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MASCA Connection

Save the Date - November 12, 2015

Honoring the Sacrifices, Partnering to Support Justice-Involved Veterans

On November 12, 2015, State leaders and criminal justice and behavioral health practitioners will gather at Fort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center in Annville, Pennsylvania for a one-day FREE conference designed to provide practical strategies for addressing the needs of justice-involved veterans and to raise awareness of the types of services available to veterans.

In addition to learning opportunities about veteran's

services, traumatic brain injury and more, the event will highlight local programming, including Reentry Services, Veterans Treatment Courts, Service Dogs and the Trauma Recovery Empowerment Model (TREM) Project. The day will close with a powerful panel of Veterans who will share their experiences in the criminal justice system.

The conference is co-sponsored by MASCA, The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Vet-

erans Affairs, The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit the MASCA website at <http://www.masca.us/>.

Honoring the Sacrifices
 Partnering to Support Justice Involved Veterans
 A Free One-day Conference
 Thursday, November 12, 2015

Fort Indiantown Gap
 National Guard Training Center
 1 Garrison Road
 Annville, PA 17003

Registration: 8 a.m.
 Program: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register: <http://www.masca.us/veterans-conference.html>

Who Should Attend?
 Department of Corrections
 State & County Probation/Parole
 Criminal Justice Advisory Boards
 Pretrial Services
 Reentry Services
 Behavioral Health Providers
 Case Managers
 Law Enforcement
 Veterans Affairs Staff

Topics Include:
 VA eligibility & Services, Trauma Treatment,
 Traumatic Brain Injury, Homelessness, & more!

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 The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency
 The PA Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
 The PA Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
 The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association



Get Involved—MASCA Committees

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) is looking for talented members to share their knowledge, skills, and abilities by volunteering to participate on one or more of our committees. For more information, please contact the committee chairperson for the committee of interest. The MASCA Committees and Chairpersons are:

Finance & Audit Committee

Chair: Larry Glover
glover200v@gmail.com

Membership Committee

Chair: LaVonya Douglas
lavonya.douglas@cscosa.gov

Policy & Procedure Committee

Chair: William Payne
wpayne@hvc.rr.com

Publications & Communications Committee

Chair: Dawn Pearson
dawnpearson.masca@gmail.com

For more information—visit us on the web at www.masca.us

MASCA Who We Are

MASCA is the leading regional interdisciplinary organization for professionals in the related fields of institutional corrections, community corrections, and juvenile services. We are your regional affiliate for both the American Correctional Association and

the American Probation and Parole Association.

Our membership includes professionals at the state, county, and federal levels, primarily in the seven member jurisdictions, but we welcome criminal justice professionals and students from anywhere in North America. We

are committed to providing the best training opportunities in our region and are looking for other ways to serve our membership as well.

Join the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association

For more information, visit us on the web at:

<http://www.masca.us/membership.html>

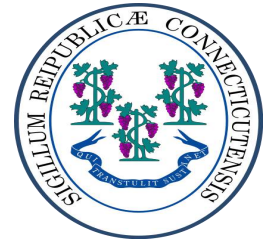


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[MASCA Membership](#)

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Connecticut

Gov. Malloy and Delegation Announce Federal Grant to Help Once-Incarcerated Veterans Receive a 'Second Chance,' Gain Employment, and Avoid Homelessness

Bridgeport's The WorkPlace Receives \$130,000 Grant to Assist 'At Risk,' Formerly Incarcerated Veterans with Employment Services

(HARTFORD, CT) - Governor Dannel P. Malloy and members of Connecticut's Congressional delegation today announced that the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service has awarded The WorkPlace with a \$130,000 grant to provide services that will assist formerly incarcerated veterans considered "at risk" of becoming homeless in finding meaningful employment. The Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program grant focuses on providing job referral and counseling services, and will be used to supplement the Governor's Second Chance Society goals of ensuring that nonviolent offenders are successfully reintegrated into society and become productive members of Connecticut's economy.

The WorkPlace, located in Bridgeport, is one of the state's five Workforce Development Boards and is a partner in the state's goal to end

veteran homelessness. Last month, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness certified that Connecticut had become the first state in the nation to end chronic veteran homelessness.

