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NATIONAL PAL ANNOUNCES JULY 2019 INSPIRATIONAL AWARD HONOREES

Honorees for July Include Youth, Volunteer, and Law Enforcement Officer of the Month

Charlotte, NC-The National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. (National PAL) is pleased to announce the July recipients of its monthly Inspirational Awards which recognizes individuals in the National PAL network who inspire their colleagues and friends and are steadfast in their service to their communities.



Taylor Jones, our July Youth of the Month, has exhibited exponential growth within Dunn PAL. She joined PAL as a timid sophomore which made it difficult to speak to her mentor. In 2017, she was selected to join the National PAL Youth Mentoring Summit where and spoke with elegance to hundreds of attendees. Since then, Taylor has volunteered over 500 hours to the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and Mentoring projects, became a two-term YLC President and attended the 2018 National PAL Youth Summit. She is a straight “A” honor student and plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education at East Carolina University.

The July National PAL Law Enforcement Officer of the Month is **Detective Cora L. Mann** of North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD). Since joining NMBPD in 1992, Detective Mann has established policing initiatives including youth leadership, safety, and domestic violence programs. She serves as the PAL Mentor, Cheer Commissioner, and Lead Honor Guard Officer. She has also served as a dutiful mentor to youth spanning back decades. Lastly, she has valiantly served our nation in the US Army. Thank you for your service and commitment.



Tony Rago, Volunteer of the Month, serves as head coach for the White Center PAL Boxing and was voted “Most inspirational Coaches” at the National Jr. Golden Gloves tournament in Nevada. Out of his commitment to the program, he and his fellow coaches have volunteered without compensation for 15 years. Most recently, two of his female teens graduated high school with over a 4.0 GPA, received full scholarships to the University of Washington, and now work with Tony at his U of W Boxing Program. Tony’s PAL Boxing program is used as a paradigm for success.

Deputy Shawn Chase, our July Alumni of the Month, is a three-time “Officer of the Year” and received over 20 awards for his performance and community involvement within the California Highway Patrol (CHP). After retiring from the CHP for a total of eight hours, he joined the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office where he has received seven awards for his service. Deputy Chase currently works with over 300 youth in the program and has directly impacted the lives of 2,500 youth through the years.



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About The National Association of Police Athletics/Activities League, Inc. (National PAL)

National PAL exists to prevent juvenile crime and violence by providing civic, athletic, recreational, mentoring and educational opportunities and resources to all National PAL Member Chapters. National PAL builds bridges between kids, cops, and the community, fostering a positive environment across the country. As a membership organization, National PAL provides local Chapters with training, resources, and opportunities to create a new program to improve upon and enhance the quality of existing programs and to increase opportunities in their community.