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2019 NRPA Accreditation, Awards and Certification  
Recognition Presentation



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The 2019 Best of the Best Ceremony recognizes and celebrates the people and programs that remind us of the exceptional impact parks and recreation have on communities everywhere. This includes the Diversity and Student Scholarship recipients, Young Professional Fellows, the Park Champion of the Year, the Innovation Award and Spotlight Award recipients newly accredited and re-accredited park and recreation agencies, and newly certified CPRPs and CPREs.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

The NRPA scholarships and fellowships provide recipients with the opportunity to attend and explore the operation of the field at the NRPA Annual Conference. A primary goal is to inspire future participation and leadership in NRPA and to help recipients develop professional contacts with leadership and members from around the nation.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



### Kandice Newton

Kandice Newton is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. As a child of a park and recreation professional, she has been inspired to serve her community and to give back to other students. Newton has worked in a day-camp setting for the past four years and is looking forward to her internship with the Dundee Park District. She has served as a student representative for the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association and president of the UW-La Crosse Rec Club. She is thankful for the opportunity to attend the 2019 NRPA Annual Conference and the potential it gives her to expand her career and to grow as a professional and a person.



### Kristen D. Sikorsky

Kristen D. Sikorsky is a Rhode Island native with a passion for public administration, environmental education and ecology. She earned a bachelor's degree in environmental stewardship and education from West Liberty University in Wheeling, West Virginia. While enrolled at West Liberty, she worked at Oglebay Good Zoo as a zoo educator, designing and teaching her own programs to introduce ecology to the public. Currently, she is working on a master's degree in park management and conservation at Kansas State University. Her ongoing work is focused on the ecological and visitor impact monitoring of Little Jerusalem Badlands, a new Kansas state park.

## DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



### Attiyya Atkins

Attiyya Atkins is a public communications specialist with Broward County Parks and Recreation, where she specializes in digital marketing and content production. She believes marketing and communications are essential to building communities that respect, value and enjoy parks and natural resources. Atkins has produced more than 50 videos for the agency, including the "Weekender" event roundup, reaching 30,000 people across multiple platforms to coincide with the agency's mission of "Recreation. Preservation. Education." Atkins is certified in Google Analytics, YouTube Growth and inbound marketing and has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Florida.



### **LaCleveia Morley, CPRP**

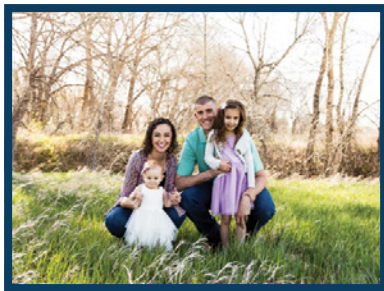
LaCleveia Morley, CPRP, has 18 years of experience in the recreation field. She has worked in various areas of the industry, including services for persons with disabilities, grants, program management and administration, to name a few. Morley is currently the assistant to the director for the City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department. In this role, she oversees department contracts, legislation, ribbon cuttings and the park's advisory board, as well as other tasks and projects. Morley has a master's degree in human resources with a specialization in leadership from Nova Southeastern University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

## **YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS**



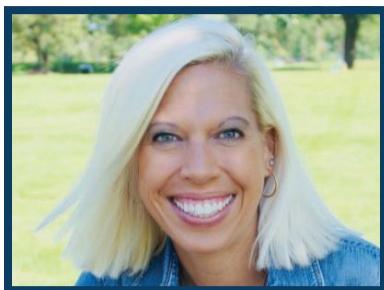
### **Jeremy Bajdaun, CPRP**

Jeremy Bajdaun, CPRP, is a determined park professional, whose purpose is to help others enrich their lives by creating remarkable environments and experiences. Having grown up in his local parks system, Bajdaun understands the vital role parks and sports play in creating community. He leads with a business mindset and professional expectations, but always relies on his public-servant heart to make decisions regarding his parks and programs.



### **Luke Steven Bolinger**

Luke Steven Bolinger is a Colorado native, who grew up on a farm in Northeast Colorado. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps immediately after graduating from high school and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His career has revolved around parks and recreation, including working for Great Outdoors Colorado and for the Colorado towns of Windsor and Erie. He loves spending time outside in the Colorado sunshine, whether it's doing yard work, golfing, going for a run, hiking, biking, camping or, his favorite, enjoying a park with his wife and two daughters.



### **Sarah K. Hansen**

Sarah K. Hansen is a park and recreation professional in Minnesota. She is passionate about preserving parks, facilitating user experiences and building community. Hansen is the facility coordinator for the city of Golden Valley and serves on the city of Albertville's Parks Committee. She is chair of the Minnesota Young Professional and Student Network and was awarded a 2019 Service Merit Award from the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association for her leadership. She also was the 2018 recipient of the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Foundation National Professional Development Grant and attended the 2018 NRPA Annual Conference in Indianapolis.



