

## **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*  
 2003 **Bill Hartman**, Hartman Newspapers, Inc.  
 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*  
 1998 **David C. Sharp**, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*  
 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*

### **Presenter:**

Gary Borders  
 Charles Moser  
 Jeremy Halbreich  
 Bill Hartman  
 Fred B. Hartman  
 George B. Irish  
 Steve Sullivan  
 Jack Sweeney  
 Dick Johnson  
 Steve Sullivan  
 Lissa Walls Vahldiek  
 Dolph Tillotson  
 Lissa Walls Vahldiek  
 Jay Smith  
 Dick Johnson  
 Gene McDavid  
 Dick Johnson  
 John Roberts  
 Gene McDavid  
 George B. Irish  
 Bob Marbut  
 Dick Johnson  
 James M. Moroney, Jr.

**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.