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**NATIONAL PAL ANNOUNCES DECEMBER 2019 INSPIRATIONAL AWARD HONOREES**

*Honorees for November 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 November 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.



**Jayln Moore**, our November Youth of the Month, is a devoted Palatka Police Athletic League member who strives to lead by example in every aspect of her life. Moore has shown herself to be an exemplary role model for fellow youth by challenging herself in her academics as well as her extracurricular activities. Not only does she have a 4.0 GPA, stellar attendance records, and zero discipline referrals, she has also been chosen to be a 10<sup>th</sup> grade representative at her high school. In her free time, she enjoys participating in her competitive cheerleading team, BETA Club, and Volleyball team. Moore has also received numerous awards including A/B Honor Roll, Top Knight Award and the Kathleen B. Greene Top 50 Scholars Award.

The November National PAL Law Enforcement Officer of the Month is **Officer Aaron Lucas** of the Seattle Police Department. Over the last four years, Officer Lucas has shown himself to be a vital resource as a School Emphasis Officer at South Shore K-8. There, he actively combats the school's high crime rates, drug activity, and violence by mentoring youth at the school. Not only does he mentor a total of seven youth, but he also makes lasting relationships with other local youth and their families by filling the gap of their family's needs. Recently, he provided a displaced family mattress and helped set up the beds in the family's home. Additionally, a few times a year, Officer Lucas will bring his barber skills at PAL events and host a barbershop mentorship event where he'll cut youths' hair at no cost. Wherever he notices a need not being met, he finds a way to be a helping hand.



Volunteer of the month, **Brandon Chapman**, has dutifully served Frederick Police Activities League for over the last five years. On any given day Brandon can be found leading character development exercises, taking pictures, coaching basketball teams, and helping youth by any means necessary. Most recently, Chapman has aided in the creation of a parenting class for young incarcerated fathers. In addition to this, he also organized fundraising events that resulted in raising \$10,000 for a teen to attend Mount Saint Mary's University. Not only does he participate in almost every PAL event, but he also coordinates new and effective events to address Frederick's communal issues. For example, a recent altercation at Fredericks State Fair left 59-year-old, John Weed, deceased and two teen boys charged for his death. Chapman overheard youth discussing the tragic event and saw this as the perfect opportunity to teach youth that every action has a consequence, even decisions made in emotion. Within the discussion addressing the tragic event, Chapman emphasized the importance of communal intervention

against violence.

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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.