Eight judges to evaluate Gold Medal competition

Eight community leaders have been named to judge the seventh annual Gold Medal Awards competition, which spotlights six elite individuals, companies and institutions honored by others as tops in their fields. Medalists will be featured in Miami Today’s annual Gold Medal Awards edition April 20. Only those who have been recognized in 2005 with other awards as leaders in their fields will be considered. The deadline to enter is Jan. 14.

Judges who will select gold, silver and bronze medalists among organizations and individuals are:

- Mario Artecona, executive director of the Miami Business Forum.
- Joyce Elam, dean of the College of Business Administration at Florida International University.
- Neisen Kasdin, chairman of the Beacon Council and an attorney with Gunster Youkley & Stewart.
- David A. Lieberman, senior vice president for business and finance at the University of Miami.
- Harve Mogul, president and CEO of the United Way of Miami-Dade County.
- Maria Sastre, chairwoman of the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau and vice president for Latin America and Asia at Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises.
- Rosa Sugranes, chairwoman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Iberia Tiles.
- A. Antonio Villamil, a member of Florida’s Council of Economic Advisors and president and CEO of the Washington Economics Group.

The award winners in 2005 were PharMed Group; Miami Children’s Hospital; Carefour Supportive Housing; Gwendolyn Scott, professor of pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine; Peggy B. Supp, president of Informed Families; Annette Taddeo, president of LanguageSpeak; and Eduardo Padron, president of Miami Dade College. They were honored at a dinner at the Miami City Club hosted by Mellon United National Bank.

Entry forms can be obtained from Miami Today by calling (305) 358-2663 or online at www.miamitodaynews.com.