

May 2016
Top Employees Recognized to Kick Off
National Correctional Officers and Employees Week

In honor of National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, May 1-7, I want to recognize and give thanks for the daily efforts of all staff at DYS. We are fortunate to have a high caliber of professionalism, and our staff go to great lengths to make a positive impact on the youth in our care.

We kicked off this special week by honoring employees at today's Employee Recognition Ceremony, which was held at the DYS Training Academy in Orient. Laura Melnick, Business Operations Manager at the Northern Parole Region, District 3 in Akron, was named 2015 Employee of the Year. Cesar Vanderpool, Jr., Youth Specialist at the Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility (IRJCF) in Massillon, was named 2015 Youth Specialist of the Year.



Left to right: Cesar Vanderpool, Jr., Director Reed, and Laura Melnick

Melnick has been a DYS employee since 2003. "Laura is the kind of person you go to if you have a problem," said Ian Fraser, Regional Administrator. "She is there for people," he added.

Vanderpool began working at DYS in 2008. "He has concern and passion for both youth and coworkers. He brings energy and enthusiasm to all that he does," said Jim Darnell, IRJCF Superintendent.

Congratulations to all of the employees honored at today's celebration!