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The SSCA State Representatives are elected by members of each state to be their spokesperson to the SSCA Executive Board. Please direct questions or suggestions you may have regarding your chapter to the representative of your state.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the Great State of Georgia! My team and I are so excited to be hosting the 2020 SSCA Conference in the beautiful and historic city of Savannah, Georgia. Good food, good friends, good training, and good ole southern hospitality await you. We are putting together a timely and relevant training agenda that I am certain will provide something for everyone.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Murphy and his team for providing a great conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was top notch. We so enjoyed our time there with our SSCA family. The training and fellowship with our family of corrections professionals was inspiring, refreshing, and rejuvenating. I heard so much “shop talk”, and laughter, and saw so many smiles that I knew we are all in this business together and are supportive of each other. I hope that you all enjoyed Arkansas as much as I did.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve as your president. The responsibility is large and one that I certainly do not take lightly. I am so humbled to serve alongside of each of you in this great organization. We can make a huge difference in the lives of others. I encourage you to remind yourselves of that each day as you go about doing the business of our profession. We chose this career because we are servants and want to help our fellow man. Let us not lose sight of that desire to serve as we get caught up in the complexity and fast pace of our daily lives.

As we look forward to a great 2020, we must also look back and give thanks to all the past SSCA leaders and members that have gotten us to the point where we are today. It is through the leadership and commitment of those people that our association has become as strong as it now is. Our membership count at this year's summer conference was over 1600! That is awesome! Let's keep that positive momentum going so that we can reach our goal of 2000 members. In fact, let's strive for a membership of 2020 in 2020. I ask that you please join with me as we keep membership as one of our primary goals. Let's continue to improve and make the best even better. God bless you all! I look forward to seeing you in Georgia!



Call For Candidates

State Representative

The Following States Have Representatives with Terms Expiring or Have Expired in 2020: **Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.**

Each member state shall select one of its regular members to serve as State Representative on the Executive Board. The term of the elected State Representative shall be three years. Candidate applications shall be received by the Nominating Committee, screened for eligibility by established criteria, and provided for vote to be selected by a caucus of the appropriate state's regular members. A regular member is any person employed in or honorably retired from any area of the criminal justice system within the borders of the member's state. Only regular members are eligible to vote, hold office in, or be a representative of the Association.

To be eligible for State representative you must have:

1. At least two (2) years of continuous active regular membership in SSCA
2. Time available to devote to the Association's business
3. A willingness to work towards the expansion of SSCA
4. Demonstrated knowledge of and working involvement in the Association; i.e. serving on committees, participating in the program, pursuing additional members, developing articles for the Southern Concourse.

To apply for State Representative you must submit the following to the chairman of the SSCA Nominating Committee:

1. A cover letter indicating your intent to be considered, an affirmation/explanation that you meet the eligibility criteria, and why you are seeking the post;
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SSCA Secretary

Each year an individual is selected to serve as Secretary for SSCA. The Secretary is a member of the Executive Board and is responsible for recording the minutes of the Association and Board meetings. The Secretary must be able to attend all meetings and have the commitment required to perform the duties and responsibility of their position.

Persons interested in applying for these positions should send the required information to Kevin Murphy: kevin.murphy@arkansas.gov.

Visit www.sscaweb.org and click on “Constitution/By Laws/SOP” to read more about SSCA Executive Board positions and duties.



2019 Taxes have been filed.

Spotlight on SSCA State Representatives

ALABAMA



Terry Mullins began his 18 year career in Public Safety as Firefighter/Paramedic for the Greenville Fire Dept. Transferred in 1984 to the Greenville PD as a Police Officer. Later applied to Criminal Investigations Division and eventually promoted to Detective Sgt. Was asked by the Butler County Sheriff (AL) to come work for him. Spent 6 years as Chief Investigator for the Butler Co Sheriff's Dept.

Since leaving the sheriff's office, has spent 20 years as Sales Manager for Montgomery Technology Inc., which makes security control systems for jails, prisons & courthouses.

Has been a member of Southern States Correctional Association since 2009 - Maybe earlier. Served on Membership, Vendor & Southern Concourse committees – officially and unofficially.

GEORGIA



Lori Benoit graduated from North Georgia College and State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She began her career with the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) in 2007 as an Activity Therapist at Lee Arrendale State Prison (LASP). During her tenure at LASP she served as a Behavioral Health Counselor, Chief Counselor and Program Development Consultant. In 2016, she was promoted to the GDC Education Unit, as the Charter School Programs Manager, and in 2018 she was promoted to Public Affairs Manager, where she currently serves.

