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MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility employees honored for excellence

Seven employees of the Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA) MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn 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:

- Chris Bauge, group life coordinator, honored for “consistently going the extra mile in his duties.”
- Jeff Canfield, acting treatment manager, recognized for “embracing OYA’s recent initiatives of positive youth development and collaborative problem solving and establishing himself as a champion for these projects.”
- Jamie Jeter, youth corrections unit coordinator, commended for “being a strong advocate for youth through continuous communication with community partners and transition specialists.”
- Mike Jordan, group life coordinator, honored for “being a team player who exemplifies OYA’s core values – professionalism, accountability, integrity and respect – on a daily basis.”
- Derek Shrives, group life coordinator, recognized for “regularly taking the initiative to get things done and having a collaborative work style, which makes him very effective with problem solving.”

- Ed Thomas, group life coordinator, commended for “continuing to demonstrate a tremendous work ethic and a great attitude.”
- Shannon Wilhelm, qualified mental health professional, honored for being “an asset to the Treatment Services team and the MacLaren facility as a whole.”

OYA Minority Services Administrator Lonnie Jackson and facility Superintendent Sid Thompson 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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