"We are making Connecticut a Second Chance Society, and that's lowering crime, boosting jobs, and ending the cycle of crime and poverty. For too long, we invested in permanent punishment instead of permanent reform, and we built modern jails instead of modern schools. Each day, we are investing in permanent reformation instead of permanent punishment, as we help people get back on their feet. This grant will no doubt help in these efforts," Governor Malloy said. "We have ended chronic homelessness among veterans, and with this grant, we're helping those who have served America get a job to help give them a second chance and avoid homelessness altogether."

"We must ensure that our veterans re-enter our communities as productive, accountable citizens - and this funding will help us help them achieve those goals," Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman said.

"Homelessness and joblessness are terribly damaging cycles, putting these resources in place will protect residents, families, and communities."

The WorkPlace will partner with the state's Department of Correction facilities to identify veterans slated for release from incarceration within six months, or those released

within the previous 12 months. Enrolled participants will receive mentoring, job readiness skills and job search assistance from the Connecticut Department of Labor, and will be connected to the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Program participants will also receive individual career plans, including goals related to personal issues, such as counseling, substance abuse treatment, housing, and child custody/support issues that can affect workplace success. The focus will be placed on continuing education, vocational training and employment placement.

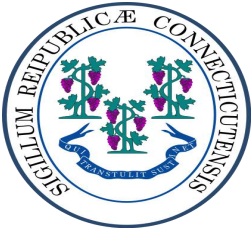
"This grant enables us to continue to offer some of the most comprehensive services to veterans in the American workforce system," Joseph Carbone, President and CEO of The WorkPlace, said.

"This program will be implemented with the guidance of collaborative partners creating a holistic approach to meeting the needs of veterans. We will increase employment while enhancing their probability of career attainment."

"Ending chronic homelessness is a testament to the sustained, tireless work of advocates who have devoted their lives and careers to the cause.

Maintaining this major milestone will require sustained vigilance and relentless commitment," Senator Richard Blumenthal said. "The WorkPlace has been on the front lines of that effort, working to address the root causes and risk factors that lead to veteran unemployment and

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Story from: <http://portal.ct.gov/Departments and Agencies/Office of the Governor/Press Room/Press Releases/2015/09-2015/Gov Malloy and Delegation Announce Federal Grant to Help Once-Incarcerated Veterans Receive a Second Chance, Gain Employment, and Avoid Homelessness/>

More Connecticut News:

[Gov. Malloy: Connecticut Receives Millions in 'Second Chance Act' Grants for Crime Reduction Initiatives](#)

Connecticut

Gov. Malloy and Delegation Announce Federal Grant to Help Once-Incarcerated Veterans Receive a 'Second Chance,' Gain Employment, and Avoid Homelessness

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homelessness - including incarceration. I applaud their life-changing work and commend the Department of Labor for their wise investment."

"The men and women who have served our country should never be without a home. But too often, formerly incarcerated Americans, including our veterans, face unreasonable barriers that prevent them from securing gainful employment, limiting their ability to care for themselves and their families," Senator Chris Murphy said. "This important grant from the Department of Labor will help Connecticut's vulnerable veterans secure stable employment, and I look forward to seeing this award reinforce the state's work to end chronic veterans' homelessness."

"We reveal a lot about our society through the way that we treat our veterans," Congressman Jim Himes said. "So many of our young veterans have spent more time than anyone ever should in the line of fire, and have returned

home with the physical, emotional and psychological scars to prove it. When they end up incarcerated, or otherwise involved in the criminal justice system, it is a true tragedy. I am hopeful that this grant can get as many vets as possible back on their feet and help them rebuild their lives."

"The process of ending veteran homelessness in Connecticut consists of strong collaboration and a coordinated effort among several key stakeholders across the state," Connecticut Department of Housing Commissioner Evonne M. Klein said. "In addition to identifying and housing homeless veterans as soon as possible, we also need to address their long-term needs. This grant from the federal government ensures that we have the necessary tools to help our veteran's find permanent employment, keeping them in their homes for the long term. Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our state and for our country and it's a privilege to be able to serve them."

"Often the most important step in ending homelessness for our veterans is connecting them to a job," Connecticut Department of Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer said. "Working in partnership with The WorkPlace, our agency's veterans' representatives will be providing employment services that include résumé development, workshops for skills building and interview assistance, as well as help connecting them to employers. We look forward to taking part in a program

that helps our veterans, their families and ultimately puts people to work."

"This program is just another example of our efforts to give offenders a second chance and ultimately reduce recidivism," Connecticut Department of Correction Commissioner Scott Semple said. "By providing veterans, who are returning to the community, the tools with which to find employment we are to a small degree repaying them for their service to our country."