### **Elissa Malone**

Elissa Malone is the programming and fitness superintendent for the City of Frisco, Texas Parks and Recreation Department. In her present role, she is responsible for recreation programming and fitness operations at the Frisco Athletic Center and Frisco Senior Center. Before Frisco, Malone worked for Special Olympics Texas, where she coordinated athletic competitions and advocated for individuals with intellectual disabilities. She holds a master's degree in sport management from the University of Texas and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto. Malone enjoys walking her dog, Gumbo, and spending time with her husband, Matt, friends and family.



# 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 recipient of the 2019 Park Champion of the Year Award is Metro Parks Tacoma. Metro Parks Tacoma has a long tradition of inviting their senators and Members of Congress out to events in their community, including the grand opening of the Eastside Community Center. After Billy Ray Shirley III was killed by gun violence, his mother, Shalisa Hayes, promised to fulfill his dream of opening a community center in the Eastside Community. Hayes worked with Metro Parks Tacoma, as well as local, state and federal legislators to make her son's dream a reality. She worked closely with Congressman Denny Heck (D-WA), and together they helped Metro Parks Tacoma find ways to fund the project. Congressman Heck joined Hayes at the grand opening celebration of Metro Parks Tacoma's Eastside Community Center in October 2018. Congratulations to Metro Parks Tacoma!





# SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

The Spotlight Awards are presented to individuals to honor their professional and personal efforts in parks and recreation. Award winners include park and recreation professionals, volunteers, engaged community members and park advocates.



## NATIONAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL AWARD

### Dirk A. Richwine, CPRE

Dirk A. Richwine, CPRE, has been a park and recreation professional for 37 years, helping to make communities better places to live. He led his previous agency – the second agency to be accredited in the Western United States – through the accreditation process, and his agencies were Gold Medal Finalists six times, winning twice. He has led numerous organizations in various roles – including as the Nevada Recreation and Park Society president, an instructor for 16 years, chair of three different revenue schools and a member of the Administrators Network, CAPRA Commission and the National Certification Board. Richwine is currently the director of the NRPA Directors School and a Fellow in the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration.



## ROBERT M. ARTZ ADVOCATE AWARD

### Chris Riley

For decades, Chris Riley has served the field of parks and recreation and earned accolades for his leadership and commitment, including 2005 IAPD Rising Star, 2012 IAPD Commissioner of the Year, member of the IAPD Board of Trustees and an 18-year member of the Decatur Park Board of Commissioners. Thanks to Riley's financial acumen, determination and collaborative nature, the Decatur Park District continues to grow and improve, with expansion at Scovill Zoo, stability at Decatur Airport, innovations in golf, nationally recognized arts programs and an exciting new lakefront development in Nelson Park. Through actions and service, Riley champions the motto "It Starts in Parks."





## ROBERT W. CRAWFORD YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

### Gerry M. Logan, Jr.

Gerry M. Logan, Jr., CPRE, is the executive director for the Starkville, Mississippi Parks and Recreation Department. He has worked for almost 10 years in the cities of Clinton, Mississippi, College Station, Texas, and, now, Starkville. Logan has been married to his wife, Ann Marie, for more than 11 years, has one child, Graham, and a second child due on October 18. He loves his family and balances his work with his faith to accomplish all tasks necessary to benefit the residents he serves. Logan is passionate about Mississippi and strives to change his community and state for the better.



## RWJF-NRPA AWARD FOR HEALTH EQUITY

### Tina Fleming & Lindsey Jorstad

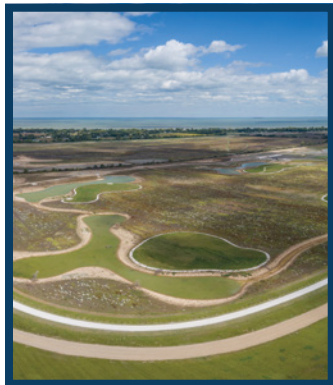
Currently serving as Gwinnett County's Department of Community services director, Tina Fleming has been a park and recreation veteran for more than 25 years. As a 2017 Voices for Georgia's Children Big Voice Honoree, she was recognized as a leader in the state for expanding out-of-school time learning and wellness for children through Live Healthy Gwinnett. A past Afterschool Alliance Ambassador and current member of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Gwinnett Board, Fleming is relentless in finding new ways to promote health and wellness for children, expand afterschool learning and advocate for increased healthcare resources to Gwinnett's children



As the outreach manager for Gwinnett County's Department of Community Services, Lindsey Jorstad oversees the coordination and implementation of Live Healthy Gwinnett. For taking a proactive wellness approach to address the preventable chronic illnesses that impact residents, Jorstad was identified by the National AfterSchool Association as a 2017 Next Generation of Afterschool Honoree. As a current board member for Gwinnett United in Drug Education, Inc., she works within the out-of-school time community to eliminate service barriers, while advocating for positive youth development, expanded healthcare resources and access to food, physical fitness and mental health services.

