



The Winner's Circle

R&R salutes the Industry Achievement Award winners

To achieve is to execute successfully; to accomplish. The R&R Industry Achievement Awards, handed out each year at the R&R Convention, recognize those professionals in the radio and record communities who have had outstanding accomplishments in the past year.

This year we have a prestigious group of winners chosen by R&R readers from a field of nominees who have all succeeded and proven time and again that they are deserving of recognition. I'd like to congratulate all the nominees, because each one of them

could have easily been the winner in his or her category.

Radio Awards

In the Station of the Year category, our winners in the Urban and Urban AC formats were two of the

most successful stations in the country in both ratings and revenue. WGCI-FM/Chicago took home the Urban award for the second consecutive year; the station also won the award from 1998-2001. Urban AC Station of the Year WDAS-FM/Philadelphia has not only celebrated more than 40 years of service, it also returns to the winner's circle after having won the award from 1999-2002.

These are not the only awards these two stations earned this year. For the second consecutive year WGCI PD Elroy Smith and Asst. PD/MD Tiffany Green took home the awards for PD and MD of the Year, respectively, and WDAS programmer Joe "Butterball" Tamburro and MD Jo Gamble took home the trophies in their respective categories. Tamburro was named Urban AC PD of the Year from 1998-2000, and Gamble previously won the MD of the Year award in 2002, her first year as WDAS MD.

The award for Urban AC Personality of the Year went to the format's most famous DJ, Tom Joyner. The Reach Media-syndicated morning man is heard on more than 100 stations. Meanwhile, ABC Radio Networks-syndicated morning man Doug Banks was voted the Urban format's Personality of the Year. This was Banks' first win and Joyner's second (he took home the award in 2002).

Label Awards

On the label side, top honors for both the Urban and Urban AC Label of the Year went to Def Jam/Def Soul. That label's Sr. VP/Urban Promotion, Benny Pough, took home the Urban Label Executive of the Year plaque. Last year the award went to his predecessor, Johnnie Walker.

Recently appointed Warner Bros. Sr. VP/Urban Promotion Cynthia Johnson won the Urban AC Label Executive of the Year award for her work at J Records. This was Johnson's second consecutive year winning the Urban AC award and her fifth straight year winning an R&R Award: While at Columbia, she was named Urban AC Label Executive of the Year in 2000 and Urban Label Executive of the Year in 2001 and 2002.



HEADSPRUNG AT BET Def Jam artists LL Cool J and Christina Milian hooked up over 20 radio stations with interviews during The BET Awards Show radio backstage Mega-Blast. Seen here (l-r) are Def Jam's Thomas Lytle, WEMX/Baton Rouge PD J-Tweazy, the Firm's Ken Crear, Milian, LL Cool J and Def Jam's Bill Evans.



HONORING JOYNER The National Association of Broadcasters' Educational Foundation held its annual Service to America Awards Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington, DC June 14. Reach Media Chairman Tom Joyner (r) was awarded the Service to America Samaritan Award for his work in raising over \$20 million for historically black colleges and universities. Pictured with Joyner is Interop VP/Urban Sherman Kizart, who also serves on the NABEF's advisory board.

STATION of the YEAR

<p>Urban</p> <p>107.5 WGCI FM #1 for Hip-Hop and R&B</p>	<p>Urban AC</p> <p>WDAS 105.3 FM</p>
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All The Winners

Urban



PD Of The Year
Elroy Smith
WGCI/Philadelphia



MD Of The Year
Tiffany Green
WGCI/Philadelphia



Personality Of The Year
Doug Banks
ABC Radio



Label Executive Of The Year
Benny Pough
Def Jam/Def Soul

Urban AC



PD Of The Year
Joe 'Butterball' Tamburro
WDAS/Philadelphia



MD Of The Year
Jo Gamble
WDAS/Philadelphia



Personality Of The Year
Tom Joyner
Reach Media



Label Executive Of The Year
Cynthia Johnson
RCA Music Group

LABEL of the YEAR Urban AC



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