KENTUCKY



Kimberley Huddleston began her career in August 2004 at Kentucky State Penitentiary as an Accountant II. While there, she promoted to various administrative and supervisory roles. Huddleston promoted to Fiscal Manager at Northpoint Training Center in November 2013.

A 2003 graduate of Murray State University, she is a past president, secretary, and treasurer of local Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency, a member of Correctional Peace Officers Foundation, and a member of Southern States Correctional Association, in which she serves on several committees, and SSCA KY State Representative.

Spotlight on SSCA State Representatives

TENNESSEE



Vincent Pendergrass will make the Southern States Correctional Association (SSCA) Tennessee members proud as the newly elected Tennessee State Representative for the SSCA. As an active member of SSCA, Vincent possesses an array of correctional experience and expertise that have served him well. He will use those experiences to promote and effectively recruit members for the Tennessee chapter of SSCA.

A valuable 25-year employee of the Tennessee Department of Correction, Vince has a degree from Tennessee Technological University (TTU) in Education. He is on his third elected term as a School Board member, where he assists in overseeing a 15 million dollar budget and 900 personnel. He spent 10 years as Vice-President of the local football league and 12 years as President of the local baseball league. He brings with him a vast experience and knowledge in networking, recruitment, scheduling, encouraging parent involvement and financial responsibility.

Vincent's interest is to serve others, motivate, and promote SSCA benefits. He is skilled in cultivating member relationships through effective communication using his years of professional development and personal growth as a leader.

His passionate attributes and vision of growth for the Tennessee SSCA chapter makes him a refreshing choice for this vital position. Vincent Pendergrass' colleagues describe him as dependable and industrious.

VIRGINIA



Dawn Kriigel started her career with the Virginia Department Corrections as a Corrections Officer at Deerfield Correctional Center in November of 1995. In her 24 years with the Department and through her various roles, she has assisted with the opening of two (2) correctional centers as well as the creation of the centralized Correspondence Unit located at VADOC Headquarters in Richmond, VA.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University in May of 1993. Her goal as the SSCA State Representative for Virginia is to increase membership by engaging the Virginia Department of Corrections employees, fellow law enforcement and other corrections agencies as well as to increase the Virginia Chapter's involvement in both SSCA Chapter and in the community.



Welcome **NEW MEMBERS**

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TEXAS

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Kenneth Law Scholarship Recipients

SSCA awarded 8 Kenneth Law Scholarships this year. The winners were....

ARKANSAS

Hailee Glasscock and Laney Eldridge who are both attending the University of Central Arkansas.

GEORGIA

TJ McElhenney who is attending the University of North Georgia and Jessica Thomas who is attending the University of Georgia.



LOUISIANA

Aaron Landry who is attending Nicholls State University and Duncan Fremin who is attending Louisiana State University.



VIRGINIA

Francesca Biedrycki who is attending the University of Oregon and Gabriella Pino-Moreno who is attending Virginia Commonwealth University.



SSCA Executive Board Members at the Annual Awards Banquet on July 23, 2019.

SSCA Line Staff of the Year Recipients



MICHAEL BROCKMAN
Investigator, Arkansas
Board of Corrections

Michael (Mike) Brockman, who has over 13 years in corrections, is currently employed as an Investigator with the Arkansas Board of Corrections Compliance Division. Mike previously served as an Internal Affairs Investigator with the Arkansas

Department of Correction and prior to that worked as the Chief Deputy for the Lincoln County

Sheriff in Arkansas for 10 years. Mike was instrumental in developing the Department of Corrections' cellphone intelli-

gence while working in the Internal Affairs Division prior to moving to the Compliance Division. It was his drive and determination to glean any amount of intelligence from the confiscated cellphones that resulted in many thwarted attempts to introduce other forms of contraband into the institutions of the Arkansas Department of Correction as well as tracking the money trails dealing with this contraband via the inmate telephone system. It is his continued efforts in gaining and forwarding to the appropriate divisions intelligence from these confiscated cellphones that many leads have been developed, which have led to the termination/resignation of suspected corrupt staff, the removal of many inmate's approved visitors from gaining access to the institutions and developed intelligence on paroled inmates who were facilitating the introduction of various forms of contraband into the institutions. Mike's diligence in the development of

intelligence from these confiscated cellphones has contributed greatly to the Arkansas Department of Correction's mission of providing a safe and