# INNOVATION AWARDS

The NRPA Innovation Awards recognize and honor the latest advancements in the field of parks and recreation. These awards showcase the inspiring park and recreation agencies that have improved and empowered their communities through innovative practices in conservation, health and wellness, park design and social equity. The four individual Innovation Award recipients were selected by the NRPA Awards Committee. These four awardees competed head to head in a public vote to determine the overall Best in Innovation Award recipient.



## INNOVATION IN CONSERVATION AWARD

### Metroparks Toledo, Howard Marsh Metropark - Phase I Construction

The conversion of 1,000 acres of agricultural land near the Lake Erie shore back into coastal wetland habitat was the largest project in the 90-year history of Metroparks Toledo, and the largest wetland restoration in recent memory on all the Great Lakes. Opened in late April 2018, Howard Marsh Metropark now offers habitat for migrating birds and spawning fish in a region known for warblers and walleyes. The park has 6 miles of hiking trail and 6 miles of water trail, as well as a quarter-mile boardwalk and overlooks for observing a wide range of wildlife.



## INNOVATION IN HEALTH AWARD

### City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department, Rock Steady Boxing

Rock Steady Boxing, an internationally renowned, non-contact boxing program that aims to improve the lives of those living with Parkinson's disease, is now being offered by the City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department with three RSB-certified instructors on staff. Participants in the Rock Steady Boxing Program work on building strength and confidence, while reducing the symptoms of Parkinson's disease that impair speech, balance and motor skills. Training classes focus on overall fitness and include heavy bags, speed bags, focus mitts and strength and cognitive exercises. No boxing experience is necessary.



## INNOVATION IN PARK DESIGN AWARD

### Three Rivers Park District, Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail

Designing and constructing a nature-based, 15-mile regional trail through five fully developed cities required complex planning efforts, multiple partnerships and creative engineering on the part of Three Rivers Park District. The outcome is Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail, which was purposefully routed to access transit and major employment nodes whenever possible and is part of Three Rivers' 160-mile regional trail network. The trail is also one of the most scenic in the Three Rivers system, with nearly 2 miles of boardwalks traversing long stretches of wetlands and its namesake creek. It is open year-round to bicyclists, walkers, runners and dog walkers.



## INNOVATION IN SOCIAL EQUITY AWARD

### City of Santa Clarita, Jakes Way Neighborhood Program

In 2012, the city of Santa Clarita annexed a densely populated, diverse neighborhood called “Jakes Way.” Many residents in the area had limited access to recreation because of transportation, language, financial and cultural barriers. Enrichment opportunities were needed, but there was no city park or recreation facility close by. City staff formed a neighborhood committee of residents, school staff and nonprofit representatives and, together with the property manager of the largest apartment complex in the area, converted a vacant apartment into a mini community center to provide year-round recreation programs, classes, supportive services and events for youth and families.

## 2019 BEST IN INNOVATION

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# CAPRA ACCREDITATION



Achieving accreditation by NRPA's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) is the best way to prove that your agency and your staff are providing your community with the highest level of service. Being CAPRA accredited means you are meeting, or exceeding, standards maintained by park and recreation leaders, and will strengthen the value of the programs, facilities and experiences you offer your community.

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.

## AGENCIES WITH 2019 ACCREDITATION HEARINGS



### City of Allen Parks and Recreation, Texas

Allen, Texas, perennially tops "Best Places to Live" and has been named the "Best City for Young Families." Allen Parks and Recreation serves those designations by providing diverse offerings, big-city entertainment and exceptional service. Operating six recreation facilities, including a natatorium, ice rink, senior center, skatepark, golf venue and community center, the City of Allen Parks and Recreation also partners with private entities for indoor soccer and a wakeboard park, manages public art and has developed more than 1,190 acres of parkland and 68 miles of trail. The department also manages an arena that seats more than 7,000, contributing an estimated \$12.5 million annual economic impact.



### City of Eugene Parks and Recreation, Oregon

Eugene, Oregon, is uniquely situated within a bounty of natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Flowing through the heart of the city is the Willamette River, surrounded by forested hills and buttes that offer trails and scenic vistas. While the Parks and Open Space division strives to protect, enhance and maintain 4,780 acres of parks and open spaces, the Recreation division strengthens the community by providing diverse recreation experiences. Together, they create a large system of beautiful, inspiring places that foster personal, community and environmental health.



