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## *Florida Leader* Names Winners in 12th Anniversary "Best of Florida Schools" Issue

Gainesville, Fla., (03-01)- From the "Best Student Government," to the "Best Party" to the "Best College Town," colleges and universities across Florida earned kudos in *Florida Leader* magazine's 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Best of Florida Schools" issue. Florida Leader recognized outstanding collegiate achievement by students, clubs, and organizations in 123 categories-- the most ever.

In the "Best Student Government" categories, the University of North Florida won for public universities, with the University of South Florida as runner-up and the University of Central Florida earning an honorable mention. Rollins College was named best SG for private colleges, with the University of Tampa as runner-up. Indian River Community College's Student Government Association won overall for its division, while Valencia Community College-West Campus as runner-up and Miami-Dade Community College-Wolfson Campus took an honorable mention.

In the "Best College Newspaper" categories, the University of South Florida's *Oracle* won top honors in among public universities, with *The Independent Florida Alligator* at the University of Florida coming in second, and Florida International University's *Beacon* earning an honorable mention. Stetson University's *The Reporter* earned the title for private universities, it's fourth win in a row, with the University of Miami's *Hurricane* as runner-up. Valencia Community College's *The Source* won among community colleges, with *The Scribe* at Seminole Community College as runner-up.

Rollins College and the University of West Florida students enjoy Florida's "Best-Looking Campuses," while University of Florida students live and study in the "Best College Town."

St. Leo University won for "Best Party," Florida Memorial College got "Best Band," Nova Southeastern University earned "Best Service Project" and Palm Beach Atlantic College got the nod for "Best Students." Lynn University got "Best Homecoming Parade," Barry University won for "Best Recycling," Florida Gulf Coast University is "Safest Campus," Florida College has the "Most Spirited Students" and St. Thomas University has the "Most Unique Majors."

*Florida Leader* magazine surveys student organizations, clubs and college media for the popular "Best of Florida Schools" issue. The news magazine, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, is read at 86 Florida colleges and universities statewide. *Florida Leader* also sponsors the 14th annual "Florida College Student of the Year Awards." See all unexcerpted "Best of Florida Schools" categories, plus others exclusively available at the web site, at [www.floridaleader.com](http://www.floridaleader.com).