KEVIN HARRISON
Probation & Parole
Specialist, Louisiana
Department of Public
Safety and Corrections

On the morning of June 12, 2018, Agent Kevin Harrison received a phone call about Jonathan Odom, a parolee under his supervision. The caller advised the subject was at another parolee's house in Bogalusa,

LA. The caller stated the two offenders were getting high and she was very concerned as Odom had overdosed on heroin in February 2018, March 2018, and April 2018. Also that morning, Agent Harrison's supervisor also received calls about Odom. The supervisor was advised that Odom was seen with a firearm and was threatening to rob someone or some place for money if his family or friends did not give him money. Agent Kevin Harrison gathered four additional agents to assist him in locating the offenders, administering drug screens, potentially searching for drugs/weapons, and making arrests if needed. After some investigative field work, Agent Harrison located Jonathan Odom's truck at his residence in Angie, LA. Upon the 350-yard approach to the vehicle, Agents noticed the driver's door was open. Agent Harrison observed a pair of legs in the driver's seat of the vehicle. He identified the person to indeed be Jonathan Odom, but Odom appeared to be passed out. Agent Harrison began to pull Odom out of the

vehicle. Odom's body was completely limp and his head for stuck between the head rest and the door frame. Agent Harrison then used his right hand to cradle Odom's head and remove Odom from the vehicle. Odom's body appeared lifeless. Agent Harrison placed Odom on the ground in the recovery position. As Agents were observing Odom's body for signs of life, Odom took a strange breath. At that time, they noticed a syringe at Odom's feet that had fallen out of the vehicle. The needle still had a liquid substance inside. Agents believed this liquid to be heroin, as this is Odom's drug of choice. Agent Harrison used his police radio to call for Emergency Medical Services due to the apparent overdose. Agent Harrison was advised that all medical personnel were on other calls but would respond to the scene as soon as a unit was available. Odom was taking very shallow breaths, had a weak pulse, and had begun to turn blue. Agent Harrison went to his unit to obtain a CPR mask

and a vial of Naloxone.

Because EMS was still several minutes away, Agent Harrison made the decision to administer a dose of Naloxone to Odom's right thigh. Odom was still unresponsive but the blueness was fading and he appeared to start breathing a little easier. Ten minutes after the administration of Naloxone, Washington Parish Sheriff's Office and Northshore Ambulance Service both arrived on scene. EMS was advised that a dose of Naloxone was administered. Odom opened his eyes and became "somewhat" conscious when he was lifted onto the gurney. EMS transported Odom to Our Lady of the Angels hospital in Bogalusa. WPSO followed EMS in case Odom became irate during the transport.

Inside Odom's vehicle, Agents located suspected heroin. Agent Harrison then located a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol under the driver's seat. The pistol was loaded with eight (8) rounds.

While at the hospital, Odom

SSCA Line Staff of the Year Recipients continued...

became combative and had to be restrained. Doctors administered two (2) more doses of Naloxone before Odom could be medically released. Odom admitted to shooting up heroin and stated that he used a needle larger than what he is used to. When Agent Harrison spoke with medical staff regarding Odom's condition, his doctor stated "there is no doubt in my mind, he would be dead" if not for the early

dose of Naloxone. A second doctor and nurse agreed that Agent Harrison saved Odom's life.

Agent Kevin Harrison is a valued member of the Covington District Probation and Parole office. He has supervised cases in Washington Parish for 10 years. He has an excellent rapport with the local law enforcement agencies and is known in the community to be available to his cases, Agent

Harrison is the kind of Agent who seeks and achieves extra training in order to keep his skills sharp and his knowledge current. He is a team player, valued by his coworkers, and willing to assist at any time.

Shortly after this life-saving event, the Department of Probation and Parole officially released the Naloxone policy that provides for training and authorization to carry/use Naloxone.



Dexter Payne Appointed Director of Arkansas Dept. of Corrections

Dexter Payne was appointed Director of the Arkansas Division of Correction on Friday, July 26 after nearly 30 years. He started working as a Correctional Officer in the department at age 19.

Payne previously was the Deputy Director of Institutions before moving up the ladder from a Correctional Officer to several leadership positions over the past 29 years.