"This is an exciting time for Veterans in Connecticut as we have become the first state in the union to end chronic homelessness through the coordination and determination of Governor Malloy and the various departments," Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs Commissioner Sean Connolly said. "Now, we will continue to narrow the gap with these critical next steps of prevention that focuses on our incarcerated Veterans. It is a big win for our Veterans."

Connecticut has been nationally recognized as a leader in the effort to prevent and end homelessness. Last year, Governor Malloy [joined a small coalition of states to develop a comprehensive plan to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015](#). To date, Connecticut is on track to meet this goal, which was reinforced by [the August announcement](#) that the state has ended chronic veteran homelessness.



Delaware

Fairness Committee seeks input for reforms in Delaware criminal justice system

By Andrew Sgroi 1:36pm,
October 21, 2015 - Updated
9:00am, October 22, 2015

A series of public hearings began in Wilmington on Thursday, October 22, aimed at fostering equitable treatment of criminal offenders and improving public safety.

The Committee on Fairness in the Criminal Justice System--comprised of a cross-section of the Delaware Bar, community and business leaders, and academia--was assigned by the Access to Justice Commission set forth by the Delaware Supreme Court.

Greg Williams--former president of the Delaware Bar and co-chair on the Fairness Committee--alluded to the overwhelming instances of racial disparity as the driving force for these hearings.

"The numbers suggest that Delaware's population is about 22 percent African American," he disclosed, "yet African Americans make up about 60 percent of the state's prison system."

Bart Dalton--the other co-chairman and former Delaware Chief Deputy Attorney General--explained the role of the Fairness Committee.

"The purpose is to look at this

disparity and to take testimony, to gather facts, to try to figure out the reasons," Dalton revealed, "whereby we can, if possible, decrease the disparity that we see in the numbers without compromising and, in fact, enhancing public safety."

The hearings--divided in two parts--will consist of informational hearings on October 22 and November 13, 2015, and then a series of public forums throughout the state in December to allow for public comment. The eventual goal is for the voting committee to present recommendations to the Delaware Supreme Court that will provide improvements to how the criminal justice system operates.

The informational hearings--soliciting input from the University of Pennsylvania Law School's Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice, Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative, and the University of Delaware--will discuss policies such as policing strategies that have worked elsewhere, risk-based bail, and alternatives to incarceration.

As Dalton pitched, "we should not put people in jail--before they are convicted--if we don't think that they pose a public danger, but they're only in jail because they don't have enough money to post bail."

With such possible solutions as community-based sentences, Dalton suggested that everyone will benefit.

"When we put someone in jail, pending bail, the public's

paying for that person to be in jail. Do we need to do that? Well we do if it impacts public safety. But we don't need to do that if there's a few thousand dollars bail--because that's what we've always done --and therefore that's what we're going to do, and the person is poor. There's no real upside to some of this."

The hearings are:

- October 22, 2015 at the Doubletree Downtown Wilmington, 7th and King Streets, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- November 13, 2015 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bail, pre-trial detention, charging and plea bargaining decisions and sentences, and policing strategies implemented in other jurisdictions.

The public forums, held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

- December 1, 2015 at the First State Community Action Agency, 308 North Railroad Avenue in Georgetown.
- December 2, 2015 at Middletown High School, 120 Silver Lake Road.
- December 8, 2015 at Howard High School, 401 East 12th Street.
- December 9, 2015 at William Henry Middle School, 65 Carver Road in Dover.

Story from: <http://www.wdel.com/story/71343-fairness-committee-seeks-input-for-reforms-in-delaware-criminal-justice-system>



District of Columbia

DYRS Youth Visit White House for Justice and Opportunity

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Young People Explore the Power of Art in Juvenile Justice Rehabilitation
Seven youth from the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) visited the White House today for "Justice and Opportunity: The Power of the Arts," an event initiated in honor of National Youth Justice Awareness Month.

"This opportunity opened our kids' minds to using the power of art to better understand others and themselves, and the prospect that there is so much out there for them if they commit to the right path," said Garine Dalce, Deputy Director of Youth and Family Services at DYRS, who attended the event. "DYRS firmly believes in the healing power of the arts and implements programming reflective of this for our young people."

