

Entrepreneurs honored at Enterprise event



Echavarria

Consultant firm Team Pegine won the First Coast Business Alliance's Entrepreneur of the Year award

handed out during the 22nd Minority Enterprise Development Week celebration Thursday.

The 10-year-old company was in the running for the award after first snagging the Professional Firm of the Year award in the competition. Other award winners vying for the overall award were Genesis Cafe & Catering, The Joyful Cork, Cuyler's Landscaping/Lawn Service, CDH Home Care and Core Construction Company.

Much of owner Pegine Echevarria's work involved speaking at conferences and workshops. Her business suffered in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks. Echevarria took advantage of the downtime to train with comedians, learning how to communicate through laughter, and is once again busy.

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