### City of Fort Collins Parks, Recreation, and Park Planning & Development, Colorado

Serving a population of 160,000+ people, the City of Fort Collins Parks, Recreation, and Park Planning & Development departments are united around the common goal of providing exceptional service for their exceptional community. Located in the foothills of Northern Colorado, Fort Collins is a vibrant and active community. The Parks and Recreation departments proudly manage more than 925 acres of developed parkland and thousands of recreation classes, programs and opportunities. They are committed to the continued maintenance and long-term strategic planning and growth of these services that make Fort Collins one of the best places to work and live.



### **City of North Port Parks & Recreation, Florida**

North Port Parks & Recreation delivers high-quality parks, programs and events to foster a hometown culture for a rapidly growing population. With the mission of promoting healthy and socially rewarding activities and preserving cultural resources, the department offers the community hundreds of opportunities to get active and stay involved. North Port Parks & Recreation strives to make its city the best place to live, work and play. It accomplishes this by providing programs and events that enrich life experiences and provide residents with high-quality parks and natural spaces.



### **City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, Washington**

The city of Shoreline spans 11.5 square miles along the shore of Puget Sound, an inlet of the Pacific Ocean. Shoreline incorporated in 1995, becoming the 15th largest city in Washington state with a population of a little more than 55,000. The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department employs 34 FTEs. Shoreline is loved for its 409 acres of parkland, including trails, waterfront access, athletic fields, playgrounds and open spaces. Exceptional recreation programs and services enhance the quality of life for people of all ages and abilities. Special events and public art make Shoreline a culturally rich place to call home.



### **Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism, Alabama**

Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CPRST) has been an innovative leader in providing quality recreation opportunities to the residents of Cullman and surrounding areas for 40 years. Established in 1979, CPRST has 12 parks, a golf course and six recreational facilities offering activities for all ages and interests, including athletics, senior programs, community events, aquatics, fitness, arts and more. The department has won numerous state and national awards for its large-scale impact on the community, serving as a catalyst for the tourism industry in Cullman, as well as providing nationally recognized facilities and programs for the area's population.



### **Henrico County Recreation and Parks, Virginia**

Located in central Virginia, Henrico County encompasses 244.12 square miles with a population of 326,501. The Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks began during the 1930s, with volunteer-led recreation programs at three schools. In 1969, Henrico County established Recreation as an official county agency. Five bond referenda, between 1977 and 2016, have enabled the Division to build a sound foundation. Henrico's 3,344 developed park acres receive 3.5 million annual visitors, and the Division offers more than 1,322 programs and events in both active and passive recreation each year for all ages and abilities.



### **Mount Pleasant Recreation Department, South Carolina**

The Mount Pleasant Recreation Department (MPRD) is an integral part of a thriving municipality filled with historical sites, businesses, restaurants and recreational opportunities. MPRD programs are delivered to residents through support from its elected leaders, a dedicated staff of more than 200 employees and more than 1,700 volunteers from a very engaged community. The department serves more than 15,000 players in athletics, registers more than 60,000 participants in programming activities and entertains more than 100,000 people at special events annually. With a proud past and a bright future, the Mount Pleasant Recreation Department is excited and honored to join this prestigious group of recreation organizations.



### South Suburban Park and Recreation District, Colorado

The mission of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District (SSPRD) is to foster healthy living through stewardship of the environment, parks, trails and open space and to provide recreational services and programs to nearly 155,000 residents in six cities south of Denver, Colorado. SSPRD encourages residents to connect with nature through 4,000 acres of developed and open space land, 100 miles of trails, 100 parks and 60 playgrounds. SSPRD offers hundreds of diverse and unique programs in fitness, nature, aquatics and more to residents of all ages to exercise their bodies and minds, make social connections and discover new interests.

## REACCREDITED AGENCIES



### Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, Indiana

Established in 1991, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation manages 500 acres of parkland with an annual operating budget of \$14 million and employs more than 600 full-time, part-time and seasonal employees. Embracing an entrepreneurial approach to managing public services, the department achieved 84 percent cost recovery each of the past three years. This commitment to financial sustainability frees up resources to develop facilities and programs, serving all regardless of abilities or differences. The department, a recipient of the Gold Medal Award and CAPRA accreditation in 2014, has a culture of excellence that creates lasting memories for 3.5 million visitors to its parks and trails each year.



### Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department, Georgia

The Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department was founded in 1956 in Carrollton, Georgia. It has 45 full-time employees, 150 part-time employees and more than 300 volunteers who work for the department throughout the year. It won the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association "Agency of the Year" in 2018 for the 12th time since opening its doors and has been an accredited agency since 2004. Carrollton Parks and Recreation Department, one of 10 departments in the state of Georgia that are nationally accredited, offers comprehensive programming for youth and adults throughout the community.



### Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, South Carolina

The Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission upholds the mission of improving the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The park system features more than 11,000 acres and includes parks, beaches, dog parks, piers, waterparks, a skate park, historic site, interpretive center, equestrian center, campground and marina. The agency strives to fulfill the vision of being distinguished as a nationally accredited and financially sustainable park and recreation agency through its commitment to preserving the county's natural, historical and cultural resources, offering a clean, safe and exceptional visitor experience that is accessible to all.



### City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, Virginia

The city of Alexandria, located in Northern Virginia, is bordered by the District of Columbia (Potomac River), Arlington and Fairfax counties. With a population of approximately 160,000, Alexandria is the sixth-largest city in Virginia. The Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Department (RPCA) supports the well-being of Alexandria's residents by ensuring access to a variety of quality recreation, park and cultural experiences. The city has 900+ acres of publicly accessible open space (including both public and private land that are open for public use), of which 566 acres is city-owned parkland, and there are approximately 20,000 trees throughout the city.



### City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department, Texas

The city of Arlington (Texas) Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to its mission of providing quality facilities and services that are responsive to a diverse community and sustained with a focus on partnerships, innovation and environmental leadership. Arlington Parks and Recreation creates and maintains beautiful, accessible public spaces and provides programs and events to enrich the lives of community members – culturally, socially and physically. With more than 4,700 acres of parks, recreation facilities, open spaces, natural trails and playgrounds, there are many opportunities for exploration and adventure in Arlington, Texas, “The American Dream City.”



### City of Farmington - Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department, New Mexico

The City of Farmington Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department is the second-largest department within the municipal government, with 11 divisions, 1,278.3 acres of parkland, 118 full-time and 232 seasonal or temporary employees, and serves 616,367 residents annually. PRCA is dedicated to providing unique opportunities for residents to play, laugh, grow, learn and engage in enriching their quality of life through a green environment. As the department of fun, PRCA firmly believes: “Our work is your play.” PRCA proudly provides a quality of life that’s second to none within the state of New Mexico.



### City of Lake Mary - Parks and Recreation Department, Florida

The City of Lake Mary - Parks and Recreation Department comprises 32 full-time and 15 part-time employees. This nationally accredited organization is proud to offer services and programs that continue to grow and meet the ever-changing needs of today’s residents and visitors while planning for future generations. The dedicated staff stands ready to welcome visitors to their parks, award-winning facilities, trails and open spaces.



### City of Logan Parks and Recreation Department, Utah

The City of Logan Parks and Recreation Department manages more than 397 acres of city-owned property. Its mission is to sustain and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Logan. From shady picnic areas, like Adams Park, to the challenging bowls of the Logan Skate Park, a refreshing swim at the Logan Aquatic Center or a day on the links at Logan River Golf Course, Logan Parks and Recreation Department has something for everyone. It has been nationally accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) since 2009 and is proud to serve the people of Logan.



### City of Roseville Parks and Recreation, Minnesota

Roseville, Minnesota, is a vibrant community known for outstanding parks and programs, safe neighborhoods and a strong quality of life. Roseville is home to 32 parks, 67 miles of trails, unique facilities and 680 acres of parkland and open spaces. The City of Roseville Parks and Recreation is a highly valued community resource and is extensively used by the community.



### City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation Department, Texas

Rowlett is rich in the amenities that enhance people's lives. Its Community Centre offers a state-of-the-art fitness center, multiuse courts, two gymnasiums, banquet rooms and a multitude of fitness programs and classes for all ages, from infants to seniors. Rowlett's parks offer opportunities for low-cost entertainment and sports, family outings, walking trails, fishing ponds, playgrounds and pavilions. With 40 staff members and approximately 100 seasonal employees, the department is responsible for providing its residents with opportunities for fun and relaxation. Its vision statement reflects how the park agency feels about its residents: "Exploring life's simple pleasures. Your enjoyment is our reward!"



### City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation, Arizona

The city of Scottsdale is a signature destination community located in the beautiful Sonoran Desert. Scottsdale is home to a very active population of 250,000 that enjoys world-class adventures and activities, including hiking, biking, swimming and various sports, as well as indoor activities for fitness, therapeutic recreation and senior activities. Scottsdale is home to the Waste Management Phoenix Open, dubbed "The Greatest Show on Grass." Scottsdale is also the spring training home for the San Francisco Giants and a year-round destination that offers activities and interests for all ages, including a world-class parks and recreation department!



### Columbus Parks and Recreation, Georgia

Columbus maintains 1,912 acres of parkland. This includes passive and active land and 52 mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks and regional parks. The city has 32.5 miles of walking trails, and within Columbus' parks are 44 public playground systems and 78 athletic fields. It also has four super centers, three community centers, four senior centers, a therapeutic center, boxing gym and cultural arts studio, four outdoor pools, a state-of-the-art natatorium and a historic museum. All of this is maintained by an amazing staff whose mission is to improve the quality of life for all Columbus residents.



