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Coalition for Juvenile Justice

**ANNUAL
AWARDS
LUNCHEON**

June 10th @ 12:40-2:00pm EST

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Each year, Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) leaders, members and allies gather to recognize and celebrate individuals who exemplify excellence, dedication, and commitment to CJJ's core mission to reform the juvenile justice system and improve the lives of children, families, and communities nationwide.

CJJ hopes these outstanding individuals inspire others to serve their communities with the same distinction.

SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD

KYLA WOODS



The 2021 Spirit of Youth Award is presented to Kyla Woods of Washington, D.C. Kyla is the co-chair of Youth Leaders in Action, a youth committee under the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group.

The Spirit of Youth Award is given annually by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) to recognize and celebrate a young adult under the age of 28, who has

made great strides after involvement with the juvenile justice system, has overcome personal obstacles, and is now making significant contributions to society. The award is given by CJJ's Emerging Leaders Committee.

This year's award is given to Kyla Woods, a community organizer who has served as the District's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Fellow for almost two years. Prior to this, Kyla served as co-chair on the District's Youth Action Board. She currently serves as D.C. Mayor appointed Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, Youth Committee. Kyla is nothing short of a leader and her tireless efforts have continued in the midst of a pandemic.

Kyla graduated Magna Cum Laude in May of 2021, with a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of the District of Columbia. She began her civic engagement efforts in 2016 as a youth advocate with a nonprofit dedicated to serving human trafficking



SPIRIT OF YOUTH

victims in D.C. Realizing the impact and stigma of receiving mental health services within communities of color, she then joined the D.C. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and conducted community-based destigmatization forums to identify barriers to mental health services.

In 2018, Kyla was contacted by the Women's Bar Association in Prince George's County, Maryland, to lead a workshop on domestic sex trafficking. She realized that communication is essential to move towards progress in the field of social justice.

Kyla is the former co-chair of the D.C. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Youth Action Board and has participated in a policy fellowship at the D.C. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Executive Office of the Mayor for the past two years.

Today, Kyla remains dedicated to building mobilization capacity among marginalized communities. She not only advocates for youth experiencing homelessness, sex trafficking, and incarceration, she also leads opportunities for other youth to have a voice.

KYLA WOODS

A.L. CARLISLE CHILD ADVOCACY AWARD

MARCY MISTRETT



The 2021 A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award is presented to Marcy Mistrett of Washington, D.C. We honor Marcy for her dedication to justice reform.

This award is presented annually by CJJ to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to youth, the improvement of juvenile justice, and the broader area of juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. It is named in honor of CJJ's founder, A.L. Carlisle, who created the Coalition for Juvenile Justice from her kitchen table in Maine in 1984.

This year's award is given to Marcy Mistrett. Marcy has dedicated her life to advocating for children, and has been a leader in both juvenile justice policy and practice for more than two decades. She recently wrapped up a successful stint as CEO at the Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ) and is now continuing her work as a senior fellow at The Sentencing Project.

Under Marcy's leadership at CFYJ, the number of youth in the adult system dropped by more than 70%. In addition, more than 100 state laws were passed by 40 states and D.C., making it more difficult to try children as if they were adults. As co-chair of the Act4JJ Coalition, she helped spearhead the reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Act, the primary federal legislation on youth justice in the



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U.S. This work was recognized by The MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change and the Open Society Institute's Justice Roundtable.

Trained in social work, Marcy began her career in community-based legal aid with court-involved youth. She worked as part of the legal team capturing psycho-social histories and contributing to mitigation reports for youth, particularly youth tried as adults. After seven years in direct service, Marcy worked at a national funding collaborative, focused on developing community-based responses to violence prevention.

Prior to her work at CFYJ, Marcy became the founding Director of the D.C. Posse Foundation, a national college success and youth leadership program. She has her BA from American University and her AM in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Over the last two decades Marcy's work has strengthened the advocacy in the juvenile justice reform space, contributing significantly to the shift in how we view, treat, and value all our young people.

MARCY MISTRETT

TONY GOBAR OUTSTANDING JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST AWARD

CALLIE HARGETT



The 2021 Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award is presented to Callie Hargett of Minnesota for her constant compassion and support of all youth, especially those who have experienced challenges and barriers throughout their lives.