He is a Pine Bluff resident and has worked everywhere and in every security position in the years since he was hired. In 1996, six years after Payne joined the department, he was promoted to Sergeant. In 2002, he became Lieutenant, in 2005 he was promoted to Captain and in 2006, a Major. In 2007, he moved up to Deputy Warden, and after another six years he was promoted to Warden. In 2015, after two years as a Warden, Payne was promoted to Deputy Director of Institutions, where he oversaw seven prison units, three work-release programs and a corrections center.

Payne completed the National Institute of Corrections training on managing violent, high-risk, high-security inmates, and has led or participated in multiple projects for the division. He attended Arkansas State University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in criminology in 2010 and 2013, respectively.

In 2011 and 2013, Payne was named warden of the year and superintendent of the year in 2014.

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P.C. Shields Member Recognition Award

Tommy James



Tommy James graduate from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, earning a degree in Business Administration in May of 1986.

Tommy was hired with the Arkansas Department of Corrections on February 9, 1987. Tommy graduated from BCOT training with ADC April 1987. he began his employment with ADC

as a Unit Business Manager at the Maximum Security Unit, and held this position from April 1987 to March 1995. In April 1995, Tommy was promoted to an Internal Auditor at Central Administration, and held that position until June 1998. Tommy furthered his career by prompting once again to the Assistant to the Director, Special projects July 1998 to May 2001. Tommy was later employed as a Deputy/Assistant Warden at the Tucker Max Security Unit and later to the Hawkins Unit.

Tommy returned to Arkansas Department of Corrections in October 2015 as a Procurement Manager in Construction. In December

2016 he was promoted to Compliance Division Arkansas Board of Corrections.

Tommy has been a member of SSCA since 1997 and has served on the Finance Committee, where he was Chairman, Line Staff Award committee, and Host Committee .

Tommy has been married to his wife, Lynn James, for 33 years. Tommy and Lynn have three children, Mathew, Tyler and Kyle. Tommy is an active member in the community as well as his church. He is an owner and operator of James Tax Service, Inc since 1997.





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David H. Williams Recognition Award

Mitzi J. Kellum

Mitzi began working for the Georgia Department of Corrections as an intern and became employed full time in 1988. During her career in corrections, she steadily rose through the administrative support ranks to become part of the management team and a valued member of the administrative operations of the Agency. While serving in various business operations, she utilized her knowledge, skills, and creativity to develop business products that enabled the department to streamline several critical functions.

Always seeking new knowledge, especially in the computer technology field, this nominee used her skills to develop the first automated tracking system for auditing statewide purchase orders. She then served as a team member to develop, train and implement the agency's first purchasing card program. After

joining the Office of Information Technology, she utilized her business skills as lead analyst for all financial applications when the Agency designed a new statewide computer system to support operational and fiscal operations. Recognizing her competence in financial areas, the agency Commissioner asked her to provide the leadership to create a new Consolidated Banking Unit that managed all funds associated with inmate trust accounts, along with Parole and Probation collections and disbursements. After setting up the unit, she was promoted to Director of the unit.

Mitzi has distinguished herself in the field of Corrections through her faithful service to the Georgia Department of Corrections until her retirement in 2016. She embodies the characteristics of an exceptional leader through her tireless work ethic and her ability to be instrumental in moving critical projects forward. Her aptness prepared her for various roles



within the agency where she was able to fill the needs of the agency in various genres, from Information Technology to Accounting and Reentry Services. The impact she made through her service and dedication are still felt today, both within the agency and her continued commitment to the Southern States Correctional Association. Even in her retirement, she continues to personify and remain dedicated to service and serving others, as she did during her time with the Georgia Department of Corrections. Her commitment and devotion make her an excellent candidate for the David H. Williams Excellence of Service Award!

New President & Officers Taking the Oath of Office



Past SSCA Presidents



Sonia Wallace received the President Awards.

