



2022 VJJA Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services

Name: AJEENAH DUNCAN

Each year the association presents a Meritorious Award in the Area of Court Services. The honor is bestowed upon a worker who has demonstrated a high degree of skill and professionalism, who embraces the philosophies upon which VJJA was founded, who embodies exceptional dedication and who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to positively and significantly contribute to the juvenile justice field and the children it serves. The nominee should be an employee of a court service unit, as well as a member of VJJA (in good standing).

Our 2022 award winner received her Associate's Degree from Tidewater Community College in 2012. She received a bachelor's degree in social work in 2015 and a master's in social work in 2022 from Norfolk State University. She is currently pursuing her LCSW.

This recipient began her career with the Department of Juvenile Justice in 2015 as an intern with the Little Creek Probation Unit at the Norfolk Court Services Unit. Upon completion of her internship, she was hired as a probation officer at the Norfolk CSU where she remains.

This recipient maintains a diverse caseload and works effortlessly with the youth and families to change their lives. She has taken on the role of assisting other units and is solution focused. She provides leadership and shares her knowledge in training others in the use of Citrix. She is creative in getting youth involved in extracurricular activities to increase their pro-social skills. She is always willing to lend a hand to her co-workers, youth and families. She always goes the extra mile.

She has earned employee recognition certificates due to her consistency in being innovative, dependable, and influential as it relates to DJJ's mission. She has taken on the task of supervising interns and mentoring new employees. She uses her time and resources to ensure clients receive recognition for hard work, haircuts to look presentable for interviews and work, and takes them to community forums and job fairs.

This recipient is known for saying "you can't save them all, but you give it your all to save who you can".

For all of these reasons and more, please join me in congratulating our

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