PAT TAGGART AWARD
FOR NEWSPAPER LEADER OF THE YEAR

Award Recipients:

2007 Doug Toney, New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
2006 Darrell Coleman, Wichita Falls Times Record News
2005 Wes Turner, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
2004 Dan Savage, Waco Tribune-Herald
2002 B. Carmage Walls (posthumous), Walls Publications Ltd.
2001 Aubrey Webb, Beaumont Enterprise
2000 W. Lawrence Walker, Jr., San Antonio Express-News
1999 John W. “Jack” Sweeney, Houston Chronicle
1997 Stephen W. Sullivan, Corpus Christi Caller-Times
1996 Lissa Walls Vahldiek, Southern Newspapers, Inc.
1995 Dolph Tillotson, The Galveston County Daily News
1994 Randy Preddy, Waco Tribune-Herald
1993 Burl Osborne, The Dallas Morning News
1992 George B. Irish, San Antonio Light
1991 Gene McDavid, Houston Chronicle
1990 Charles A. Schulz, Jr. (posthumous), Taylor Daily Press
1989 John Roberts, The Victoria Advocate
1988 Craig Woodson, Woodson Newspapers, Inc
1987 James M. Moroney, Jr., The Dallas Morning News
1986 William E. Dozier, Jr., Kerrville Daily Times
1985 Phillip Meek, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
1984 Charles O. Kilpatrick, San Antonio Express-News
1983 Roy Appleton, Jr., Denton Record-Chronicle
1982 Richard J.V. Johnson, Houston Chronicle
1981 Robert Marbut, Harte-Hanks Communications, Inc
1980 Calvin N. Clyde, Jr., Tyler Courier-Times & Telegraph
1979 Dick Dwelle, Athens Daily Review
1978 Fred Hartman, Baytown Sun, and
Charles K. Devall, Kilgore News-Herald
1977 Joe M. Dealey, The Dallas Morning News

Presenters:

2007 Gary Borders
2006 Charles Moser
2005 Jeremy Halbreich
2004 Bill Hartman
2003 Fred B. Hartman
2002 George B. Irish
2001 Steve Sullivan
2000 Jack Sweeney
1999 Dick Johnson
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1997 Lissa Walls Vahldiek
1996 Dolph Tillotson
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1994 Jay Smith
1993 Dick Johnson
1992 Gene McDavid
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Awarded for work in year indicated, presented the following year

HISTORY
The Pat Taggart Award was established in 1977 to honor Patrick Ewing Taggart who became known for vigorous leadership and unselfish dedication to his profession, state and community during a 50-year newspaper career.

Taggart, who was president of TDNA in 1955, spent his entire career with the Fentress Newspapers before their purchase by Cox Enterprises. He began as a copy boy for the Waco News-Tribune, a forerunner of the Tribune-Herald, and went on to become president of Fentress Newspapers and publisher of their papers in Waco, Austin, Port Arthur and Lufkin. During his career Taggart worked tirelessly to make the Tribune-Herald a strong voice for the heart of Texas and he contributed greatly to the growth and progress of the Waco community.

After his retirement on December 31, 1976, a group of his friends in TDNA set up the award in his honor. The overall criteria for the person who received the award would be based on the winner’s emulating Pat Taggart’s high standards and following in his tradition. Taggart died in 1990.

The Taggart Award winner is presented with a plaque at the March TDNA Annual Meeting.