

2 Volusia County leaders honored for community service

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A professor with a political resume and a restaurant founder who helped local colleges thrive were honored Saturday night for their extensive community service in Volusia County.

The Civic League of the Halifax Area gave the J. Saxton Lloyd Community Service Award to Dr. T. Wayne Bailey, a longtime political science professor at Stetson University, and the Beacon Award to L. Gale Lemerand, a restaurateur and philanthropist.

Bailey, who serves on the Florida Hospital DeLand Foundation board of directors, “has done extensive work with cities and counties, upgrading their charters and reforming their governments,” according to a release from the civic league.

The longtime professor also co-founded Stetson University’s Model Senate and has held leadership positions in the Florida Democratic Party for a few decades.

Lemerand, who grew up in a working-class family, “has made generous contributions to area colleges and universities” including Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona State College and the University of Florida, according to the release.

The co-founder of Stonewood Grill and Tavern and other restaurants also has provided support to local organizations including the Council on Aging, Boy Scouts of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, United Way and the March of Dimes.

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