

## **YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS WINNER**

### **2009 YWPA Winner**

Madison Marks is this year's winner of the Young Women in Public Affairs Award sponsored by the Zonta Club of Jacksonville. She received the \$750 award at the "Tea in the Garden" event held Saturday, March 23 at a private home in the historic Riverside neighborhood.



Madison was selected as a result of her outstanding leadership and service to her school and community, as well as her compelling essay on the status of women in the world. While in high school, she has been a staff writer for The Campus Voice, is a representative to the student government, an officer in the Spanish Club, and plays the piano at school. She undertook a dual enrollment program attending Oasis Christian Academy and Florida Community College, thus enabling her to receive both a high school diploma and an Associate in Arts degree upon her graduation in May 2009.

Ms. Marks will attend Florida State University (FSU) in the Fall where she plans a dual major in Middle Eastern Studies and International Affairs. She also expects to continue her community service. She hopes to intern with the CIA, AIPAC, and the Florida Legislature. She is planning on becoming fluent in both Hebrew and Arabic so that she can work for the U.S. State Department. She ultimately would like to work for the government on political, economic, social and religious issues relating to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.