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NATIONAL PAL ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER INSPIRATIONAL AWARD HONOREES

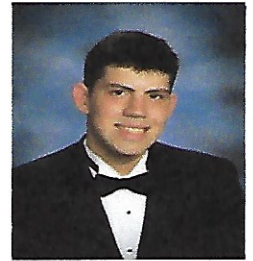
Honorees for November Include Youth, Volunteer, and Law Enforcement Officer of the Month

Charlotte, NC – The National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. (National PAL) is pleased to announce the November recipients of its Law Enforcement Officer, Youth, and Volunteer of the Month awards. Through these awards, National PAL recognizes individuals in the PAL network who inspire their colleagues and friends, and are steadfast in their service to their communities.



The November PAL Law Enforcement Officer of the Month is Chief William "Bill" Hernandez of the North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD). Not only does Chief Hernandez oversee 177 sworn officers and 39 staff, but he also founded the Hispanic Police Officers Association Foundation to help law enforcement officers and their families who are either injured or killed in the line of duty. Chief Hernandez is an amazing advocate of NMBPD youth programs by providing the resources required to continue these important programs while encouraging NMBPD employees to serve as mentors. Thank you to Chief Hernandez for his continued support of PAL programs.

Ignatius Hayer of San Mateo County Sheriff's Activities League is the November Youth of the Month and has been a vital part of the SAL programs by serving on the South County Teen Leadership Council. Ignatius has provided over 1800 hours of community service while at San Mateo County SAL including community clean-ups, home improvement projects, soccer clinics, and tutoring. Ignatius has attended multiple youth leadership conferences and assisted in relief efforts in Houston, Texas after Hurricane Harvey. "SAL gave me leaders and deputies that I could trust and would support me in time of need," says Hayer. "I've been bullied and beat up, but now I have people I can go to for help. I realized that the majority of teenagers in my community had it wrong. Deputies are here to help us."



Kathy Hausman of Tehama County PAL has been selected as the November Volunteer of the Month. Kathy has assisted the Tehama County PAL program in countless ways including ordering supplies, booking travel, organizing field trips and planning fundraising events. Kathy genuinely cares about delivering excellent services to PAL youth. She is committed to quality, growth, and progress for and inspires the rest of the Tehama PAL staff and volunteers to do the same.

"We are excited to continue to highlight those who are expanding the quality and impact of PAL programs across the country," said Jeff Hood, CEO of National PAL. "We look forward to the addition of amazing stories in 2019."

National PAL accepts nominations for the Inspirational Awards honoring law enforcement, volunteers alumni, and youth on a monthly basis. For more information on these awards or to submit a nomination, please visit www.nationalpal.org.

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About The National Association of Police Athletics/Activities Leagues, Inc. (National PAL)

National PAL exists to prevent juvenile crime and violence by providing civic, athletic, recreational, mentoring and educational opportunities and resources to all PAL Member Chapters. National PAL builds bridges between kids, cops, and the community, fostering a positive environment across the country. As a membership organization, the National PAL provides local Chapters with training, resources, and opportunities to create new programs, to improve upon and enhance the quality of existing programs and to increase opportunities in their community.