

John Young History Maker Celebration event and Scott Harris Memorial Scholarship Award

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The Historical Society of Central Florida's Twelfth John Young History Maker Celebration will take place Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in Orlando, Florida.

The John Young History Maker awards were established in 2005 in honor of Captain John Young, America's longest-serving astronaut, who grew up in Orlando. The awards reflect the mission of the Historical Society and the History Center: To Honor the Past, Explore the Present, and Shape the Future.

At the celebration each year, the John Young History Maker Award is given to a Central Floridian whose lifetime of achievement has made a historic impact on the community. This year, the recipient is President E. Ann McGee of Seminole State College, who has led Seminole State for 22 transformative years, guiding its transition from a community college to a dynamic state institution. In addition, the History Maker Past Award will be given to the late Albert Nelson, longtime director of human relations for the City of Orlando.

About the Scott Harris Memorial Scholarship Award

When the awards were established, the John Young History Maker Future Award was designed to recognize a Central Florida high school senior who is attending a four-year college or university with the goal of making a difference (making history) in future lives in a positive way.

The scholarship's name now honors the late Scott Harris, longtime anchorman at Central Florida News 13 who played an integral role as emcee at the John Young awards programs until his passing in 2011.

About the Orange County Regional History Center

The Orange County Regional History Center, housed in a restored historic five-story 1927 courthouse in downtown Orlando, showcases the vast collection of the Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc. The museum features three floors of permanent exhibits and also presents nationally important limited-run exhibitions. The museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

The History Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$8; seniors (60+), students, and military with I.D. \$7; and children ages 5-12 \$6. Historical Society members and children ages 4 and under are free. Parking is available at the adjacent Orlando Public Library Garage on Central Boulevard and is free for members for four hours per visit. For general information, call (407) 836-8500 or visit www.thehistorycenter.org.