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Oregon Youth Authority employees in Tillamook honored for excellence

Four employees of the Oregon Youth Authority's (OYA) facilities in Tillamook 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:

- [Amy Braden](#), office specialist at Camp Tillamook, recognized for “completing her assigned work duties with impeccable professionalism and integrity.”
- Sean Dooher, group life coordinator at Tillamook Youth Correctional Facility (YCF), honored for his “stable and calming effect on the workplace. Youth trust you and turn to you for guidance.”
- [Sharon Kaszycki](#), nurse at Tillamook YCF, recognized for “doing a two-person job for a long time. You are a hard worker, you care about the youth, and you have a good sense of humor.”
- [Dennis Martin](#), group life coordinator at Tillamook YCF, honored for “working with kids for 30 years and you guide both youth and staff with humor and gentleness.”

OYA Assistant Director of Community Services Philip Cox presented the certificates at the facilities May 10. He 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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