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NATIONAL PAL ANNOUNCES JUNE 2020 INSPIRATIONAL AWARD HONOREES
Honorees for June Include Youth, Volunteer, Alumni, 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 June recipients of its monthly Inspirational Awards which recognizes individuals in the National PAL network who inspire their colleagues and friends and are steadfast in their service to their communities.



Jeremiah Whitley, our June Youth of the Month, is an inspirational youth leader of the Miami Explorer Program Post 122. Within the post, Whitley serves as the Explorer Captain and sets a prime example of what it means to be a PAL youth leader. Those within the post describe him as timely, caring, and respectful to all whom he encounters regardless of their background. Jeremiah has volunteered a total of 2,533 hours of community service within the Explorer Program while maintaining A/B honor roll status. His favorite place to give back is the UM Hospital in memory and honor of his late mother (a former Miami Police Officer) who, unfortunately, passed away of cancer. Those who encounter him describe him as a compassionate friend and servant of the community. Most recently, Jeremiah thoughtfully made and distributed medical masks to community members to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The June National PAL Law Enforcement Officer of the Month is **Sergeant Dawn Murray** of the Oklahoma City Police Athletic League. Sgt. Murray has been a staple in the OKC PAL for the last seven years. During that time she has spearheaded programs including RallyBall Tennis, the PAL-O-Ween celebration, Shop with a Cop, and the Competitive Club Volleyball Team. Her love for her athletes is extremely evident, especially to the players and their families. Because of that, Dawn has been able to build impactful relationships with students of all age groups from schools all across our district. Not only does she mentor players and students, she has also currently serves as the primary Fundraising OKC PAL. According to OKC PAL leadership, Sgt. Murray is the epitome of reliability and the cornerstone of their program.



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About The National Association of Police Athletics/Activities League, 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 National PAL Member Chapters. National PAL builds bridges between kids, cops, and the community, fostering a positive environment across the country. As a membership organization, National PAL provides local Chapters with training, resources, and opportunities to create a new program to improve upon and enhance the quality of existing programs and to increase opportunities in their community.