### Greenville County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism, South Carolina

The mission of Greenville County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism is to enhance the quality of life in Greenville County, South Carolina, through the provision of park facilities and recreation services that promote the health and well-being of its people, community, environment and economy. More of a family than a workplace, Greenville County Rec envisions a thriving, vibrant and diverse community with abundant opportunities to access quality recreation across Greenville County. Nationally accredited and locally celebrated, Greenville County Rec seeks to elevate the field of parks and recreation within its community through unrivaled customer service and programming.



### Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Texas

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) was created in 1916, with only two parks. Since that time, the number of parks has grown to more than 370, which offer a wide variety of amenities, including swimming pools, community centers, tennis and basketball courts, fitness centers, golf courses, walking/jogging trails, skate parks, dog parks and nature areas. The mission of HPARD is to enhance the quality of urban life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and offering affordable programs for the community. In 2008, the department became the 74th U.S. park and recreation department to be accredited through CAPRA.





### Johnson County Park and Recreation District, Kansas

The Johnson County Park and Recreation District (JCPRD) in Johnson County, Kansas, is proud to be reaccredited by CAPRA. A two-time recipient of the National Gold Medal Award, JCPRD is responsible for the stewardship of more than 10,000 acres of parkland and open space, and offers more than 4,000 programs each year. With annual park visitations exceeding 7.5 million and program participations of more than 2.5 million, JCPRD is committed to enriching its community through excellence in parks, recreation, culture, education and public service.



### Kansas City Parks and Recreation, Missouri

Kansas City Parks and Recreation provides facilities, programs and recreational opportunities for the community that contribute to an aesthetically pleasing environment and enhanced quality of life. The department maintains 221 parks, 12,242 acres of parkland, 158 miles of trails and bikeways, 29 lakes, hundreds of athletic fields and tennis courts, 106 playgrounds and five public golf courses. Miles of scenic boulevards and parkways crisscross the city, where 48 fountains and 122 monuments and sculptures surprise and delight. Ten community centers, along with eight museums, provide the setting for socially equitable and community-driven programming.



### Largo Recreation Parks and Arts, Florida

Largo Recreation Parks and Arts, celebrating 60 years of service to the community, was the first city in Florida to be CAPRA accredited. The department has grown to include three state-of-the-art recreation centers, the premier regional park in the area, award-winning and innovative programs and events, a golf course, two sports complexes, an environmental education center, and 15 community and neighborhood parks. The department's vision, "to be the number one reason people want to visit and live in Largo," is evident in the more than 4 million visitors it hosts annually at its facilities.



### Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, North Carolina

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation manages more than 21,000 acres of parkland, including trails, athletic fields, playgrounds, nature preserves, recreation centers, aquatic facilities, golf courses and much more. Staff work to enrich the lives of area residents and visitors by providing a variety of leisure experiences, protecting natural resources, engaging dynamically with community partners and planning for continued population growth in North Carolina's largest urban area.



### Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington

Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT) is a nationally accredited, independent park district that leads efforts to build a healthy, sustainable community. As the oldest special purpose district in the state of Washington, Metro Parks' mission is to create healthy opportunities to play, learn and grow. Forged in concert with its community for more than a century, Tacoma's park system comprises many different facilities that offer residents a variety of recreational opportunities. From waterfront access to local neighborhood parks, to large regional facilities and zoological attractions, the MPT system is both a prized local community asset and a regional destination.



### Monmouth County Park System, New Jersey

The Monmouth County Park System (Park System) is, first and foremost, a steward of parks, open spaces, and historic and natural resources. Since the establishment of the first county park in 1960, the Park System has grown to include 43 park areas on more than 17,000 acres with more than 6 million visits each year. The diversity and geographic distribution of these park areas mirror that of the county's nearly 640,000 residents. In addition to its land and facility management function, the Park System serves nearly 106,000 residents each year through approximately 5,000 recreation programs offered, primarily, at county park facilities.



### **Morrisville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, North Carolina**

Morrisville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources serves a community of more than 26,000 in central North Carolina. This is done through 206 acres of parkland connected by 10.5 miles of greenway. The department offers a variety of programming for preschoolers to senior citizens through its community center, provides opportunities for health and wellness at the Aquatics & Fitness Center and creates venues for families and the community to gather through its series of special events. Its dedicated group of 12 full-time staff, dozens of part-time staff and countless volunteers, all strive to enrich the quality of life in Morrisville.



