



## Rogue Valley honored with Director's Award



Superintendent Ken Jerin (center) accepts the Director's Award from Director Fariborz Pakseresht (left) and Assistant Director for Facilities Clint McClellan

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Rogue Valley YCF formally received the Director's Outstanding Service Award at a celebration at the facility Sept. 30.

[The four recipients](#) of this year's Director's Award were announced August 14 and two staff from Rogue Valley traveled to Salem to take home the plaque on behalf of their facility. However, Director Fariborz Pakseresht and Assistant Director for Facilities Clint McClellan scheduled a special visit to Grants Pass to formally present the honor to Superintendent Ken Jerin and his staff.

"On behalf of all of our dedicated professionals here, I want to thank you for recognizing the quality of our facility," said Jerin. "All of us are honored to serve the at-risk youth who are committed to Rogue Valley. Our job is to make sure that after each youth leaves here, he can live as a productive, crime-free citizen in his own community. All of us work hard toward that goal."

Rogue Valley experienced a serious group disturbance in October 2013. The incident caused major damage to a facility living unit and had a

significant impact on staff and youth. Staff displayed outstanding teamwork in responding to the immediate problem and provided on-going support for colleagues and youth affected by the event. After the incident, staff developed unique and creative incentives for non-violence, leading to a safer and more secure facility. Pakseresht praised Rogue Valley employees for "their resilience in the face of adversity and their efforts and commitment to develop a positive culture for themselves and the youth they serve."

The celebration also honored individual facility staff for their exemplary service and contributions. The Safety Committee Parking Spot was awarded to Bob Page for his continued commitment to safety awareness. Jerin singled out staff Tristan White, Cathy Byrne, Gale Barlow and Jaime Garibay for helping make the Sept. 30 celebration a success for staff, youth and guests.



Director's Coin Award was presented to QMHP Steve Mounce, Ph.D. (left) for his creative approach to engaging youth in positive activities and treatment.

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**Honoring other Rogue Valley staff**



*Certificates of excellence were presented to (above, right to left, top to bottom) Cherri Herrman, Rob Geiser, Anthony Fierro, Vince Lackey, Frazier "Fes" Lellis and Jeff Jarvis for their contributions to facility safety.*