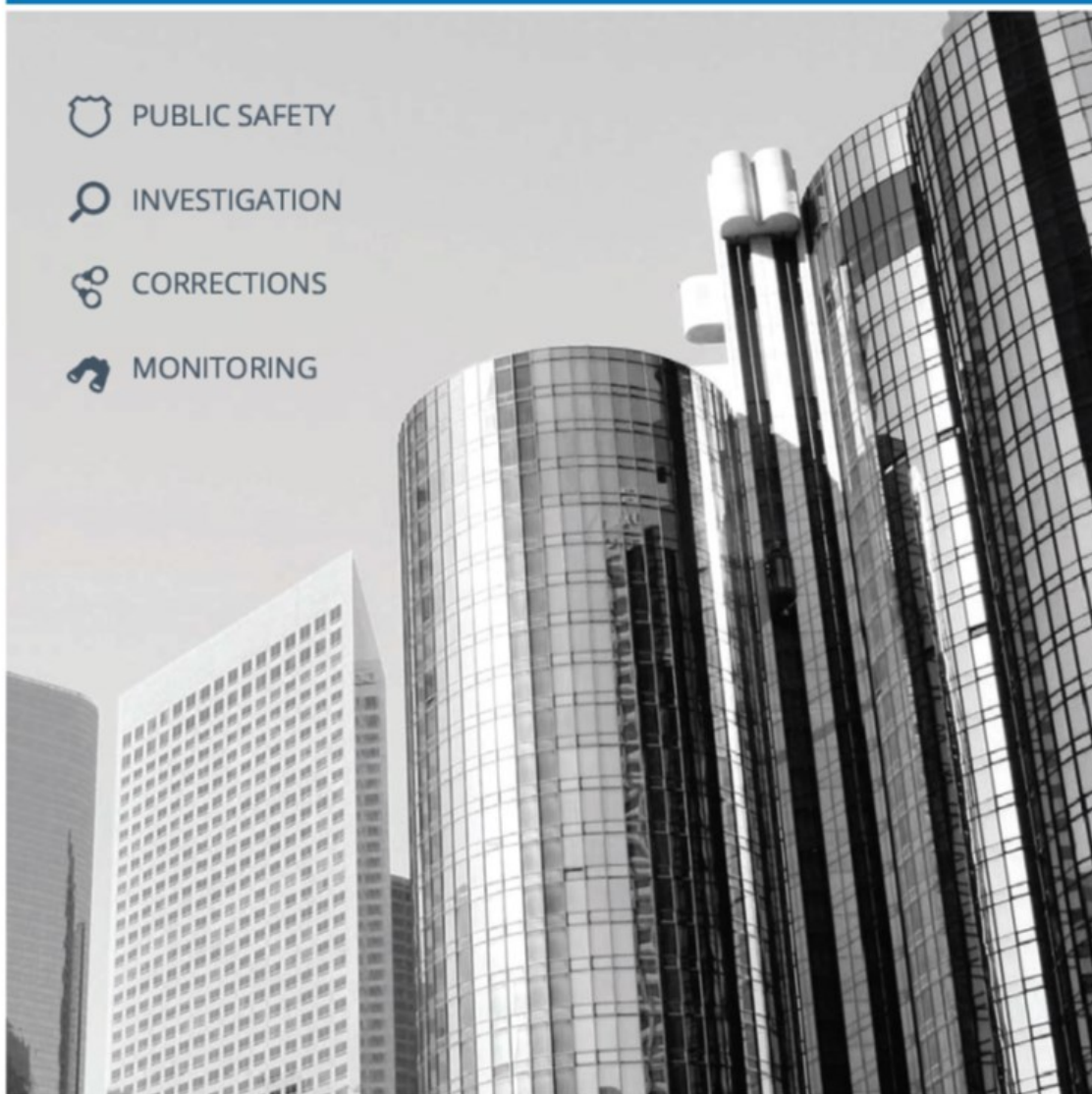
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Unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and/or By-Laws, committees and their chairperson, standing or special (ad hoc), shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary to carry on the business/work of the Association. All committees shall be made up of **regular members in good standing**. The actions of all committees are subject to review and approval by the Executive Board. The Chairperson and members of each committee shall serve until their successors are appointed; however, any Chairperson or member may be replaced at anytime by the President.

