaving construction sites and contaminating streams, lakes and rivers.

Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development: Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development

JoAnn Shepherd, a case manager with Capital Area Workforce Development System, has won the Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievements in Workforce Development. The Daves Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of a front-line staff person that has contributed to the continuous improvement within a local JobLink Career Center or other workforce development program. Shepherd's innovation and thoughtfulness led to the creation of several successful cost-saving initiatives in the JobLink Career Centers in this past year.

American Institute of Architects Academy of Architecture for Justice: Published Recognition in 2013 Justice Facility Review Detention Category

The Wake County Detention Center was recently recognized at the Justice Facilities Review, an annual awards program juried by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Academy of Architecture for Justice, which documents best practices in planning and design for Justice Architecture. The facility was selected because it exhibited a strong innovative approach to integrating security, technology, operations and design solutions. The Detention Center was also noted as being fiscally responsible and in minimizing impact on the environment.

Associated Builders and Contractors: Eagle Award

The Justice Center was honored by the Associated Builders and Contractors. This "Excellence in Construction Awards" recognized the "best of the best" construction projects throughout the Carolinas and are very competitive, honoring only the most innovative and high-quality projects. The Eagle Award, which in addition to the beautiful and functional design of the Justice Center itself, highlights the successful collaboration between Wake County, Design Team and Construction Management Team.

Downtown Raleigh Alliance: Downtown Imprint Award

The Justice Center was honored by the Downtown Raleigh Alliance with its Imprint Award which recognizes new construction projects and significant renovations that were completed during this past year, which have created a positive imprint in the downtown area. This award highlights the progress downtown Raleigh is making in its revitalization.

A comprehensive summary of the awards as well as a video of the presentation can be found at wakegov.com/commissioners/Pages/meetings.aspx.

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