### **Plano Parks and Recreation, Texas**

Plano Parks and Recreation is a four-time Gold Medal recipient, with 4,375 acres of parkland, 96 miles of trails, five recreation centers, nine pools, two golf courses, an amphitheater, a tennis center, a museum, and a nature and retreat center. The department was initially accredited in 1994 and has maintained its accreditation status ever since. Visionary leadership throughout the years has been instrumental in the development of this extraordinary parks system, with the mission being the same: enrich Plano by providing inviting spaces and memorable experiences that contribute to a high quality of life.



### **Ramsey County Parks & Recreation, Minnesota**

Ramsey County, located in Minnesota, is the smallest county by land, but represents the most urbanized county in the state. It encompasses the capital city of St. Paul and 18 municipalities with a total population of more than half a million. Ramsey County Parks & Recreation focuses on both natural, resource-based outdoor recreation and providing top-quality golf courses and ice arenas. With nearly 8,000 rolling acres of parkland and 87 lakes, Ramsey County's parks and trails offer an incredible resource for recreation, community events and nature conservancy.



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

The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) is the agency that connects people to parks and the outdoors in East Baton Rouge Parish. It is a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana and was created in 1946. Throughout its 73-year history, BREC has taken seriously its responsibility to improve the health, safety, environment and quality of life for all residents. It was among the first park agencies to earn national accreditation and is a two-time National Gold Medal Award winner and 15-time national finalist. BREC has more than 180 parks, including a unique mix of facilities, which mirror the history and rich natural resources in south Louisiana.



### **Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, California**

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (District) is a dynamic park agency that adjusts to meet the needs of Riverside County, the fourth-largest county in the state of California. The District manages more than 78,000 acres of land and 170 miles of trails. District-operated facilities include regional parks, recreational facilities, historical sites, nature centers, archaeological sites and wildlife reserves. The District's focus is to provide high-quality recreational opportunities and preserve important features of the county's natural, cultural and historical heritage.



### Round Rock Parks and Recreation, Texas

The city of Round Rock is a suburban, family-focused community with a rich Texas history and residents who take pride in their community. The city's accolades include recognition in education, safety and family-centered community, and it is a leader in technology, health and economic development. The Round Rock Parks and Recreation Department has been recognized with numerous awards, including the NRPA Gold Medal, Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) Gold Medal and numerous TRAPS Regional and State Awards. The department manages 2,270 acres of parks (1,529 developed and 741 undeveloped), 22.94 miles of trails, 180,000 square feet of recreation and pool facilities, and 42 athletic fields.



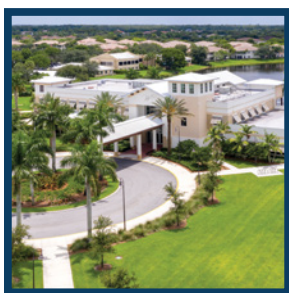
### Seminole County Leisure Services Department, Florida

Seminole County Leisure Services Department's mission is enriching lives through outstanding cultural, educational, environmental and recreational experiences. The department's vision is providing quality accessible leisure programs, facilities and services to Seminole County residents and visitors now and for the future. It is made up of four programs representing Extension Services, Greenways & Natural Lands, Library Services and Parks & Recreation. Through these programs, the Leisure Services Department provides quality services to the entire community with diverse leisure programs for all ages and an integrated, efficient and safe system of parks, trails, recreational, extension and library facilities.



### United States Army Garrison Hawaii Community Recreation Division, Hawaii

The United States Army Garrison Hawaii Community Recreation Division is responsible for providing programs and services to more than 90,000 community members, consisting of service members, their families, retirees and DoD civilians. Two major communitywide events are the 4th of July celebration attended by an average of 35,000 participants and the annual Army Luau celebration, attended by an average of 15,000. In addition to these two major events, numerous programs and services are offered that play a vital role in creating a sense of community, contributing to health and wellness, and building resiliency.



### Village of Wellington Parks and Recreation, Florida

Wellington, Florida, is located in South Florida and Western Palm Beach County, 12 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean. Wellington is home to 1,117 acres of multiple and varied parks and facilities, including 22 neighborhood parks. Wellington Parks and Recreation's mission is to "Partner with the community to provide exceptional parks, leisure and recreation programs that build strong, healthy lifestyles, while contributing to the economic and environmental sustainability of the Village." The department provides residents with a wide range of high-quality recreational facilities, programs, services, events and activities annually, available to residents and the general public of all ages.



### Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation, Virginia

Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation manages 293 city park sites, more than 7,000 acres of parks and natural areas, seven community recreation centers, a municipal marina and an athletic complex. It offers year-round recreational opportunities that include aquatic, fitness and outdoor programs, therapeutic recreation programs, inclusion services, community events and adult sports leagues. Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation is the largest childcare provider in the city, operating before- and afterschool programs, early childhood programs and day camps when school is out of session. It also provides landscape management and maintenance for municipal buildings, public schools, park sites and designated roadways.

