



STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
**OFFICE OF MEDIA RELATIONS**  
245 MCKEE ROAD  
DOVER, DELAWARE 19904  
Telephone: (302) 739-5601  
Fax: (302) 739-8220

*John R. Painter*  
*Chief of Media Relations*

April 25, 2008

Contact: John R. Painter  
E-mail: john.painter@state.de.us  
Office: 302.857.5232

## **\*PRESS RELEASE\***

### **DOC Holds 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Recognition Banquet** *Department honors Employees of the Year, additional award winners*

The Delaware Department of Correction held its 17<sup>th</sup> annual Employee Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, April 23 at the Department's Administrative Building in Dover, handing out employee of the year honors and additional accolades for outstanding efforts during the 2007 calendar year.

A complete list of award winners:

#### **Staff Employee of the Year**

Jeanette Christian, Human Resources Specialist II (resides in Dover)

#### **Supervisor of the Year**

Karl Hines, Regional Manager for Northern New Castle County Adult Probation & Parole (resides in Newark)

#### **Correctional Officer of the Year**

Brian Forte, Correctional Corporal at Howard R. Young Correctional Center (resides in Glassboro, NJ)

#### **Probation & Parole Officer of the Year**

Gregory Morehart, Senior Probation & Parole Officer at Cherry Lane (resides in Wilmington)

#### **Correctional Officer 'New Badge' of the Year**

Zachary Kopp, Correctional Officer at Delaware Correctional Center (resides in Magnolia)

#### **Commissioner's Award**

Samuel Elliott, Probation Officer II (resides in Hockessin)  
Kevin Hunter, Senior Probation Officer (resides in Middletown)  
& Michael Cocuzza, Probation & Parole Supervisor (resides in Hockessin)  
at Plummer Community Corrections Center

- more -

Additional awards presented at the DOC annual Employee Recognition Banquet:

**Governor's Team Excellence Recognition**

Correctional Industries (formerly Prison Industries) Garage Operations Team:  
Tom Allan, Justin Atherholt, Dale Dixon, James Donahue,  
James Isabella, James Massie & Wilford Yelverton

**Golden Arm Award**

Tara Bench (DCC), Tina Cooper (Georgetown P&P), Candie Dibble (Admin Bldg), Jessica Forand (Admin Bldg),  
Amelia Gauani (BWCI), Michael Lamon (DCC), Chaplain Lawrence Lilly (SCI)

**Golden Key Award**

Gerry Gregg (WWRTC), Leona Minor (DCC), Michele Salter (HRYCI), Colleen Shotzberger (BWCI),  
Doug Thompson (SCI), Loretta Thompson (DCC), Shane White (Webb)

**Special Forces Award**

Hector Baez-Ortiz (DCC), Orlando DeJesus (DCC), John Healy (HRYCI)

**Warden Award**

Bruce Burton (DCC), Scott Ceresini (SBC), Bruce Davis (BWCI), Victoria Dupree (BWCI), Guy Fowler (DCC),  
Mary Moody (HRYCI), Marcello Rispoli (DCC), Diane Rohland (BWCI), Bruce Williamson (PCCC)

**Facility Key**

Admin Bldg: DOC Administration Building

BWCI: Baylor Women's Correctional Institution

DCC: Delaware Correctional Center

HRYCI: Howard R. Young Correctional Institution

PCCC: Plummer Community Corrections Center

SBC: Sussex Boot Camp

SCI: Sussex Correctional Institution

WWRTC: Women's Work Release Treatment Center