

## The winners: Chief financial officers take center stage in CFO of the Year Awards

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*Memphis Business Journal* honored participants of the 3rd annual CFO of the Year Awards at a breakfast at the Holiday Inn University of Memphis on Oct. 25.

The CFO Awards program was created to honor the top financial professionals in the Mid-South for outstanding performance in their roles as financial stewards.

In the category of private company with less than \$100 million in annual revenue, CFO of the Year was Dwight Bassett, chief financial officer of Builders Transportation Co. LLC.

The other finalists in this category were Frank Reid of Duncan-Williams Inc. and Felicia Swauncy of Lakeside Behavioral Health System.

In the category of private company with more than \$100 million in revenue, Jackie A. Thomas, chief financial officer of Power & Telephone Supply Co., was named CFO of the Year.

The other finalists were Milton Lovell of nexAir LLC and Daniel Shumate of Campbell Clinic.

In the category of public company, Albert M. Campbell III, executive vice president and chief financial officer of MAA, was named the winner.

The other finalist was Alan B. Graf Jr. of FedEx Corp.

In the category of nonprofit company with less than \$30 million in annual revenue, Beth Porter, director of finance for St. George's Independent School, was the winner.

The other finalists were Jennifer Bradner of Opera Memphis and Cassandra Price-Perry of the Memphis Theological Seminary.

In the category of nonprofit company with more than \$30 million in annual revenue, Rick Wagers, senior vice president and chief financial officer at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis, was named CFO of the Year.

The other finalists were Don Pounds of Baptist Memorial Health Care Corp. and George Rutherford of Meritan Inc.

The CFO of the Year Award is presented by Vaco.

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