

2017 NRPA Accreditation, Awards and Certification Recognition Presentation



The 2017 NRPA Best of the Best ceremony recognizes the inspirational people and programs that remind us daily of the phenomenal work being done in the field. This includes the 2017 newly accredited and re-accredited park and recreation agencies and academic programs, National Award recipients, Young Professional Fellows, Diversity and Student Scholarship recipients and newly certified CPRPs and CPREs.



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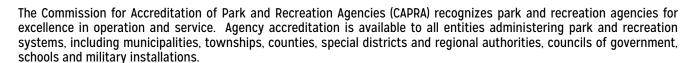
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# CAPRA



Congratulations to all of our accredited agencies for achieving this great accomplishment. A special thank you goes out to the past and present CAPRA Commissioners and Visitors whose hard work and dedication has led to the success of this program.

## NEWLY ACCREDITED AGENCIES



#### City of Surprise Community & Recreation Services Department, Arizona

The Community and Recreation Services Department is the primary provider of recreation and cultural services for the City of Surprise. The city's programs include aquatics, youth and adult sports, tennis programming, youth services, special interest classes, teen programming and adaptive recreation, totaling over 1,900 programs and 180,000 participants annually. The department maintains almost 400 acres of developed parks and facilities. In addition, special event and sports tourism includes spring training, regional and national tennis tournaments, as well as community and signature events. Overall, the Community and Recreation Services Department delivers over 2,000 programs, servicing over 470,000 participants annually.



#### **Charlotte County Community Services, Florida**

Charlotte County Community Services, located in southwest Florida, comprises several divisions, which include the Parks & Natural Resources and the Recreation divisions. In addition to 12 miles of beachfront, which is visited by thousands of locals and tourists each year, our parks, recreation centers, athletic fields, aquatic facilities, baseball stadium and other amenities offer opportunities for programming, rentals, sports, boating and nature trails. Our team provides activities for all ages and abilities, ensures safe and clean facilities, and safeguards our natural ecosystems in an effort to enhance the quality of life for the community.



#### Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department, Georgia

Forsyth County is located 40 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia. Forsyth County Parks & Recreation operates 25 parks that encompass 2,709 acres of land. The park system offers a wide range of amenities, including recreation centers, sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, walking paths, hiking trails, playgrounds, pavilions, dog parks and lake access, as well as a skate park, spray pad, campground, large nature preserve and an expanding greenway system. The department also coordinates an extensive array of programming, including sports leagues, day camps, instructional classes and fitness programs, as well as nature and adventure activities. It employs 74 full-time and 157 part-time employees, and its current operation budget is just under \$10 million.





#### **Oak Brook Park District, Illinois**

The Oak Brook Park District was founded in 1962 with a mission to provide the very best in parks and recreational opportunities, facilities and open lands for the community. Today, the Oak Brook Park District serves 7,900 residents and more than 100,000 corporate commuter residents. A National Gold Medal Agency, the park district is proud to provide accessible programming, designed to keep the community happy, fit and active, regardless of age or ability. From innovative programming to state-of-the-art facilities, the staff of 280 works passionately every day to create opportunities that help the community feel its very best and be its very best.



#### City of Indianapolis, Indiana

With more than a century of history advancing the value of parks, Indy Parks is committed to protecting and enhancing the community's assets for the future. Indy Parks is a leader in making Indianapolis a vibrant, happy and healthy place to live. By providing premier green spaces and recreation opportunities, it connects residents to nature, to the community and to themselves. Its work is vital to contributing to the economic, social and environmental health of the city. Indy Parks offers 210 parks, 11,254 acres, 125 playgrounds, 155 sports fields, 130 miles of trails, 23 recreation centers and nature centers, 19 aquatic centers, 22 spray grounds, 13 qolf courses and four dog parks.



#### **New Orleans Recreation Development Commission, Louisiana**

The New Orleans Recreation Development Commission (NORD) is a public-private partnership between the city of New Orleans and the New Orleans Recreation Development Foundation under the governance of a 13-member board of commissioners. NORD continues to advance the physical, mental and social well-being of New Orleanians by providing safe and welcoming environments for recreational, athletic and cultural experiences. NORD operates as a sustainable and innovative organization that transforms lives by maintaining, staffing and programming the more than \$186 million infrastructure investment in recreation centers, parks, playgrounds, athletic stadiums and pools across the city of New Orleans.



#### **Mooresville Parks and Recreation, North Carolina**

What makes the Mooresville, North Carolina Parks and Recreation Department shine so brightly? It's the little things and the big things, too. It's programmers bringing play to underserved communities in a Mobile Rec Unit. It's staff and volunteers growing hundreds of pounds of garden produce for the concession stands and community soup kitchen. It's Wi-Fi and webcams throughout the park system. It's thousands of people enjoying programs, parks, trails, community centers, ballfields, aquatic facilities and so much more. It's a dedicated staff working every day to build a healthy and more livable community. And that is what makes Mooresville shine!



#### Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation, Oregon

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation (THPRD), the largest special park district in Oregon, spans 50 square miles and serves 240,000 residents in greater Beaverton. Columbia Sportswear, Intel, Nike and Tektronix contribute to the area's growth, drawing international talent that makes Beaverton one of Oregon's most diverse communities. THPRD provides recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, ages and backgrounds, from classes, swim and recreation centers to parks, trails and natural areas. THPRD also offers adaptive recreation and financial assistance. A committed steward of the environment, THPRD observes water conservation protocols, participates in a conservation coalition, sources 100 percent renewable electricity and engages in habitat restoration.





#### **Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation, Texas**

The City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide-range of recreation, social, nutrition, fitness and cultural activities for all ages. It manages a 2,100-acres city parks system, 13.8 linear miles of gulf and bayfront beaches, open spaces, recreation centers, senior centers, gyms, pools, skate parks, sports fields, golf courses, tennis centers, pavilions and a cultural center. It provides endless ways to engage in an active and healthy lifestyle. It invites everyone to "Live. Learn. Play!"



#### Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation, Texas

Serving more than 180,000 citizens, Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation is a Community Celebration. With more than 5,000 park acres, 62 parks and numerous world-class recreational facilities, the department is built on partnerships, citizen involvement and volunteerism. In late 2017, the city will add the \$89 million Epic Waters indoor waterpark; "The Epic," a sports, arts and culture center; and the PlayGrand Adventures, the largest public, all-inclusive playground in Texas. Joining "The Summit," America's first baby boomer facility, the Grand Central is quickly becoming America's playground. The department is proud to create community and change lives through people, places, programs and partnerships.



#### James City County Department of Parks and Recreation, Virginia

James City County is a community of 73,000 residents in southeastern Virginia. As home to the first permanent English-speaking settlement in the United States, the county is a tourist destination featuring numerous important historic sites, many of them in county parks with waterways that front the James and Chickahominy rivers. The department works with 35 programs, athletic and sports, and community and business partners who assist in offering more than 3,500 programs annually through two recreation centers and 22 park facilities, encompassing more than 1,500 acres of parkland. The department is a seven-time finalist and a 2012 Gold Medal award winner.



#### Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space, Virginia

Norfolk's Recreation, Parks & Open Space (RPOS) enriches the quality of life of its residents by providing recreation opportunities for youth, adults and special populations, while ensuring the efficient management and maintenance of the city's 100+ parks and playgrounds, 7.3 miles of beaches, seven pools, 30 recreation facilities, urban forest and eight cemeteries. RPOS is a regional leader in recreation. Nature education and programming leads to increased conservation practices. Physical recreation and Healthy Norfolk programming combats poor nutrition, hunger and obesity. Lifelong learning is evidenced in hundreds of classes for everyone, from toddlers to seniors, including a unique summer youth development program that employs 250 young people.



#### Suffolk Parks and Recreation Department, Virginia

Suffolk Parks and Recreation is a dynamic department of 150 employees responsible for more than 43 parks, facilities and athletic fields. In the city of Suffolk, the department offers an array of diverse programs and special events for youth, teens, adults, seniors and families. The department's mission is to create memorable experiences through a culture of fun and customer service excellence.



#### City of Middleton, Wisconsin

Middleton, with its long-standing commitment to conservation, is home to the award-winning Pheasant Branch Conservancy, more than 431 acres of wetlands, prairie, woodland and oak savannah, and shared-use trails, located in the heart of the city. This state-recognized gem of recreational land is an urban oasis, home to wildlife, migratory waterfowl and birds. In addition to conservation efforts, an elaborate park system, featuring active and passive recreational pursuits, meets the needs of a variety of residents. PLRF offers a diverse array of programs and activities, including fine art classes, aquatic programs and enrichment, sports and educational support.



## REACCREDITED AGENCIES



#### Town of Erie, Colorado

The town of Erie recognizes the importance of conserving and enhancing its historic small-town character, preserving the natural environment and making substantial investments to create exceptional park and recreation amenities and programs. The parks and recreation department, in 10 years, opened the Erie Community Center, built Erie Community Park, implemented the department master plan, increased open space and trail connectivity and, in 2017, will be constructing neighborhood parks and designing three park/open space sites. With an annual operating budget of \$5.2 million and 30 full-time and 200+ part-time staff, it manages 1,300+ acres and generates \$2.0 million in revenue.



#### City of Roswell, Georgia

The Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic & Cultural Affairs Department consistently implements NRPA's core values of conservation, health and wellness, and social equity to make a positive impact on the quality of life of the community. The programs are designed to reduce physical inactivity and strengthen skills to enrich minds, bodies and overall attitudes. The city is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities, parks and facilities that meet the needs of the vibrant and growing community. The department strives to be a catalyst for ensuring all residents have equal access to the city's resources and services while, most importantly, having fun.



#### **Chicago Park District, Illinois**

One of the largest urban park systems in the nation, the Chicago Park District is home to more than 8,800 acres of green space, 598 parks, nearly 70 natural areas, 26 miles of lakefront, 11 museums, nine lakefront harbors, seven golf facilities, two world-class conservatories, a zoo, and more. The district offers nearly 25,000 recreational programs annually for participants of all ages, while hosting thousands of activities and special events. Its ultimate vision is to program, sustain, maintain and create world-class parks and open spaces, connected to residents and visitors.



#### **Waukegan Park District, Illinois**

Envisioned by community leaders 100 years ago, the Waukegan Park District continues its mission to attract families to Waukegan and preserve beautiful natural spaces for current residents and future generations. Managed to the highest standards and recognized for its leadership, this park system has responded to the community's dramatic demographic shifts and economic challenges. It has created world-class indoor and outdoor sports facilities that contribute \$1.5 million to the area's economy, while serving community needs and strengthening pride. Strategies to improve health and fitness and to connect families with the outdoors are woven throughout year-round programs. There is something for everyone!



#### Fort Knox - Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Kentucky

Historically known as the Home of Armor and Cavalry, Congress's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) law in 2005 transformed Fort Knox into one of the most multifunctional installations in the Army. The Agency's commitment to employee professional development, planning strategically based on customer input, innovative thinking and maintaining accreditation combine to make Fort Knox a recognized leader in military recreation.





#### **Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky**

Lexington Fayette Urban Government (LFUCG) is responsible for planning, organizing, staffing, equipping and operating all recreational and leisure-time programs and activities. LFUCG Parks and Recreation has been CAPRA-accredited for more than a decade. In 2017, the most recent certification was renewed, and Lexington was also designated as a Playful City by KABOOM.



#### **Louisville Metro, Kentucky**

Louisville is truly the "City of Parks" with 18 Olmsted-designed parks and six parkways among its 120 named parks. The park and recreation department stresses the value parks and green spaces bring to personal property and the gains in economic development to the region. Through its daily, sustainable practices, the department offers the framework for future generations to partake in the same delight prior and current residents have thrived on.



#### **Howard County, Maryland**

MISSION: To responsibly manage natural resources; provide excellent parks, facilities and recreation opportunities for the community; and ensure the highest quality of life for current and future generations. VISION: The department of recreation and parks strives to deliver recreation and leisure opportunities that will improve the health and well-being of the community and to serve as model stewards of the environment by managing, protecting and conserving resources for a sustainable future.



#### City of Clayton, Missouri

The city of Clayton strives to be a provider of top-notch municipal services, and that goal is fully engrained in the parks and recreation department. The department is staffed by a group of creative, service-oriented individuals with a passion for recreation, wellness, community building and life-skills development. It strives toward the vision of being a safe, vibrant community through a collection of 11 community and neighborhood parks, a recreation center, outdoor pool, tennis center, ice rink, dog park and historic house. It also offers a broad array of programming that includes sports, fitness, aquatics and general interest programs.



#### City of Chesterfield, Missouri

The Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts Department has more than 488.5 acres of parkland and hosts a variety of events and recreational programs throughout the year, bringing together a community that spans all ages. The department welcomes 1.5 million visitors to its seven parks, various trails and two recreational facilities every year and has nine pieces of public art and more than 23 miles of biking, walking and running routes throughout the city of Chesterfield. The department strives to provide the community with the environment to enhance its quality of life and is staffed with more than 30 full-time and 131 part-time/contractual employees.



#### City of Greensboro, North Carolina

Greensboro Parks and Recreation is located in the third largest city in the State of North Carolina. The department was formed in 1933 and continues to provide professional and diverse leisure opportunities through inclusive programs, facilities, parks and open space. It is dedicated to making Greensboro a desirable place to work, live and play, and its goal is to build better lives and a better community. The foundation of all programs, services, facilities, parks and gardens is based on achieving the four pillars of CARE: Creating economic impact, Advancing conservation, Rejuvenating health and wellness, and Enhancing the quality of life.



#### **Town of Kernersville, North Carolina**

The Kernersville Parks and Recreation Department is an integral part of the community. The department's services increase the citizen's quality of life as well as promote tourism into Kernersville. A staff of 15 full-time and 20 part-time employees manage eight town-owned parks, three joint-use facilities, two buildings, welcome signs, common green spaces and landmarks. The department provides passive, active and cultural opportunities.



#### City of Medford, Oregon

The Medford Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department serves a regional hub of 78,000 residents in southern Oregon's Rogue Valley. The department manages 2,552 acres of parkland, including the 1,700-acre Prescott Park and the 132-acre, 15-field U.S. Cellular Community Park — the nation's largest municipal installation of artificial turf. The department manage and maintain 28 parks and more than 640,000 square feet of city buildings and parking areas. The department is the region's primary service provider for youth and adult sports leagues and hardball tournaments.



