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DeLand High School graduate nabs Tax Collector top honor



Editor's note: Pictured from right, Employee of the Year "LT" Layne, Volusia County Tax Collector Will Roberts, and Supervisor of the Year Tim Beason. The tax collector's top employee honors were awarded Monday.

DeLand, Fla. – DeLand High School graduate Latwonya "LT" Layne has been named Employee of the Year for the Office of Will Roberts – Tax Collector, earning recognition for her dedication and service. The Supervisor of the Year award was presented to Orange City resident and Apopka High School graduate Timothy Beason. Both were caught by surprise Monday as they received the honors during the organization's annual awards ceremony.



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“These awards are especially meaningful because they are chosen by our team members, who see firsthand the dedication and commitment these individuals bring to our organization every day,” said Will Roberts, Volusia County Tax Collector. “These

winners exemplify our core values through their strong work ethic and outstanding customer service, earning the respect and recognition of their peers—not through popularity, but through their actions.”

This marks the second consecutive year that a top award winner is a graduate of a Volusia County school. Last year’s honorees were alumni of DeLand High School and Spruce Creek High School.

Layne joined the organization in 2020 as a motorist services specialist. In 2024, she was promoted to training coordinator and now shares her knowledge and customer service skills with new team members. She lives in DeLand.

In her nomination, a team member said: “LT is an asset to our team. She works hard at cultivating an environment that fosters growth, respect and integrity. LT is willing to take on any challenge and shows up to work putting the needs of others above herself, even in the wake of different hard moments in her own life.”

Beason, the Supervisor of the Year, is an Orange City resident who joined the team in 2021 as a motorist services specialist when the Volusia County Tax Collector assumed driver license services from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. He recently was promoted to assistant manager in the Deltona branch.

His nomination states: “Tim is incredibly patient with customers. He is willing to listen to their problems and works his hardest to try and resolve any issues that might arise. Tim is quick to jump in when assistance is needed, whether that is helping a clerk through an issue, or jumping in to help cut back wait times, ultimately respecting the value of the customer's time.”

Each year, frontline team members are encouraged to nominate their peers for these top annual awards. A team of non-supervisory employees evaluates the anonymous submissions based on how well they demonstrate the organization’s core values – integrity, respect, teamwork and commitment to customers.

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