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County Archaeologist wins the Ripley P. Bullen Award 2018 Florida Anthropological Society Annual Conference

Chris Davenport, County Archaeologist and Historic Preservation Officer, wins the Ripley P. Bullen Award at the 2018 Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) Annual Conference May 11-13 in St. Petersburg, FL. The Bullen Award recognizes professional archaeologists who foster the spirit of Ripley Bullen, an archaeologist primarily associated with archaeology within the Southeastern United States, and known in his later years as the "dean of Floridian archaeology". The FAS gives this prestigious award to those professionals who foster good working relationships among avocational and professional archaeologists in Florida.

In addition, the FAS awarded the Lazarus Award to the County's longest serving archaeology volunteer, Joanne Talley from Stuart, FL. Ms. Talley, who is not a formally trained or professional archaeologist, volunteered approximately 13,000 hours with Mr. Davenport over the last decade. The Lazarus Award recognizes those who exemplify the spirit and accomplishments of William C. Lazarus through their contributions to archaeology, preservation, and/or education as well as to FAS and wider community.

Lastly, three current County archaeology student interns presented papers on archaeology projects for which they assisted in analyzing: Jessica Baker (Indian River State College), Kia Taylor Riccio (Florida Atlantic University Honors College), and Daniel Benitez (Florida Atlantic University Master Candidate). Two former County archaeology interns Katie Higgins (Florida Atlantic University) and Rodrigo Cardenas (Florida Atlantic University) presented a paper and poster respectively. For most of these young professionals, it is the first time they have presented a professional paper.

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