#### **Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Texas**

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department hosts one of the largest outdoor music festivals in the country. It's held at Zilker Park, recently named by USA Today as one of the country's top 10 city parks. Austin also oversees a wide range of recreational facilities, programs, and outdoor spaces. Whether you are interested in participating in afterschool programs, attending a museum or historic site, exploring nature, cycling or running on hike and bike trails, or swimming in a natural spring-fed pool, Austin has it all. Austin is proud to add a third CAPRA accreditation to its list of achievements.



#### **City of College Station, Texas**

College Station Parks & Recreation Department strives to provide facilities and programs that enrich the lives of people of all ages and ethnicities, abilities, beliefs, social and economic backgrounds and education. Since its inception in 1971 as a City of College Station Department, it has expanded to 58 parks covering 1,373.35 acres and providing athletic fields and facilities, playgrounds, ponds, pools, recreation center, nature trails, an outdoor amphitheater, rental facilities, and a sporting and event tourism destination. The College Station Parks & Recreation Department is proud to live by its motto, "We provide good things in life."

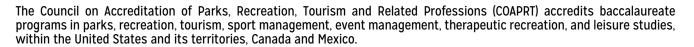


#### City of Frisco, Texas

Frisco Texas is the second fastest-growing city in the country, according to recent U.S. Census Bureau figures, and has been called the best place to raise an athlete and raise a family by national media. Keeping pace with demand is a challenging task for Frisco Parks & Recreation, but with a clear mission and vision, along with city and community support, the department presses on to provide quality services to more than 165,000 people who make Frisco home. The department's mission is to deliver exceptional experiences in culture, discovery, wellness and play to citizens and visitors alike, and to continually enhance the city's livability and vibrancy.



# COAPRT



We would like to commend all of our accredited programs for reaching this great achievement. A special thank you goes out to the past and present Council Members and Visitors whose hard work and dedication has led to the success of this program.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS WITH 2017 HEARINGS



#### California University of Pennsylvania: Parks and Recreation Management Program

The primary philosophy and goals of the parks and recreation management program at California University of Pennsylvania is to improve the quality of life for our citizens and our communities. To accomplish this, the department develops qualified and professional leadership capable of enabling people to achieve individual and family leisure lifestyles which will enrich one's life and the community.



#### **Grambling State University: Leisure Studies Program**

Grambling State University, founded in 1901, is a comprehensive, historically black college and university (HBCU) accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A member of the University of Louisiana System, Grambling State University offers a broad spectrum of undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Through the Department of Kinesiology, Sport & Leisure Studies, the Leisure Studies Program at Gambling received initial accreditation from COA in 1986, becoming the first HBCU to receive such designation. Accreditation of the Leisure Studies Program has been maintained for more than 30 years.



## North Carolina State University: Department of Park, Recreation, and Tourism

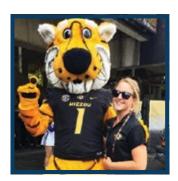
Established in 1947 and first accredited in 1977, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at NC State University was the first nationally accredited degree program of its kind in the United States. The department seeks to advance and disseminate scholarship concerning management and use of natural and cultural resources for recreation, tourism and sport through research, teaching and public engagement. The department is dedicated to preparing students to be lifelong learners and leaders in a global society, committed to developing parks, recreation, tourism and sport resources that improve quality of life and are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.





## State University of New York-Cortland: Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Program

The Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department at the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Cortland was established in 1948 and received its first accreditation in 1990. Besides a graduate program, the department offers four B.S. degrees in the following majors: Recreation, with optional concentrations in Leisure/Recreation Program Delivery and Camp Management; Outdoor Recreation, with a required concentration in Environmental and Cultural Interpretation, Natural Resource Recreation Management, or Outdoor Leadership; Recreation Management; and Therapeutic Recreation. In 2017, the department's shared, core undergraduate curriculum and its therapeutic recreation program were reviewed for continuing accreditation through COAPRT.



#### University of Missouri-Columbia: Parks, Recreation and Sport

The Parks, Recreation and Sport Program is housed in the School of Natural Resources. The department offers professional preparation in emphasis areas, including Natural Resource Recreation Management, Recreation Management, Tourism and Sport Management. This program is one of the two oldest accredited programs in the United States. The curriculum is robust and coupled with current content and innovative teaching. The program is completed with a 12-hour internship, placing students globally.



#### University of Northern Iowa: Leisure, Youth and Human Services Department

Offering professional preparation programs organized to enhance student success, the Division of Leisure, Youth and Human Services (LYHS) provides diverse, inclusive, high-quality and high-impact student-centered learning environments, aimed at developing inspired, dynamic and transformational leaders who will advance the parks and recreation, tourism and community service professions. With a strong attention on community engagement, service learning, experiential education and applied research, the LYHS program is dedicated to promoting parks and recreation, tourism, and community services as being integral to social, cultural, economic and sustainable development in communities throughout the state of lowa, the region and nation, and worldwide.



## NATIONAL AWARDS

The 2017 NRPA National Awards recognize the inspirational people and exceptional programs that remind us daily of the phenomenal work being done in the field of parks and recreation. The honorees are individuals, agencies and corporations that have made outstanding professional and volunteer contributions to parks, recreation and environmental conservation.

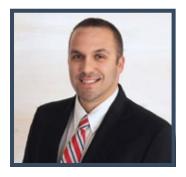
The recipients are chosen for excellence in a variety of topics including professional and voluntary service, programming, leadership, research and public outreach. These individuals and agencies have gone above and beyond to make a positive impact in the field.



### ROBERT M. ARTZ ADVOCACY AWARD

#### **Cora Masters Barry**

Cora Masters Barry founded the Recreation Wish List Committee (RWLC), an organization dedicated to preserving and assisting the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the residents of the District of Columbia, and pushed for the construction of the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center (SETLC) - a state-of-the art, \$28 Million dollar facility. RWLC and DPR have serviced over 15,000 children since the inception of the SETLC. Many of those children who could not read when they walked through the Center's doors, have performed at The White House, the Kennedy Center, and at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. According to Mrs. Barry, being First Lady of the District of Columbia, the first woman to speak at the historic Million Man March, and other accomplishments, pale in comparison to being a mother and grandmother. Though, her personal accomplishments also pale in comparison to the joy she sees every day on the faces of the children she serves and nurtures at the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center.



## ROBERT W. CRAWFORD YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

#### Dr. Joshua T. Medeiros

Dr. Joshua T. Medeiros is a dynamic, passionate and proven leader in parks and recreation. He currently serves as the director of parks and recreation for the town of Canton, Connecticut and as an adjunct professor in the Department of Recreation, Tourism and Sport Management at Southern Connecticut State University. Dr. Medeiros has an earned master's in recreation administration and a doctorate in educational leadership. He is currently the president of the Connecticut Parks Association and an executive board member of the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association.



## EXCELLENCE IN INCLUSION AWARD Madison School & Community Recreation, Wisconsin

Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) is Madison, Wisconsin's public recreation department offering a variety of programs for all ages, including adaptive programs and inclusion services, afterschool, arts, enrichment, boating, camps, fitness, skiing, sports, swimming, tennis and more. As part of the Madison Metropolitan School District, MSCR's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all residents, providing year-round opportunities that are affordable and accessible. The department serves more than 114,000 annually with 4,700 participants using inclusion services and 650 enjoying adaptive recreation programs.





## EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD

## Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana

BREC connects people to parks and nature in the East Baton Rouge Parish. Created in 1946 as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, BREC takes seriously its responsibility to improve the health, environment and quality of life for all citizens. In 2016, the BREC team rose to the challenge when our community needed it most – offering healing programming for law enforcement and residents after a series of deadly shootings and civil protests and then opening and providing mobile recreation to shelters, opening emergency camps, repairing and reopening facilities and aiding its own, impacted employees after 1-trillion gallons of flood water devastated the region.



### FACILITY OR PARK DESIGN AWARD

#### Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department, Indiana

The Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department (VCPRD) Griffin Bike Park (GBP) is a 300-acre, Progression-based bike park that serves the local community, riding experts and enthusiasts from across the county. GBP was designed to host competitions throughout its many venues. It features a 16-mile trail system, a floating trail, a 1-mile beginner's loop, a pump track, a jump park, a dual slalom course, a skills park and a lake jump. Built with \$1.6 million in donations and 16,000 hours of volunteer labor, the GBP opened in 2016 as a world-class riding destination. The Griffin Bike Park honors Sgt. Dale R. Griffin, who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2009.



## BARB KING ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD

#### Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana

BREC connects people to parks and nature in the East Baton Rouge Parish. Created in 1946 as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, BREC takes seriously its responsibility to improve the health, environment and quality of life for all citizens. BREC has always been committed to protecting its natural environment as part of its mission to provide parks and recreational opportunities for all citizens of East Baton Rouge Parish. Through BREC's sustainability policy and Geaux Green committee's solid framework, each department is empowered to take individual ownership of a shared agency environmental burden.



### RWJF-NRPA AWARD FOR HEALTH EQUITY

#### **Patricia Solano**

Patricia Solano currently serves as the Community Services Superintendent for the city of Riverside, California. With nearly 15 years of service in Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Ms. Solano is committed to creating health equity for all ages and cultures. She championed two major health initiatives, supporting the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of families in Riverside; adopted the "Healthier Food and Beverage Guidelines" policies through the city council; developed free healthy behavior and exercise programs through partnerships; administered the free Summer Food program; and oversaw the installation of new outdoor fitness stations at two city parks. She is a talented and dedicated individual who is making strides to improve health and wellness in Riverside.





### KUDOS MARKETING AWARD

#### **Denver Parks and Recreation, Colorado**

Denver Parks and Recreation's Office of the City Forester won the National Recreation and Park Association's Kudos Marketing Award for the "Be a Smart Ash" awareness campaign. The campaign seeks to ensure Denver is prepared for the impending infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer, now the most destructive forest pest in U.S. history and a direct threat to the Denver metro area's 1.45 million ash trees. The "Be a Smart Ash" campaign aims to actively educate and enlist the help of Denver residents in the process of identifying, treating and replacing ash trees, now and over the course of the next 15 years.



## NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Phillip S. Rea

Phil Rea has served the field of parks and recreation as a distinguished leader, practitioner and educator. He served as superintendent of one of America's largest urban parks and as a faculty member at Indiana University and at North Carolina State University. He received the Distinguished Alumni, Hall of Fame and Outstanding Alumni Award from Indiana University, the Hall of Fame Award from the N.C. Recreation and Park Association and numerous other awards. He directed three schools at Oglebay, serving thousands of parks and recreation professionals.



### NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD

#### **Durham Parks and Recreation. North Carolina**

The mission of Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) is to "Play More: Connecting our whole community to wellness, the outdoors, and lifelong learning." The department strives to help citizens discover, explore and enjoy life through creative and challenging recreational choices that contribute to their physical, emotional and social health. DPR offers sports and recreational programs to improve fitness, cultural events to enlighten and educate, environmental education programs to explore the natural world and community based celebrations to inspire civic pride.



## THEODORE AND FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RECREATION AND PARK RESEARCH

#### **Mark E. Havitz**

Mark E. Havitz is a professor in the University of Waterloo's Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. He earned degrees from Michigan State and Texas A&M. His teaching passions include public and not-for-profit marketing, finance and undergraduate statistics. Professor Havitz's research focuses on understanding ego involvements, commitments and loyalties in recreation, sport, tourism and family contexts. He has personal and professional passions for parks and public spaces, especially throughout his native Great Lakes Region. He is a Fellow in the Academy of Leisure Sciences and World Leisure Academy. His leisure interests include running, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and researching family history.

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2017 Young Professional Fellowship, Diversity Scholarship and Student Scholarship recognize individuals' continuous extraordinary community service or contributions to the field. A primary focus of the programs is to inspire future participation and leadership in NRPA and to develop professional contacts with NRPA officers, directors and other professionals from around the nation.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS



#### **Brianne Baglini**

Brianne Baglini has been the operations manager for the city of Fairfax, Virginia, parks and recreation department since March of 2011. She obtained her professional certification (CPRP) in March of 2013 and, that same year, was elected to serve on the Northern Service Area board for the Virginia Recreation and Park Society for the following two years. Throughout her career, Ms. Baglini has continued her professional development by attending the NRPA Director's School in 2008 and 2009 and the NRPA Revenue Development and Management School in 2014 and 2015. She recently served as the project manager during her department's accreditation process and now is an Accreditation Site Visitor.



#### **Derek Donlevy**

Derek Donlevy, Recreation Supervisor with Milwaukee Public Schools Department of Recreation and Community Services, likes to describe recreation professionals as being "facilitators of fun". He has worked in the field of recreation for ten years and believes it is the perfect profession for his outgoing personality and desire to provide people with fun, positive experiences. Beyond his community, Derek enjoys expanding on his experiences by supporting his colleagues through leadership roles in various organizations. Derek believes whether you are a participant or working in the field there is no stronger contributor to quality of life than the power of recreation.



#### **Nicole Fields**

Nicole Fields graduated from SUNY Brockport in 2012 with a bachelor's in recreation and leisure studies. Following graduation, she moved to Burlington, Vermont, where she worked as program director for Essex Junction Recreation and Parks, overseeing specialty programs and camps, marketing and special events. In 2015, she returned to her hometown (outside of Buffalo) after accepting the youth bureau director position for the Town of Tonawanda Youth, Parks and Recreation department. She completed her master's in parks, recreation and tourism management through Clemson University this past December. She is very grateful for this opportunity to attend conference and looks forward to learning and networking all week!



#### **Kevin Witte**

"The least important things in life – are things." Words of former Mountlake Terrace Director Mickey Corso. These words drive the work that Kevin Witte does in his community as recreation supervisor for the city of Mountlake Terrace. He has worked in all aspects of recreation, from youth sports coach to managing athletics, youth, fitness and dance programs. His passion for recreation and the programs he offers helps individuals create memories that will last a lifetime. His outgoing personality and positive attitude are infectious and he wants any interaction with his community, be it long or short, to be a memorable one.



## DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



#### Leslyn McBean-Claireborne

Leslyn McBean-Clairborne is a mother, wife, educator, county legislator, actress, agitator around issues of diversity, inclusion, and empowerment, and director of a large multicultural/intergenerational community center in Ithaca, New York. Originally from Guyana, she holds an MBA and undergraduate degrees in K-12 education and intercultural communication/adult education. She is also a certified facilitator and mediation trainer. Her accolades include hosting the Black Lives Matter Movement founders, receiving NY state's Harriet Tubman Humanitarian Achievement Award, planning Ithaca's African American Heritage celebrations, receiving the first Ally of the Year Award from an LGBTQ+ advocacy group in Tompkins County and founding/chairing the Tompkins County Legislature's Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee.