The program focused on the importance of the arts in building narratives, empowering communities and furthering youth justice. Youth participated in panels and group discussions where they talked about

their experiences and learned about the history of juvenile justice. Afternoon sessions consisted of workshops for them to capture their reflections from the morning sessions through expressive art forms such as poetry slam and graffiti art. Each young person also received a signed proclamation of National Youth Justice Awareness Month from President Obama.

President Obama proclaimed National Youth Justice Awareness Month a time to "recommit to ensuring our justice system acts not as a means for perpetuating a cycle of hopelessness, but as a framework for uplifting our young people with a sense of purpose so they can contribute to America's success."

The advocacy group Campaign for Youth Justice launched National Youth Justice Awareness Month (YJAM) in 2009 to provide people across the country an opportunity to develop youth justice action-oriented events in their communities during the month of October.

"We are thrilled that President Obama declared October Youth Justice Awareness Month. By raising awareness of the thousands of youth in the justice system - most of whom are young men and women of

color - and by pointing out that kids are different from adults, President Obama affirmed his commitment to care for some of our most vulnerable children as part of the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative," said Marcy Mistrett, CEO of Campaign for Youth Justice.

DYRS youth and people across the country will continue to participate in National Youth Justice Awareness Month events throughout the month of October.

Story from: <http://dyrs.dc.gov/release/dyrs-youth-visit-white-house-justice-and-opportunity>

Upcoming Event:

[American Society of Criminology](#)
November 18-21, 2015
Washington, D.C.

Maryland

MASCA Member Spotlight Kelsey Valentine

Two Time Dennis R Martin Memorial Scholarship Winner!

by

Henry Alexander
President Emeritus
Middle Atlantic States
Correctional Association



When most people think of MASCA members, they think of Correctional Officers, Parole and Probation Officers, Juvenile Justice Caseworkers, Wardens, Supervisors, Administrators and others under the correctional field umbrella. MASCA membership is also open to others who work with persons who are incarcerated or under community supervision and to students who hope to enter the criminal justice field in the future. Kelsey Valentine is a student member of MASCA. The Thurmont, Maryland, native attends the University of Mount Olive in North Carolina and will be a junior this year. She is a Criminal Justice/Criminology major with a

minor in Sociology.

Kelsey is active on campus. She has been and will continue to be the Student Government Association Vice President this year. She has also been a Peer Mentor for the Freshman ADV classes. She has been a part of the Presidential Honor Roll all 4 semesters and currently receives the Presidential Scholarship, which is the highest level of academic scholarship her school offers.

Mount Olive is a part of Conference Carolinas and the NCAA Division II Southeast Region. Kelsey is a member of the Women's Cross Country and Track & Field teams. She currently holds 3rd place on the Mount Olive All-time records in the 5000m and the 3000m Steeplechase. Kelsey received the Rising Star Award for UMO Women's Track & Field this past spring semester after a break-out season and dropping her 5000m time to 18:16.

Kelsey became interested in Criminal Justice because of her uncle, Maryland State Police Sgt. Eric Fogle, and his work with the State Police K-9 Unit during her childhood. Her current career goals are to obtain a Master's degree in Psychology and pursue a career in profiling with ATF or another federal agency.

Kelsey said of her MASCA membership: "I have really enjoyed the MASCA newsletter and how it keeps me up to date with important events and news going on in my home area. Since I attend col-

lege in North Carolina, I seem to fall out of the loop when it comes to news going on back home in Maryland. I have enjoyed keeping up with the newsletters."

Kelsey was awarded a Dennis R Martin Memorial Scholarship in both 2014 and 2015, making her the only two time scholarship winner in any of the current MASCA Board Members' memories, perhaps the only one in MASCA's history. She had this to say about receiving these two \$1000.00 scholarships: "The MASCA scholarship has helped ease the burden of college textbooks and travel to and from my school in North Carolina. It has been such an honor to have received the MASCA Scholarship the past two years. I have really appreciated the generosity of the [scholarship] committee and the MASCA organization."

MASCA is proud to have student members like Kelsey and to be able to assist some of them in attaining their college and career goals through the Dennis R Martin Memorial Scholarships. If you know a college student who is pursuing a degree that can lead to a career in the criminal justice field, encourage them to join MASCA. For more information about the scholarships and to apply for a scholarship, visit the MASCA website at www.masca.us





Maryland

MASCA Contributes to the Ricky Lancaster Scholarship Fund

by

**Henry Alexander
President Emeritus
Middle Atlantic States
Correctional Association**

Candace Hurt was a Maryland Parole and Probation Agent who died tragically in 2013. She left behind a son, Ricky Lancaster, who will be 15 years old in December. A scholarship fund has been established for Ricky and money is being raised through individual donations and fundraising events.

