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## **Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility employees honored for excellence**

Four employees of the Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA) Eastern Oregon Youth Correctional Facility in Burns have been recognized for excellence in supporting the state juvenile justice agency's mission.

They received OYA coin awards, silver dollar-sized medals bearing the state seal, as part of the observance of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Oregon, May 5-11. The employees are:

- Chad Bradach, youth corrections unit coordinator, recognized for "leading by example, being a respected role model and making a positive impact on youth and staff alike."
- Sandy Cargill, teacher, honored for "exemplifying a commitment to assisting our young men on their road to reformation. The skills that they learn from you will be a part of their lives forever."
- Earl McGee, group life coordinator, recognized for his "tireless efforts to improve the safety of our facility, which have had a positive effect on all who work or visit here."
- LeRoy Thissell, group life coordinator, honored for his "ability explore dynamic approaches in dealing effectively with troubled youth."

OYA Deputy Director Joseph O'Leary and facility Superintendent Doug Smith presented the certificates at the facility May 10. They praised the employees as being role models for others and "providing positive development to each other and the youth we serve."

In his [proclamation](#) of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week in Oregon, Governor John Kitzhaber commended adult and juvenile correctional workers for “holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior and future victimization.”

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