#### **Kobeyeh Riley**

Kobeyeh Riley is a dynamic community leader. He has served the communities of Mecklenburg County and Mooresville, North Carolina, in the administration, aquatics, parks, programs and therapeutic recreation divisions. He served these roles as a programmer, program supervisor and interim parks and recreation director. Mr. Riley serves North Carolina as NCRPA region officer, and as an NCRPA conference awards & citations committee member. He earned a master's of science in 2014 and has received the NCRPA Young Professional of the Year award (2014) and the NCRPA Arts & Humanities award (2012). Mr. Riley and his wife have four sons who participate in USA track & field, baseball, piano, art and swimming.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



#### **Mary Elise Conzelmann**

Mary Elise Conzelmann is majoring in recreation administration at Humboldt State University. She is president of the Recreation Administration Club, a member of the Intercollegiate Women's Rowing team and a Youth Educational Services volunteer. She is also the program director for the McKinleyville Community Services District's Kids Camp, the special events coordinator for the Humboldt Crabs baseball team and an intern for the Humboldt State Athletic Department. Ms. Conzelmann is a Humboldt State Presidential Scholar and the recipient of the California Parks and Recreation Society Stuart Kessler Student Scholarship and the NRPA Student Scholarship, and she is very thankful for the opportunity to attend this conference



#### **Dakota Hewlett**

Dakota Hewlett is a graduate student at Michigan State University pursuing a master's in sustainable tourism and protected area management. He has loved the outdoors ever since he was a kid and is very excited to turn his passion into a career. Currently, Mr. Hewlett works in the Trails Section of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and enjoys being part of the team that manages some of the best trails in the nation. He is an avid bicyclist, trail user, and enjoys all things outdoors. He looks forward to a career in the dynamic and rewarding field of parks and recreation.





## PARK CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

The Park Champion of the Year Award is given to NRPA members who best exemplify the qualities of being reliable, communicative partners who understand the importance of advocating for parks and recreation. Park Champions of the Year have also organized or facilitated a creative, innovative event showcasing their park and recreation agency to a U.S. representative or U.S. senator and/or their staff. The winner will be announced during the Best of the Best Ceremony.













## CERTIFICATIONS

Professional certification is more than just letters after an individual's name – it's an investment in a professional's career that demonstrates their practical knowledge and that they have the current real-world skills necessary in today's changing park and recreation environment. The National Certification Board governs the following professional certification programs for park and recreation professionals; the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) and the Certified Park and Recreation Executive (CPRE). The CPRP establishes a national standard for entry to mid-level park and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. The CPRE establishes a national standard for managerial, administrative and executive park and recreation professionals. Professionals are required to meet education and experience requirements, as well as successfully complete the certification examinations to achieve certification.

We would like to highlight the following professionals for their recent accomplishment, meanwhile noting this is only a small sample of the over 5,000 individuals who have demonstrated their dedication to the field of parks and recreation through these professional certification programs. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment! A special thank you goes out to the past and present National Certification Board members and Professional Certification Committee members whose hard work and dedication have led to the success of this program.



## NEWLY CERTIFIED PARK AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS (AUGUST 2016-JULY 2017)

WENDY	CLUBB	AK	CATHERINE	BRAVO	CA	EDWIN	TSE	CA	PAMELA	GERY	CT	OLEMA	EDWARDS	F
CHARLES	LEEPER	AK	CYNTHIA	CASTELLON	CA	ASHLEE	WINSLOW-SCHMAL	CA	COURTNEY	HEWETT	CT	ANDREW	ESP0SIT0	F
PETER	COSMIANO	AL	JAMES	CHAYKA	CA	BRAD	BEDNAR	CO	JESSIE	PETROKA	CT	LAURA	FRANK	F
PAUL	FLOYD	AL	ADAM	CHOW	CA	JILL	COFFMAN	CO	TARYN	SCHRAGER	CT	JAVIER	FULGUEIRA	F
SETH	GANDY	AL	KAREN	CLARK	CA	JAY	ECKHARDT	CO	PATRICK	BROWN	DC	NORRIS	GRIFFIN	F
ALISON	HALL	AL	DEVIN	DAUGHERTY	CA	MARIAH	EMMERT	CO	CECILY	MENDIE	DC	ZHOAMING	GUAN	F
WAID	HARBISON	AL	KARI	DAVISSON	CA	JAMES	FITE	CO	JAMES	WAGNER	DE	REBECCA	HANSEN	F
CHES	HARRIS	AL	TRACI	FARRIS	CA	SARAH	GAGNE	CO	JAMES	GORMAN		PATRICIA	HARRISON	F
KRISTINA	PATTERSON	AL	LASCA	GAYLORD	CA	NATHAN	GARNER	CO	LUCINDA	ALONSO	FL	SCOTT	HARRISON	F
KEVIN	PUCKETT	AL	RAFAEL	GONZALEZ	CA	STEVEN	HERRMAN	CO	DENNIS	ANDREWS	FL	JOYANIA	HAWTHORNE	F
KELLY	PULLIAM	AL	KEVIN	GRANSE	CA	CHRIS	HUSTON	CO	NANCY	APPERSON	FL	VALERIE	HAYES	F
DAVID	ROBERTS	AL	MAUREEN	GRZAN-PIERACCI	CA	ANGELA	KOHMAN	CO	DANIELLE	BACHELDER	FL	HEATHER	HUGHES	F
SHELBY	WILLIAMS	AL	JACK	HETTINGER	CA	JUSTIN	LAMPE	CO	DAVID	BAKER	FL	BEN	JOHNSON	F
DANNY	BARTLETT	AR	BRANDON	HILLS	CA	JOHN	MONTELEONE	CO	DANIEL	BARCIA	FL	JOHN	JONES	F
TIFFANY	GAULKE	AR	TRAVIS	KARLEN	CA	STEVE	SHOULTZ	CO	VINCE	BOWERS	FL	MIKE	KENDRICK	F
JOSH	BOWMAN	ΑZ	KEN	KLIS	CA	SARA	SKINNER	CO	CHANDLER	BRINKMAN	FL	HOPE	KIRIISA	F
DANIEL	CARRICK	ΑZ	CHRIS	KRSTEVSKI	CA	ANNKATE	SLEDD	CO	ENRIQUE	CASTRO	FL	LARRY	LANKOW	F
MEGAN	CETTA	ΑZ	JOHN	MARCHANT	CA	JONATHAN	SMITH	CO	WENDY	CHIPMAN	FL	KENNETH	LOTT	F
LYNANNE	DELLERMAN	ΑZ	KEVIN	MCKERNAN	CA	MARK	SNOW	CO	DANIELLE	CLARK	FL	JACOB	LUCARELLI	ı
SHANNON	GAUL	ΑZ	GREGORY	MILANO	CA	ASHLEE	TAYLOR	CO	NICOLE	COATES	FL	KIMBERLY	LYTLE	F
CLAIRE	HARPER	ΑZ	ERIN	NIEMEYER	CA	JANET	TORRES	CO	JACQUELINE	COMPTIS	FL	JOSE	MARTINEZ	I
HEATHER	LOZANO	ΑZ	MARK	OLSON	CA	LORRI	VANDIVER	CO	PATRICK	CULLINA	FL	MIKE	MASSOGLIA	F
ADELINA	MARTIN	ΑZ	JEFF	ORDWAY	CA	KIMBERLY	WALTER	CO	SUZANNE	DAVIDSON	FL	MICHAEL	MCCOSKER	F
MICHAEL	RIGGS	ΑZ	MAJKA	PENNER	CA	EMILY	WEIDA	CO	MICHAEL	DEPAPPA	FL	DANA	MCDONALD	F
JILL	RUOT	ΑZ	LETICIA	REYES	CA	CORY	WHITE	CO	FABIEN	DESROULEAUX	FL	KELSEY	MEARS	F
DARREN	SKOUSEN	ΑZ	MICHAEL	SMITH	CA	SHARON	BOUSQUET	CT	CHRISTINA	DEVOE	FL	REBECCA	MENDOZA	F
KYLE	WHITE	ΑZ	RIANNON	THOMAS	CA	CAROL	DOAK-JONES	CT	PETER	DOHERTY	FL	BETHANY	MILLER	F
NICOLE	ACQUISTI	CA	LAUREN	THOMASELLI	CA	DANIEL	GAGNE	CT	MEGAN	DONOGHUE	FL	MICHELE	MILLER	F

