

WCCW ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY:

Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW) had their local annual awards ceremony on June 23, 2022. This was a beautiful ceremony with a delicious lunch provided by Tacoma Wiener Company. The ceremony was started by introducing the Master of Ceremonies Superintendent Charlotte Headley and included a sincere thank you from one of the keynote speaker, Secretary Cheryl Strange. She spoke about how she knows how difficult these last couple of years have been and how we have stuck together to support each other. She and all management staff appreciate our staff. She then introduced Jeannie Darneille, our Assistant Secretary. Jeannie share information about herself and her vision of the Women's Division. Congratulations to these awards recipients!

By Rhonda Roberts



- ◇ **Employee of the Year:** Gerald Holter, Lieutenant
- ◇ **Supervisor of the Year:** Paul Clark, Health Care Manager
- ◇ **Correctional Officer of the Year:** Anthony Hinz, Correctional Officer 2
- ◇ **Health Services Member of the Year:** Nancy Manlapid, Nursing Supervisor
- ◇ **Classification Counselor of the Year:** Amber Harrison, Class. Counselor 2
- ◇ **Support Staff of the Year;** Faira Nevil, Correctional Records Technician
- ◇ **Team Excellence Award:** ALL CUSTODY STAFF

Left: Secretary Strange

Right: Superintendent Headley and Assistant Secretary Darneille



JO WOFFORD BECOMES THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Congratulations to Deborah ("Jo") Wofford on her appointment to serve as the first Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Women's Prison Division. Jo has been serving as the Gender Responsive Administrator for the last year as the Division has grown. Jo has moved up the ranks, serving as Corrections Officer, Lieutenant, Captain, Associate Superintendent, and Superintendent at both MCCCW and WCCW.

Jo has demonstrated her competency and commitment every step of this journey. BRAVA, Jo!



"Never interrupt someone doing what you said couldn't be done."

Amelia Earhart

Note: A statue of Amelia Earhart was recently placed in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C.

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CELEBRATING ALL DOC STAFF:

This was an exciting month for celebrating our staff! June 30, 2022 was our Annual Agency Awards Ceremony, held in person at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. There is no bad time to say “thank you” for a job well-done, especially in the time of COVID, so we celebrated award winners for the last three years (2019, 2020, and 2021). Festivities included a social hour, music from our own staff during the social and dinner, a beautiful presentation of the colors by our Honor Guard, and a staff member sang the National Anthem. Jeannie Miller and Jamison Roberts were the Masters of Ceremony for the awards and Secretary Cheryl Strange opened the presentation of awards. Guest speaker Superintendent Dan White from Monroe Corrections Center gave a heart-felt thank you to all the staff for their excellent work during the tough times of the COVID epidemic. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!**

Honorees from the Women's Prison Division for 2021

Multiple categories:

- **Karin Arnold** for DOC Values and Team Excellence State v. Blake
- **Donna Bennett** for Team Excellence State v. Blake and Team Excellence TEC/COA Team
- **Kari Figueira** for Team Excellence State v. Blake and Team Excellence TEC/COA Team

Individual Excellence:

- **Lea St. Jean** for Partnership Award
- **Anna Begeman** for DOC Values

Team Excellence State v. Blake

- **Katherine Roede, Gwendolyn Dyea, Courtney Robbins**

Team Excellence TEC/COA Team:

- **Rain Carei, Kelly Collyer, Andrew Cozzolino, Jared Williams, Kathryn Hall, Bhinna Park, Carlos Medina, Rebekah Carvalho, Maria Linares, Emily Decker, John Vandenberg, Danielle Lucas, Donald Hunter, Rickae Tyler, Melisa Wiedenhoft, Michawn Hartwell, Juliette George, Mamie Fitzpatrick, Stacy Binning, and Elizabeth Beaber**



AUGUST CELEBRATIONS IN THE WOMEN'S PRISON DIVISION YEARS OF SERVICE

Edwin Schulze, CUS	20 years
Thomas Weaver, MM4	20 years
Taylor Graham, C/O	5 years
Kama Jackson, C/O	5 years
Danielle Lucas, C/O	5 years



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From Deputy Assistant Secretary Jo Wofford

Hello! I am so excited to be part of the Women's Prison Division working with a team that cares deeply about the people who contribute to this work every day. We are working diligently to create a roadmap for both the individuals in our care and all of the people who work long hours during these unprecedented times.

We recently received the **Gender Informed Practices Assessment (GIPA)** which will be one of the tools that we use to inform our work and assure that our division continues to evolve. Having observed the differences that gender responsive programming makes in the lives of women has deeply impacted me personally, as I know it has many of you. The data tells a story and guides us to create a robust strategic plan with a multi-year continuous improvement process. There is no greater calling than the opportunity to improve human lives, to help other humans find purpose, voice, and become contributing members of a community.

We have many sources of information through our project charter meetings, including input from fourteen (14!) advisory teams, committees, and councils. We will take what we learn from them and the GIPA, AMEND, the Gender and Justice Commission's report on women in the justice system, and the eventual implementation of the Women's Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA) to find the best way to implement dynamic and innovative practices that will contribute to a less stressful environment for everyone. It is important that we wrap security around everything we do to keep everyone safe. This is something that we will do together. We plan to work with all of you; your voice is necessary and needed. Creating a less stressful environment will contribute to a more desirable workplace, which in turn will help retention of our valuable staff.



Before I end, I also want to thank everyone that volunteered to be on the WRNA Implementation Team! We will have our first meeting August 8th. We are fortunate to have members from WCCW, MCCCW, Headquarters Classification, Reentry, and Community Corrections Division. I will end this with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to put valuable time and energy into building this division.

DID YOU KNOW?



We are creating a **Women's Prison Division commemorative coin.**

These coins typically use distinct designs to reference an entity and are awarded or given to others with pride and ceremony. If you have ideas for images or symbols to add to our coin, please send them to Rhonda Roberts by August 15. Her e-mail is rdroberts@doc1.wa.gov.