The Tony Gobar Award recognizes an individual that has served as a State Juvenile Justice Specialist within the last five years, who exemplifies excellence in service to others, is dedicated to improving the juvenile justice system, and demonstrates compassion and concern. This award is named after Tony Gobar, a longtime Juvenile Justice Specialist from Mississippi. He was honored posthumously by CJJ in 2004 for his exemplary service in the field of juvenile justice reform. He was known for his selflessness, his dedication to his community, and his unceasing compassion for youth.

Callie Hargett goes above and beyond when it comes to this compassion for the children she works with. Callie has taken the role of mentor to her SAG's youth members. It is this dedication to youth that makes her the essence of the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award.



TONY GOBAR

Callie has served as the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (Minnesota's State Advisory Group) Juvenile Justice Specialist for over five years. During this time, she took on several other roles in the name of youth justice. Callie exudes passion, hard work, and excellence, juggling multiple roles for the designated agency, while providing exemplary leadership. She performs the roles of Minnesota's JJ Specialist, Compliance Monitor, and R/ED Coordinator. She is a leader in her field.

Callie has lead the JJAC's work to address the needs of children of incarcerated parents. She has facilitated the JJAC's discussions and training on the impact of incarceration on children and caregivers with the goal of changing system policies and practices to reduce the harmful effects of parental incarceration. Callie is now working to improve the coordination of mental health services and young people's access to these services.

Through her work with the JJAC, her committee involvement, her direct work with youth and her work with each JJAC member, Callie demonstrates her devotion to serving all youth – those who are justice involved, those at risk, and those who just need a helping hand.

CALLIE HARGETT



PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Spirit of Youth Award

Past award winners of the Spirit of Youth Award include:

DERRICK BEDFORD,
COREY KEAN,
SHELLEY ATKINS,
T. NICOLE WRIGHT,
RITA NARANJO,
JEREMY ESTRADA,
ANTOINE PERRY,
MARVIN GUMBA,
KEANALU CHARTRAND,
LANCE GARNER,
MICHAEL M. COX,
BRANDON MCMILLIAN,
ANDREW PETERMAN,
JABRIERA HANDY,
HERNAN CARVENTE,
MARQUIS PARKER,
RAUL BARETTO,
SANG DAO,
DALTON GORDON,
RAUL BARRETO,
AMANDA CLIFFORD,
THE YOUTH ADVOCATES AT GREEN HILL SCHOOL,
AND EZEQUIEL VASQUEZ.



PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award

Past award winners of the A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award include:

DOREITHA MADDEN (NJ),
ROBERT M. HUNTER (CO),
BIRCH BAYH (IN),
TERRY EDWARDS (NJ),
BERNARDINE (HALL) ADAMS (LA),
GEORGE B. RASIN, JR. (MD),
FRANK A. ORLANDO (FL),
ALLISON FLEMING (IA),
STACEY F. ATKINSON (SC),
IRENE ABERNETHY (NE),
ROBERT MARDIS (IN),
LINDA W. HAYES (NC),
ROBERT E. SHEPHERD, JR. (VA),
SHARON HARRIGFELD (ID),
B. THOMAS LEAHY (NJ),
JOHN DEWESE (SC),
WILLIAM R. BYARS, JR. (SC),
LINDA O'NEAL (TN),
VINCENT N. SCHIRALDI (DC),
ROBERT G. SCHWARTZ (PA),
CHRISTOPHER MURPHY (CT),
RICHARD J. GARDELL (MN),
ROBIN JENKINS (NC),
DAVID SCHMIDT (NM),
HON. MICHAEL MAYER (MN),
LAURIE GARDUQUE (IL),
HON. GEORGE W. TIMBERLAKE (IL),
SEN. CHARLES GRASSLEY (IA),
CECELY REARDON (MA),
AND KEN SCHATZ (VT).



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Past award winners of the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile
Justice Specialist Award include:

EDWARD CHARGUALAF (HI),
SUZANNE TOGUCHI (HI),
PAT CERVERA (CO),
LARRY CARTER (NV),
RICHARD LINDAHL (NM),
SANDY REMPE (MO),
CHRISTIAN KERVICK (DE),
JOSEPH B. VIGNATI (GA),
ALAN MILLER (ID),
VALERIE LAMOTTE (CT),
REG GARFF (UT),
EDWARD CHARGUALAF (HI),
ROBERT VICKERY (IL),
MEG WILLIAMS (CO),
JENNIFER G. WITHROW (KY),
MICHAEL D. PENNINGTON (PA),
AND JESSICA WHEELER (MD).



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