JOWIE	MOHAMMED	FL	JASON	BRAGLIA	IL	THOMAS	MILLER	IL	CATHERINE	MARX	IN	CAROL	SUMMERS	MD
ANDREA	MOREIRA	FL	STEVEN	BRONKEMA	IL	KIALA	MOORE-SLIWA	IL	STEPHANI	MASSA	IN	DAWN	THOMAS	MD
WESLEY	NORWOOD	FL	KORY	BROWN	IL	LANCE	MORING	IL	DONNA	PRATHER	IN	MARHONDA	WILLIAMS	MD
KARAN	PEPIN	FL	WENDI	CALABRESE	IL	MERI	NIEHAUS	IL	TRAVIS	TRANBARGER	IN	KRISTI	WILLIAMS	MD
TIFFANY	PETERSON	FL	KELLY	CLINGINGSMITH	IL	MARTIN	OBRIEN	IL	PHILIP	TRBOVIC	IN	MATTHEW	FOSTER	ME
REBECCA	PINE	FL	MICHAEL	CONTRERAS	IL	CAMAXTLE	OLIVO	IL	RICKY	WARREN	IN	KARYN	MACNEILL	ME
ANDREW	PLOTKIN	FL	ALY	COPUS	IL	ROBERT	OSHAUGHNESSY	IL	COURTNEY	WEINTRAUT	IN	ETHAN	OWENS	ME
JEFFREY	POHLMAN	FL	LYNNE	сотѕнотт	IL	LORIN	OTTLINGER	IL	MICHELLE	YADON	IN	MATTHEW	SKEHAN	ME
GABRIEL	ROJAS	FL	GARY	COUCH	IL	DAVID	PANITCH	IL	RANDY	CARTER	KS	MATTHEW	ARMENTROUT	MI
ТОММУ	SCOTT	FL	KELSEY	CRECCHIO	IL	AARON	PANKAU	IL	GARY	CRISSMAN	KS	JASON	BOERGER	MI
DONA	SMITH	FL	RICHARD	CUTLER	IL	MARK	PASIGNAJEN	IL	CHRIS	DRUM	KS	ALICIA	BRADFORD	MI
MICHAEL	STATHAM	FL	REBECCA	DALSANTO	IL	CARTER	PATTON		STEPHEN	MASON	KS	KRISTEN	BRIGGS	MI
ELIZABETH	SZURMINSKI	FL	MIGUEL	DEL VALLE	IL	JEAN	PETROW	IL	CHRIS	MULLINS	KS	JESSIKA	BROWN	MI
AUBURN	TAYLOR	FL	SCOTT	DEOLIVEIRA	IL	LEA	PIPIRAS	IL	AARON	STEWART		TIM	BUCKLEY	MI
CHRISTIE	TVARDEK	FL	TOM	DESCHAMPS	IL	WESLEY	PLUMMER	IL	MATTHEW	TOWNSEND	KS	AMANDA	CAMPANA	MI
RICHARD	VALDEZ	FL	ERIKA	DIAZ	IL	CHRISTY	POWELL	IL	KEVIN	KINNEY	KY	CHRISTOPHER	COALE	MI
KRISTIE	VALONE		MARIA	DMYTERKO STONE		CHRISTOPHER	QUINN	IL	JUSTIN	MERIMEE	KY	MARY	EINHEUSER	MI
PEDRO	VASCONCELLOS	FL	CHARLES	DOCKERY	IL	GINA	RADUN	IL	MESUDE	OZYUREKOGLU	KY	COE	EMENS	MI
ROAN	WATERBURY		ERIKA	DOROGHAZI	IL	ANA	RAUDA		LISA	RISEN	KY	SEAN	FLETCHER	MI
LISA	WEAVER	FL	TAQUI	DUFELMEIER	IL	STEVEN	REDMON		SANDRA	SHEPARD	KY	DONNA	FOLLAND	MI
CHANTALL	WILLIAMS		JAMES	ECKERT	IL	KARI	REDMOND		TIMOTHY	STAPLETON	KY	CHRISTOS	GALATIS	MI
STEPHEN														
	BRUCE	GA	LOUISE	EGOFSKE	IL.	DEVIN	RIGOLINO	IL 	REGINA	TATE	KY	JOHN	HANEY	MI
VICTORIA	BURGOS	GA	ERIC	EICHHOLZ	IL 	WILLIAM	RIORDAN	IL 	MARY	WESTENHOFER	KY	JOHNATHAN	HINES	MI
MATTHEW	CASEY		JULIANA	ESCUTIA	IL 	TOBY	ROSS	IL 	OSCAR	RICHARD	LA	THOMAS	HUGHES	MI
CAITLIN	CONDUFF	GA	EDWARD	FAULKNER	IL 	MATTHEW	RUSSIAN	IL 	JUSTIN	SMITH	LA	JEFF	JOHNS	MI
TANYA	DEBICK	GA	SARAH	FENCL	IL 	KEVIN	RUTHERFORD	IL 	COREY	WILSON	LA	WILLIAM	KEPPEN	MI
GEORGE	DUSENBURY	GA	KENNRITH	FOSTER	IL	ELICSSHA	SANDERS		BRANDON	FITTS	MA	TAMI	LETCAVAGE	MI
TROY	HAM	GA	LAURA	FUDALA	IL	GREG	SAUBER		AMY	HAMILTON	MA	MICAH	LURIE	MI
RUBY	HAMB-HOLMES	GA	AARON	GLICKSON	IL	JACK	SAVAGE		MICHELLE	HANLY	MA	MARK	MCGREAL	MI
PAMELA	KRAMER	GA	DAVID	GOODMAN	IL	KEN	SAVELEY		JULIE	MALLETT	MA	PATRICK	MCVERRY	MI