The 2nd Annual Candace Hurt

Memorial Crab Feast was held on September 12, 2015, in Baltimore. The Crab Feast is one of the fundraising events with all proceeds going to the Ricky L. Lancaster Scholarship Fund. MASCA donated \$300.00 as "seed money" for the crab feast. At the event, the committee was able to present \$2416.00 to Ricky which included funds from the ticket sales, a 50/50 raffle, and donations. There are plans to hold this event again next year.

MASCA is happy to have assisted in making this event a huge success. Events like this fundraiser are examples of how MASCA supports our members and colleagues in all areas of the correctional fields. To join MASCA, see the membership information in this newsletter. To make a

personal donation to the Ricky Lancaster Scholarship Fund, mail your donation to: Ricky L. Lancaster Scholarship Fund Account # 020539820 Provident Bank 350 Communipaw Avenue Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

**MASCA 2016
Annual
Conference and Training
Event**

**June 12, 2016—June 15,
2016**

**Clarion Resort
Fontainebleau Hotel**

Ocean City, MD

Registration is Now Open

**For more information,
please visit our website at**

<http://www.masca.us/2016-conference.html>

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2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING EVENT

JUNE 12, 2016 - JUNE 15, 2016

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OCEAN CITY, MD

Conference Registration

\$250 - Through April 12, 2016

\$275 - April 13, 2016 - May 12, 2016

\$300 - Beginning May 13, 2016

To Register Online, please select the registration link below.

[MASCA 2016 Conference Registration](#)

To register by mail, please download the MASCA 2016 Registration form and mail with your payment to:

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference
1325 Bedford Avenue, #5843
Pikesville, MD 21282
Attention: Dawn Pearson

Housing Information:

For information regarding hotel reservations -

Online Reservations: <http://www.masca.us/housing-information.html>

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at masca.connection@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson,
MASCA 2016 Conference Chairperson

To register for the conference, please visit our website at:

<http://www.masca.us/registration.html>

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference and Training Event

To register as an exhibitor, please visit our website at:

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"Creating Connections ~ Building Bridges Together..."

Exhibitor Invitation

We cordially invite you to participate as an exhibitor at the MASCA's 2016 Annual Conference and Training Event. The event will be held Sunday, June 12, 2016 – Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD

Exhibitor Registration:

\$700 – Through April 12, 2016

\$750 – April 13, 2016 – May 12, 2016

\$800 – Beginning May 13, 2016

Please select the exhibitor registration [link](#) to register online and take advantage of additional opportunities to support our conference.

To register by mail, please download the attached MASCA 2016 Exhibit Letter and mail it with your payment to:

MASCA 2016 Annual Conference
1325 Bedford Avenue, #5843
Pikesville, MD 21282
Attention: Dawn Pearson

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel - Reservations

For information regarding hotel reservations, please visit our website at <http://www.masca.us/housing-information.html>

Please be sure to provide the appropriate attendee code to receive MASCA's discounted rate(s).

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at masca.connection@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson
MASCA 2016 Conference Chairperson

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“Creating Connections ~ Building Bridges Together...”

Call for Presenters

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) will be holding its 2016 Annual Conference and Training Event at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, MD from June 12, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

MASCA conferences draw public safety professionals working in all correctional disciplines. Conference attendees primarily work in agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as the private sector throughout the Middle Atlantic States.

We are seeking presentations that capture the future state of the field and offer participants a view of “Best Practices” models that address issues and concerns affecting public safety (i.e. institutional corrections, community corrections, juvenile services, and the community at large).

We are currently requesting proposals for workshops and invite you to submit a Call for Presenters.

Proposal Criteria:

- ❖ Workshop title
- ❖ Topic area
- ❖ A 200 word description of topic
- ❖ Three learning objectives for the presentation (mandatory)
- ❖ Presenter(s) name, title, and organization
- ❖ Brief biographies of each of the presenters
- ❖ Length of the presentation will be 1 and 1/2 hours
- ❖ Proposals are due by February 15, 2016

No fees or reimbursement of expenses will be paid by MASCA unless agreed upon otherwise and in advance.

MASCA reserves the right to edit accepted proposals and biographical sketches prior to publication. If your proposal is selected, you will be required to refrain from the direct marketing and promotion of your products and services during your session.

