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Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility employees honored for excellence

Five employees of the Oregon Youth Authority's Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility in Grants Pass 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:

- **Jim Buchanan**, group life coordinator, recognized for his "respect and compassion, high standards, unwavering integrity, and honesty," making him "a wonderful employee to work with."
- **Robert Dahl**, maintenance specialist, recognized for "consistently balancing multiple requests from multiple sources, always responding with patience and kindness."
- **Michael "Mick" Lambert**, group life coordinator, for exceeding expectations in implementing the Vocational Educational Services for Older Youth program.
- **Jennifer Putnam**, office specialist, recognized for her "enthusiasm in helping out whenever needed, in addition to your heart of compassion and respect for others."
- **Angela Sabin-Veek**, youth corrections unit coordinator, for organizing fundraising, vocational-education, volunteer and other programs.

OYA Assistant Director of Business Services Jan Dean and facility Superintendent Ken Jerin presented the certificates Tuesday. 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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