PORTIA	LANGLEY	GA	JOHN	GORETH	IL	PHYLLIS	SCHMIDT		TIMOTHY	MCRAE	MA	CHARLES	MILLER	MI
MYCHAL	LEWIS	GA	KATHLEEN	GRABLE	IL	RONALD	SCHNEIDER	IL	CHAD	NORTON	MA	JESSICA	MISTAK	MI
CHRIS	MADDEN	GA	BRIAN	GRAY	IL	SARAH	SEKKI	IL	ELIZABETH	PARENT	MA	LAURA	MORTIER	MI
KIMBERLY	MCENTIRE-BARBER	GA	TAMMY	GRECO	IL	NICK	SERRITELLA	IL	JOHN	SOJA	MA	JEREMY	MYERS	MI
PHILIP	MITCHELL	GA	ANDREW	GROSE	IL	JOHN	SHEA	IL	KEVIN	STEUER	MA	KATHLEEN	NEU	MI
MYLA	NEAL	GA	CRISTIN	HANDLON	IL	ANN	SHIPSTAD	IL	CLIFF	ZIMMER	MA	MATTHEW	PARDY	MI
CARA	PRELL	GA	CHRISTINE	HARTNETT	IL	BRIAN	SMITH	IL	HAVIZ	ADEOJO	MD	MELISSA	PRESTON	MI
STEVE	ROBERTS	GA	GINA	HASSETT	IL	NICHOL	SMITH	IL	SHERI	BEACH	MD	JENNIFER	PROVENZANO	MI
WILLIAM	SPEZZANO	GA	MICHELLE	HATALA	IL	RANDY	SMITH	IL	KELLI	BEAVERS	MD	DESIREE	STANFIELD	MI
ZANDREA	STEPHENS	GA	DANIELLE	HOEFLE	IL	MARISSA	SOPCHYK	IL	NANCY	CADIGAN	MD	EVAN	SWEET	MI
STACEY	USRY	GA	JAMES	HUETSON	IL	KAITLYN	STUDER	IL	STEPHEN	CHANDLEE	MD	KEVIN	TROSHAK	MI
DOUG	VOSS	GA	JACKIE	IOVINELLI	IL	DELILAH	SWANSON	IL	JUDITH	COHALL	MD	ANGELA	BARSTAD	MN
IAN	KNUTSEN	IA	BERIN	JACKSON	IL	CRAIG	TALSMA	IL	HENRY	COPPOLA	MD	STACY	CHOUINARD	MN
BRIAN	MOTLEY	IA	MELISSA	JENSEN	IL	HEATHER	UMRANI	IL	SAM	DRURY	MD	AUSTIN	ESCHWEILER	MN
AMANDA	RANDERSON	IA	TARGETT	JOHNSON	IL	RYAN	VANCE	IL	CHRIS	FIELDER	MD	JARED	FLEWELLEN	MN
CRAIG	RANDERSON	IA	вов	JOHNSON	IL	JESUS	VARGAS	IL	AUSTIN	FLOWERS	MD	TIMOTHY	GRATE	MN
SARAH	SWANSON	IA	ANDREA	JURICIC	IL	GREG	WOOLEY	IL	JOE	FOEHRKOLB	MD	MEREDITH	LAWRENCE	MN
KRISTEN	BLACKNER	ID	AMY	KELLOGG	IL	DIMITRA	ZOUGRAS	IL	HEATHER	JOHANNES	MD	SEAN	MORRISSEY	MN
SUZANNE	CANO	ID	KENNETH	KERFOOT	IL	CHAD	ALDRIDGE	IN	ROSLYN	JOHNSON	MD	PAULA	NOWARIAK	MN
PAUL	HOLM	ID	MIKE	LOSZACH	IL	AMY	BALDAUF	IN	KELLY	KETZENBERGER	MD	JENNIFER	SAVER	MN
BRANDON	JOHNSON	ID	NOAH	MACH	IL	SYDNEY	BAUMANN	IN	CHARLES	KINES	MD	GREG	SIMMONS	MN
JENNIFER	VANDERPOOL	ID	MERCEDES	MAIN-DUPLECHIN	IL	KEN	CONKLIN	IN	KIMBERLEE	KINSEY	MD	KRISTIN	TREMBLEY	MN
TED	ADATTO	IL	SANDY	MANISCO	IL	ANTHONY	ELLIOT	IN	ELIZABETH	LABROAD	MD	JENNIFER	TUMA	MN
LESLIE	ANDERSON	IL	JESSICA	MARQUEZ	IL	MARY	EVANS	IN	JIMMY	MENDOZA	MD	DAVID	WABBE	MN
REBECCA	ATKINS	IL	OSCAR	MARTINEZ	IL	ERICA	FOREMAN	IN	GREGORY	MEYD	MD	STEVE	CLARK	MO
KATHLEEN	BENSON	IL	NICK	MAZZUCA	IL	JENNIFER	GRAY	IN	MARIE-EDITH	MICHEL	MD	FOREST	DECKER	МО
HEATHER	BERECKIS	IL	SHELBY	MCDONALD	IL	KEVIN	HIGGINS	IN	CAROLYN	RYAN	MD	CASSANDRA	DINS	МО
SANDRA	BINGHAM	IL	SHANE	MCNALLY	IL	AUDREY	KOSTRZEWA	IN	GEORGETTE	SHALHOUP	MD	JORDAN	FOSTER	МО
ELLIOTT	BORTNER	IL	DENNIS	MEUNIER	IL	LINDSAY	LABAS	IN	COREY	SMITH	MD	CHARISSA	FUHR	МО
CATHERINE	BOTT		KIMBERLY	MILLER		JOSH	LANE		RYAN	STEWART		TOM	GARLAND	МО

