
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day

DJJ's administrative assistants attended the second annual Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day on April 29 in conjunction with Administrative Professionals' Week. The training seminar was sponsored by the agency's Administrative Management Team (AMT) and included several informative training sessions for which participants received six hours of training credit. Representatives from various agency divisions and offices were involved and included Director Byars and Chief of Staff Kathleen Hayes, Ph.D, and representatives of the DJJ chapter of the South Carolina Correctional Association.

Special Recognition for DJJ Officers

DJJ Juvenile Correctional Officer Jesse Patterson, Birchwood Campus, and DJJ Police Officer Robert Alexander were honored recently as the Department's JCO of the Year and Police Officer of the Year, respectively. They were among the officers recognized at the annual statewide Correctional Officers' Appreciation Luncheon of the South Carolina Correctional Association held recently in Columbia.

DJJ's Victim's Memorial Garden

On Wednesday, April 27, DJJ dedicated a "Memorial Garden" at the Chester County Courthouse to commemorate South Carolina's victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, victims of crime, and fallen law enforcement officers. The Honorable Judge Walter Brown, Jr. first started the "Memorial Garden" after the 2001 terrorist attacks. Upkeep for the garden will be completed entirely by youth that are under the supervision of the DJJ's Chester County office and the Victims Services Program.

JROTC Dining-Out Awards Program

A special program to recognize the outstanding academic and leadership performance of DJJ JROTC students was held on May 5 in the Birchwood High School gymnasium. At the annual Dining-Out Awards Program, 17 student cadets were presented awards; including the Marine Corps League Harold E. Wilson Leadership Award, the Military Order of the Purple Heart ROTC National Leadership Award, and the James LeRoy Belk American Legion Post 17 Leadership and Scholastic Award.

United Way Board

On May 10, Judge Byars was elected President of the South Carolina United Way Board of Directors.

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| May 18 | AMI Legislative Day for Kids
State House |
| | Charleston Re-Directions Graduation Ceremony
20-Day Re-Directions Wilderness Expedition
Harbison State Forest |
| May 26 | Deliver Keynote Address at DJJ JCO Recognition Ceremony
DJJ's Willow Lane Chapel |

May 27

Birchwood High School Graduation
DJJ's Birchwood Chapel