To upload an outline of the presentation, select the [Call for Presenters](#) button below.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at masca.connection@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson
MASCA 2016 Conference Chairperson

To submit a Call for Presenters, please visit our website at:

<http://www.masca.us/call-for-presenters.html>

To submit an Award Nomination, visit our website at:

<http://www.masca.us/award-nominations.html>

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Award Nomination

Each year, the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association confers several prestigious awards at our Annual Conference and Training Event. MASCA is currently accepting nominations for our annual awards, as described below.

CARL ROBINSON AWARD

The Carl Robinson Award is presented to a person who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and made significant contributions in the field of corrections.

MASCA FOUNDERS AWARD

The MASCA Founders Award is presented to a person who has demonstrated exceptional efforts to promote professionalism in probation, parole, juvenile justice and/ or corrections.

HAROLD MILLER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

MASCA's Harold Miller Community Service Award honors a criminal justice professional who exemplifies the spirit and example of Harold Miller by making a significant contribution to the betterment of the community at large.

SAL RUSSONIELLO SERVICE AWARD

The Sal Russoniello Service Award is presented to a person who has demonstrated extraordinary devotion to advancing the educational mission of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association.

Online Submissions

To complete and submit the online Award Nomination Form, [click here](#). Online Award Nomination submissions must be received by April 30, 2016.

Mailed Submissions

Award Nomination submissions can be mailed to:

MASCA 2016 Conference
1325 Bedford Avenue, #5843
Pikesville, MD 21282
Attention: Dawn Pearson

Please attach a brief written justification for your award nominee with his/ her biographical profile.

Mailed nominations must be postmarked by April 30, 2016. MASCA encourages online submissions.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at masca.connection@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson
2016 Conference Chairperson

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Academic Scholarship Opportunity

The Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA) awards academic scholarships to individuals pursuing a degree beyond secondary education (undergraduate or graduate) in the criminal justice field. MASCA presents annual scholarships in memory of those members who dedicated their lives to the improvement of the justice system and consistently advocated the need for the exchange of ideas for growth and change among member's states. The scholarships are named in honor and memory of Mr. Dennis R. Martin, a long standing MASCA Board member dedicated to the MASCA mission.

During our 2016 annual conference, MASCA will be awarding two scholarships each worth \$1,000.

In order to be eligible to receive this scholarship, the applicant must be a current member of MASCA or the spouse or child of a MASCA member. Applicants must be actively engaged in an academic course of study at an accredited college or university with an emphasis on juvenile or criminal justice and with the intent of pursuing a career in this area. Experience working in the justice system is not a requirement. Members of the MASCA Board of Trustees, their spouses, and children are not eligible for this award.

The applicant must submit:

- ♦ Annual Scholarship Application
- ♦ Most recent official transcript(s) from an accredited college/university
- ♦ An essay no longer than two pages describing the applicant's career goals and what you would like to accomplish by working in the criminal justice system or advancing the field of criminal justice. The essay must be in MLA (Modern Language Association) format.

Online: To complete and submit the online Annual Scholarship submission, [click here](#).

By mail: Scholarship submissions can be mailed to:

MASCA 2016 Conference
1325 Bedford Avenue, #5843
Pikesville, MD 21282
Attention: Dawn Pearson

Mailed Scholarship Application packages must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2016.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at masca.connection@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Dawn Pearson
2016 Conference Chairperson

To apply for a scholarship , visit our website at:

<http://www.masca.us/scholarships1.html>



Story from: <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/pressrel/2015/pr151015a.pdf>

New Jersey

Camden Vicinage to Hold Drug Court Graduation

The Camden Vicinage will celebrate the anticipated graduation of 16 clients from its drug court program on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. in Courtroom 63 of the Hall of Justice, 101 S. Fifth St., Camden.

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman-Katz will address the graduates, family, friends and supporters. Superior Court Presiding Judge Edward J.

McBride Jr., who leads the drug court team, will preside over the ceremony. The keynote speaker will be Ben Carter, a life transformation coach.

The drug court program is a highly specialized team process within the New Jersey Superior Court that addresses nonviolent drug-related cases. Drug courts are unique, because they build a close collaborative relationship between the criminal justice system and drug treatment professionals. The program has

a proven track record of success in changing the lives of those who suffer from the disease of addiction.

As of September 2015, 346 participants have graduated from the Camden Vicinage Drug Court Program.