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RYAN TERESA	GIBSON MARTCHINK	M0 M0	RUSSELL	SANDERS SASSE	NC NC	MATTHEW ERIN	MCCALLUM MORLEY	OH OH	PAMELA JEFF	ZANOWSKI BIEGLER	SC SD	SHANE ALBERT	MIZE MONTERO	TX TX
				SHERRICK		ERIN								
GRANT	PURKEY	M0	JOSHUA		NC	J	MYERS	OH	ALEX	DESMIDT	SD	JOSEPH	MOSES	TX
DANIELLE	REECHT	M0	ELI	SMITH	NC	CHRISTOPHER	PETRUCCIO	OH	GEORGE	BROGDON	TN	MADELINE	OCAMPO	TX
ROBERT	SANCHEZ	M0	BEVERLY	VAUSE	NC	TIM	PINCHEK	0H	TAKEISHA	IVERY	TN	JASON	PEEBLES	TX
KELLY	SNIDER	M0	JOSEPH	VOSKA	NC	GEORGE	SHAW	OH	SARAH	JENNINGS	TN	LISA	RAETZMAN	TX
MICHAEL	SNYDER	M0	VICTORIA	VOSKA	NC	CASSANDRA	SMITH	OH	JUNIOR	MASTERSON	TN	COFFY	ROBINSON	TX
TIMOTHY	SULLIVAN	M0	MAUDE	WALKER	NC	BRIAN	VEVERK	ОН	JACOB	MILLER	TN	CLAUDIA	ROCHA	TX
JANEL	TWEHOUS	M0	RUBEN	WALL	NC	MINDY	WEAVER	ОН	JACKIE	PRESLEY	TN	BENJAMIN	RUSTENHAVEN	TX
MARY	WHALEY	M0	ZACHARY	WHITE	NC	CHRISTOPHER	WETMORE	ОН	SHEILA	RICO	TN	AUSTIN	SCOTT	TX
PAUL	WRIGHT	M0	KATELYN	WHITE	NC	ROBERT	WILLIAMS	OH	JAMISON	SLIGER	TN	BRENT	STOWERS	TX
MICHAEL	BREWER	MS	MATTHEW	WHITLOW	NC	T	COPELIN	OK	CASSIDY	TRENTHAM	TN	MARYANNE	TACKETT	TX
AMANDA	ACHOR	NC	JASON	WITHERSPOON	NC	CHRIS	HAMILTON	OK	ALEXANDER	TROGE	TN	MEGAN	THOMAS	TX
PEYTON	BARKER	NC	LISA	WOLFF	NC	EMILY	HIATT	OK	CANDACE	WARD	TN	BRANDON	TORRES	TX
MATT	BARLOW	NC	CATHERINE	WORTHINGTON	NC	SHANNON	WHITE	OK	JEFFREY	ACHEE	TX	GABRIELA	VELAZQUEZ	TX
WILLIAM	BARNARD	NC	DEWITT	YOUNGBLOOD	NC	KYLIE	BAYER-FERTTERER	OR	JASON	AGUIRRE	TX	ERIC	WELLMAN	TX
ALEX	BECK	NC	KATRINA	HANENBERG	ND	JUAN	CAEZ	OR	DAVID	ARCE	TX	STEPHEN	YANEZ	TX
WHITNEY	BENNINGTON	NC	MATTHEW	MACK	ND	MICHAEL	EGGING	OR	AMBER	BARNES	TX	SAMUEL	BRAEGGER	UT
KARLA	BONILLA-PASCUA	NC	DAN	SEDER	NE	SHARON	HOFFMEISTER	OR	JASON	BARROW	TX	MARC	CHRISTENSEN	UT
COLLIN	BUGNIAZET	NC	ARENE	BERRY	NH	EMILY	KENT	OR	DAVIN	BJORNAAS	TX	KYLE	CLYDE	UT
ALEXANDRA	BURRESS	NC	BRIAN	BEVACQUA	NH	LINDSAY	LAMBERT	OR	WILL	BLACKSTOCK	TX	SCOTT	HENDERSON	UT
LATRISHA	CARMON	NC	NICK	CAGGIANO	NH	LORI	LEACH	OR	MICHELLE	BLUNT	TX	JEFFREY	JOHNSON	UT
JIM	CHAFFIN	NC	AMBER	CIARCIA	NH	ANNIE	MCVAY	OR	ASHLEA	BOYLE	TX	BRIAN	KADZIEL	UT
AARON	CHEEKS	NC	DANIEL	CONRAD	NH	JEFF	MILKES	OR	HEATHER	BRANDS	TX	ALAN	LUCE	UT
JENNIFER	COMBS	NC	AIMEE	GIGANDET	NH	STEFANIE	PACE	OR	TOMMIE	CALFEE	TX	BROOKE	MITCHELL	UT
JONATHAN	COX	NC	ARTHUR	JACOBS	NH	AISHA	PANAS	OR	MARK	CLABURN	TX	JORDAN	OLDHAM	UT
KATHERINE	CULBRETH	NC	KELLIE	OBERHOLTZER	NH	NICOLE	PAULSEN	OR	ERIC	CLAY	TX	MICHAEL	ARRINGTON	VA
CRISTY	CUMMINGS	NC	VIRGIL	CAPUTO	NJ	LISA	PAYNE	OR	AARON	CLEAVER	TX	MEGAN	BAKER	VA
DIQUAN	EDMONDS	NC	DONALD	KOPHAZY	NJ	AMY	PETERSON	OR	DAVID	CRABB	TX	SARA	BALDWIN	VA
JILL	EDWARDS	NC	DONNA	PUGLISI	NJ	BRIAN	POWERS	OR	JORDAN	DAVIS	TX	JOHN	BARTOK	VA
MARY	FAUCETTE	NC	BRIAN	VANDONGEN	NJ	JULIE	ROCHA	OR	KEITH	DAWSON	TX	JAMES	BASHAM	VA
RICKEY	FOWLER	NC	DESIREE	MIRANDA	NM	DEBBIE	SCHOEN	OR	DEREK	DEBUSK	TX	DUSTIN	BETTHAUSER	VA
MARK	GEIGER	NC	CHARLES	ASHBY	NV	TIM	STEVENS	OR	MICHAEL	DEVITO	TX	PATRICK	BOAS	VA
BRYAN	GRAHAM	NC	SUZANNE	BURR	NV	SABRINA	TAYLOR SCHMITT	OR	GREGORY	EDMUNDS	TX	CAROLYN	BRODEUR	VA
SETH	HENDLER-VOSS	NC	JEANNETTE	PALMER	NV	LORI	WALKER	OR	CHRISTOPHER	ESCOTO	TX	JUSTIN	BULLOCK	VA
CHRIS	HILL	NC	JAYE	PHILLIPS	NV	JONATHAN	WANGEN	OR	LAURA	ESPARZA	TX	WILLIAM	COBB	VA
KAYLA	HILLMAN	NC	MICHELLE	SHAFFER	NV	KEITH	WATSON	OR	MARIANA	ESPINOZA	TX	SAMANTHA	DICKENSON	VA
KEN	HISLER	NC	KEVIN	FERRELLI	NY	TARRA	WIENCKEN	OR	DEVON	FARBER	TX	MELINDA	DODGE	VA
MELISSA	HOOSE	NC	EVAN	HILL	NY	BETSY	WIRTZ	OR	COREY	FLETCHER	TX	SUSAN	EGGERTON	VA
DARRIN	HUCKS	NC	VICKY	LAOUTARIS	NY	ERIN	MCPEAK	PA	TYLER	FLORENCE	TX	JONATHAN	FOLSTER	VA
SHAUNIKA	JOHNSON	NC	KERRY	PHILLIPS	NY	GREGORY	MOONEY	PA	DESIRRE	GHEBREMICAEL	TX	JEREMY	HAROLD	VA
CHRISTIE	JONES	NC	ANDREA	PIEDIGROSSI	NY	ASHLEY	ONEILL	PA	MICHAEL	GIERISCH	TX	MATTHEW	HENDRICKSON	VA
ROBBIN	JUSTICE-JONES	NC	RICARDO	WRIGHT	NY	MARCIA	SHIRILLA	PA	JESSICA	GILZOW	TX	DAVID	JEWELL	VA
NICOLE	KEELY	NC	STEPHANIA	BERNARD	ОН	MATTHEW	STOPA	PA	HEATHER	GRAY	TX	JACQUELINE	JOHNSON	VA
FONTAE	KILPATRICK	NC	RONALD	BUNDY	ОН	JASON	WINTERS	PA	GREG	GUSE	TX	ASHLEY	JONES	VA
HEIDI	KITTERMAN	NC	JESSIE	CHERNETSKI	ОН	JEN	YUVAN	PA	COLTEN	HENDRIK	TX	JOYCE	LIGHTFOOT	VA
ANDREW	LANCE	NC	ELIZABETH	DRENSKI	ОН	LENKA	CAPEK	RI	THERESA	HUTCHINSON	TX	PATRICIA	MCGRATH	VA
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