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Don Deese - SC
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Kim Huddleston - KY
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Tessa Griffin - GA
Lori Benoit - GA
Medeana Hinson - GA
Andrew Rue - AR
Larry Cyr - AR
Dillion Oster - TN
Sarah Herrick - TN
Tonya Ashley - GA
Renatta Dunn - GA
Shanta Porter - GA
Sandra Thomas - GA
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Kimberly Huddleston - KY
Karen Stapleton - VA
Michelle Ford - VA
Bill Stapleton - VA

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Carrie Williams - AR
Jessica Leija - AR
Linda Hill - AR
Stacy Lenderman - AR
Tony Simon - LA
Darlene Bell - GA
Dawn Mock - GA
Chris Wynn - GA
Paul Greico - GA
Shawn Sikes - GA
Linton Deloach - GA
Carol Cox - GA
Alex Tillman - GA
Vince Pendergrass - TN
Dawn Kriigel - VA
Sonia Wallace - AR
Ruth Staples - KY
Lois Fegan - VA

SOUTHERN CONCOURSE ARTICLES

In accordance with requirements of the SSCA Constitution and By-Laws, and as directed by the Association's Executive Board, the Concourse Committee is soliciting your articles for publication in the Southern Concourse. Per SOP-108, Duties and Responsibilities: #4, it is the duty of the State Representatives to secure articles and advertisements for the Southern Concourse, however articles may be submitted by any SSCA member. Your participation would be appreciated.

SSCA Catastrophic Weather Fund



A silent auction is held at every July SSCA conference to support the Catastrophic Weather Fund, please bring any items you wish to donate to the auction with you to the summer conference, or contact Cookie Crews, Executive Secretary, for shipping information. Also, be reminded that the fund is in place to provide needed assistance to SSCA members who have maintained their SSCA Membership for a minimum of one (1) year, and have sustained a recent loss due to a catastrophic weather event.

A catastrophic weather event is defined as a hurricane, tornado or flood that has been labeled as such by the National Weather Service. Once a catastrophic event has been declared by the National Weather Service, members of SSCA may apply, in writing, to their State Representative for assistance. The State Representative will then forward the request, with an attached explanation of the nature and circumstances of the loss, to the Chairperson of the Catastrophic Weather Fund Committee. The committee will consider requests on a “first come first served basis,” until the fund is depleted. The State Representatives’ names and contact information are found in the Concourse, or on our website at www.sscaweb.org.

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LINE STAFF OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of the SSCA Line Staff Award is to recognize four individuals from within the membership who exemplify career professionalism. Through this award SSCA clearly appreciates and recognizes the important role these staff play in the success of the correctional process and the service these individuals provide.

NOMINEE _____
(Print name as it should appear on the award)

Award Category (Check only one)	Probation/Parole ____	Correctional Officer ____	Corrections Support ____
	Officer ____	Juvenile Residential ____	Service Person ____
	Youth Worker ____	Worker ____	Humanitarian ____

Job title: _____ Telephone # _____

Work Address: _____

Nominator's Name _____ Telephone # _____
(Please Print)

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Please limit your typewritten comments to two pages. Comments must include: Why should this individual be selected? Comments should address professionalism, job knowledge, performance, personal characteristics, leadership, innovation/creativity and accomplishments.

CRITERIA

Candidate:

1. Must be employed on a full-time paid basis as a non-supervisory Probation/Parole Officer, Correctional Officer or Corrections Support Service Person (or an equivalent job function). The exception is any full-time employee is eligible for the Humanitarian of the Year. Part-time, consultants, and interns are excluded from consideration, as are self nominations. Nominee will be considered in one category only.
2. Employing agency may be Federal, State, County, City or Private Sector entity.
3. Candidate must be employed in one of the 14 SSCA member states.
4. Membership in SSCA is not a prerequisite for consideration.

Nominator:

1. Nominator must be a current Southern States Correctional Association Member.
2. Must submit a completed and signed nomination form to the Nominee's State Representative.

Completed form must be sent to your state representative and must be received by **April 1, 2020.**

SOUTHERN STATES CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

P.C. SHIELDS MEMBER RECOGNITION

CALL FOR NOMINEES

The P.C. Shields Member Recognition Award was named in honor of SSCA's oldest and most loyal member. The award was established to recognize annually, at the summer training conference, a member who has made significant contributions to the Southern States Correctional Association, furthering its professional purpose, philosophy and recognition as a professional association.

A committee receives nominations and selects the recipient. Any member in good standing may submit a

nomination. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2020. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The Award recipient will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet in July. In addition, the recipient will receive transportation to the conference, conference registration, hotel room for three nights, and any meals during the conference not covered by the conference registration.

The nomination letter should include the nominee's name, state, and rea-

sons for nominating the individual. Please be as specific as possible with your comments, which should address the contributions your nominee has made to SSCA. Our Association has many members who are worthy of this recognition. Please take the time to nominate a deserving member.