MASCA Connection Schedule

The MASCA Connection is the Newsletter for the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association.

We invite you to share your stories. If you have a story you are interested including in our publication, please forward it to masca.connection@gmail.com. All submissions should be in word format.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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Please see MASCA's schedule for specific dates regarding newsletter submissions.

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New York State recognizes two senior probation officers for service, dedication and professionalism

New York State recently recognized two veteran probation officers for their work supervising sex offenders and their collaboration with other law enforcement agencies in the counties in which they work.

Suffolk County Senior Probation Officer Stephen Larsen and Wyoming County Senior Probation Officer John Lonsberry were honored by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives during the state Probation Officers' Association annual conference in Syracuse last month.

DCJS Deputy Commissioner and Probation Director Robert M. Maccarone presented Larsen and Lonsberry with the 2015 Director's Award for Outstanding Service by a Probation Officer. The award recognizes exceptional service, dedication and professionalism demonstrated by a probation officer which has significantly contributed to the field of community corrections and strengthened its role within the criminal justice and/or juvenile justice system.

"Through hard work and collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, these honorees have demonstrated how probation officers can make a significant difference to community safety," Director Maccarone said. "Their creativity and commitment to community supervision helps to illuminate probation's critical role in keeping New Yorkers safe."

Larsen was credited for his work in supervising sex offenders, his role as a forensic computer examiner and trainer and his collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. He developed a forensics lab where he conducts searches on electronic devices seized by probation officers and works closely with police to cultivate evidence. He also helped develop a policy and created a training class for probation officers on the use of social media.

Lonsberry has worked with the Wyoming County Probation Department's intensive supervision program for 25 years. For the past decade, he has supervised sex offenders and also collaborates with police agencies assigned to the county's Drug Task Force. His work with sex offenders on probation involves ensuring they receive treatment, as well as appropriate supervision and monitoring within the community.

Probation officers work in each of New York State's 62 counties, supervising more than 108,000 adults and 6,000 juveniles annually. In addition to their supervisory and other

responsibilities, probation officers confirm the addresses of nearly 5,000 sex offenders under supervision every quarter, and monitor 26,000 convicted drunk drivers, including those who are required to install ignition interlock devices in their vehicles under Leandra's Law.

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (www.criminaljustice.ny.gov) is a multi-function criminal justice support agency with a variety of responsibilities, including funding and oversight of probation and community correction programs; law enforcement training; collection and analysis of statewide crime data; maintenance of criminal history information and fingerprint files; administrative oversight of the state's DNA databank, in partnership with the New York State Police; administration of federal and state criminal justice funds; support of criminal justice-related agencies across the state; and administration of the state's Sex Offender Registry.

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Michael L. Green Chairman

Mr. Green received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland and a Master of Science degree in Social Administration from Temple University, Philadelphia.

Mr. Green has over 30 years of experience in community corrections, probation/parole, and court administration, including the establishment of Juvenile and Adult Drug Courts.

He began his career in Philadelphia as a probation officer and moved through the ranks to be appointed First Deputy Chief Probation Officer in Philadelphia County. He coordinated internal operations for the entire adult probation division and met periodically with criminal justice, regulatory and other public agencies. He was central in the formation and management of the Intensive Supervision Program, a county probation/parole prison alternative. He also had management responsibility for the Mental Health, Sex Offender, and Intensive Drug Supervision Units.

In 1991, Mr. Green was appointed to serve as the Chief Probation Officer for Mercer County, Trenton, New Jersey. In this position, he formulated the annual operation plan and budget of over two million dollars, developed policies and directives and enforced statutes and court orders for Adult, Juvenile Probation and Child Support Enforcement. He successfully implemented an automated caseload management system, Megan's Law sex offender and domestic violence supervision programs, and Adult and Juvenile Drug Court programs which, along with other pilots, were adopted statewide. He served as president of the New Jersey Chief Probation Officers Association before being appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

In 2009, he was instrumental in establishing the Berks County Reentry Program with the local judiciary. The Board's court-based Reentry Program, based on the national drug court model, is designed to provide intensive supervision and services to newly released offenders with drug and alcohol issues. In 2014, he established the Philadelphia Reentry Program along with Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper.

On October 5, 2015, he was appointed Chairman by Gov. Tom Wolf. Mr. Green was confirmed by the Senate on October 28, 2003 and re-confirmed on December 16, 2009. He served as acting Parole Board Chairman from September 2004 to July 2005.

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