Criteria:

1. Nominee must have been an active member in good standing for a minimum of five years.
2. Nominee must not be on the current Executive Board.
3. Nominee must not be a past-president.
4. Nominee must not be a past recipient of the David H. Williams Award.

NOMINEE _____ State _____

(Please print name as it should appear on the Award)

The above member should receive the P.C. Shield Membership Recognition Award for the reasons stated on the attached sheet.

Nominator's Name _____ Telephone # _____

Work Address _____

Nominator's Signature _____ Date _____

Applications should be sent to:

Roy Agee
6803 Oxford Dr.
Pine Bluff, AR 71602
roy.agee@arkansas.gov
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Kenneth Law Scholarship

PURPOSE:

The SSCA is a 14-state regional organization of correctional practitioners representing the operational and administrative areas of jails, probation, prisons, and parole. It is the intent of this scholarship award to financially assist individuals preparing to or already participating in an accredited college or university program of study.

PROCESS:

Each year individuals will be selected to receive the SSCA Scholarship Award. The process begins at the state level with applicants submitting application packages (form and attachments) to their respective SSCA State Representative no later than **April 1, 2020**. These applications will be screened by a State-level screening committee and one primary and one alternate application will be forwarded to the SSCA Scholarship Award Committee for consideration. The Award Committee will select recipients and award scholarships in an amount and number to be determined by the Executive Board. Applicants will receive written notification of their selection or rejection. Awards will be announced at the annual training conference in **July 2020**.

AMOUNT: The Association will designate a maximum of \$5,000 per year for the scholarship program. Additional contributions may increase the amount of funds available each year. The Executive Board will determine the amount and number of scholarships to be awarded each year to individuals who are Regular members of SSCA, their spouse or dependent children and are pursuing either part-time or full-time formal education at the college or graduate school level. The funds will be deposited with an accredited college or university to apply toward the student's tuition and related academic expenses.

ELIGIBILITY:

- (1) Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen
- (2) Applicant must be an active regular or lifetime SSCA member or a spouse or dependent child of a member.
- (3) Applicant must be pursuing a bachelor or graduate degree in a program of study applicable to the field of criminal justice, rehabilitation, social services or a related field.
- (4) Applicant must be entering his/her freshman, sophomore, junior, senior year or graduate school. Freshman or first year graduate students must be officially accepted in the college or university.
- (5) Applicant must complete the application form, provide all required attachments, and submit the entire package to their State Representative prior to **April 1, 2020**. The scholarship will be awarded for the next fall term. Incomplete application packages will not be accepted for consideration.

ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION:

- (1) Beginning freshman will submit two (2) letters from high school instructors under whom the student has studied, stating why they support the applicant's receipt of the scholarship award.
- (2) Sophomores, juniors, seniors, and entering graduate students must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from professors under whom the applicant has studied, stating why they support the applicant's receipt of the scholarship award.
- (3) Beginning freshman must submit a certified transcript of their high school grades to date.
- (4) Sophomores, juniors, seniors, and entering graduate students must submit a certified transcript of their college courses and grades to date.
- (5) Graduate students already matriculating in a graduate program must submit a certified transcript of graduate courses and grades to date.
- (6) Beginning freshman and entering graduate students must submit a copy of their official letter accepting them into the college/university.
- (7) On a separate sheet(s) of paper provide a written narrative supporting/justifying his/her need for this scholarship.

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Recipient will only be eligible to receive this scholarship one time.
 - (2) Scholarship recipients must forward to the appropriate State Representative a copy of their transcript for the time period the recipient has received the award.
 - (3) Failure to satisfactorily complete the semester may result in the recipient being required to repay SSCA the full amount awarded. Satisfactory completion means an overall grade point average of "C" or 2.0 on 4.0 scale for each semester a scholarship was received.
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Southern States Correctional Association

KENNETH LAW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Social Security No.: _____

College/University Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City State ZIP Code

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Current High School or College: _____

Current Class Status

High School

College

Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate ☐

Class Status for Fall Term

College

Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate ☐

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES ☐ NO ☐ If no, do you possess a student visa? YES ☐ NO ☐

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

By signing below, I authorize SSCA Executive Board/Scholarship Selection Committee to verify the information contained in this application package.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

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Please e-mail your recommendations to the Resolutions Committee Chairperson

Lori Benoit: Lori.Benoit@gdc.ga.gov

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