# 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 more than 6,400 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 2018-JULY 2019)

Michael	Abeyta	AZ	Nicholas	Andreason	UT	Tyler	Barlage	OH	Kyle	Bernis	OK
Adam	Abraham	MI	Patricia	Andrien	PA	Raleigh	Barnes	FL	Chris	Berry	OK
Mark	Abrizenski	FL	Jennifer	Angus	MI	Misty	Bartlett	IL	Erika	Berry	AZ
Robert	Acosta	CA	Dana	Appel	WA	Taylor	Bassett	WY	Vicki	Beyer	IL
Rene	Acuna	FL	Megan	Arnold	OH	Paul	Batts	GA	Krista	Billingsley	MD
Brooke	Adams	WI	Alexandra	Arpajian	NC	George	Baumgardt	WI	Nathan	Birnbaum	CA
Joshua	Adams	AZ	Matthew	Asikainen	MO	Kristin	Bean	FL	Ted	Bistarkey	CA
Tracy	Adkins	MD	Allyson	Austin	SC	Bryce	Beck	AZ	Beatrice	Black	TX
Geronimo	Aguirre	TX	Anthony	Axelson	IL	Anthony	Becker	TX	Kenneth	Black	KY
Donna	Aiken	FL	Daniel	Bacon	NC	Nancy	Becker	TX	William	Blackstock	TX
Emily	Alexander	OR	Christopher	Baggett	NC	Erica	Behler	OR	Daniel	Blakely	UT
Kristen	Allen	CO	Whitney	Bailey	MO	Dexter	Belling	AZ	Peter	Bleich	MD
Casey	Allison	TX	Tyler	Baird	IA	Alexander	Bennett	NC	Jordan	Bleil	IA
Jordan	Allsup	IA	Steven	Baker	TX	Lauren	Bennett	FL	Kelly	Boatwright	FL
Michael	Alston	NC	James	Banks	NC	Stephanie	Bennett	OK	Micah	Bodine	AZ
Tawanna	Alston	NC	Michelle	Banzet	KS	Troy	Bennett	UT	Pete	Bolden	IN
Dan	Anderson	IL	Elizabeth	Barber	VA	Kimberly	Beranek	CA	Louis	Bolling	PA
Joshua	Anderson	TN	Emily	Bard	MD	Jeanette	Berard	IL	Robert	Bond	IL
Randolph	Anderson	SC	Peter	Bardou	NY	Elena	Bermeo	CA	Antonia	Bookbinder	MD
Todd	Anderson	WA	Judy	Barela	NM	Hannah	Bernat	FL	Michael	Bork	AK
Travis	Anderson	WA	Chase	Barham	GA	Ryan	Berninzoni	CO	Rhonda	Bouma	MI

Thomas	Bourne	TX	Jacqueline	Canty	IL	Richard	Collins	OH	Sonya	Delgado	NM
Krista	Bowie	ON	Robert	Capper	VA	Tony	Collins	OH	Carolynn	Dellamano	IL
Mike	Boyd	MI	Jason	Capriolo		Wendy	Collins	GA	Christopher	Devine	GA
Adam	Bozic	OH	Kelly	Carbon	IL	Susan	Collum-Bradford	CA	Mathew	DeWinters	MO
Juan	Bradford	MI	Seth	Carey	KS	Angela	Coltellarro	AK	Scott	Dickover	FL
James	Bradley	NC	Robert	Carmona	AZ	Marla	Connelly	NY	Joni	Dilworth	SC
Alyssa	Bradshaw	NC	Michael	Caron	ME	Tamara	Connolly	WA	Andrew	Dimmig	FL
Robert	Branham	MD	Amy	Carpenter	MD	James	Conroy	AZ	Amy	Dingle	OH
Eric	Brannon	IL	Adriana	Carr	VA	Zurii	Conroy	FL	Michael	Dizney	KS
William	Breeding	LA	Chris	Carr	VA	Kyle	Cooper	TX	Mark	Dolphin	IL
Catherine	Breitenbach	IL	Victoria	Carrai	NC	Laurie	Cooper	MI	Darcy	Dooley	OH
Katherine	Brenna	MA	Aaron	Carson	FL	Sophia	Cooper	NC	Anamari	Dorgan	IL
Todd	Brennon	MO	Daniel	Carson	MS	Michael	Corbett	TX	Whitney	Dorsett	ME
Jennifer	Britos	GA	Robert	Carter	ME	Jesus	Coronado	TX	Kaylie	Doughty	TN
Robert	Brooks	FL	Susan	Carter	VT	Kevin	Costin	MD	Stephen	Dowhan	TX
Robin	Brothers	AL	Kari	Castro	TX	Leland	Couch	AR	Michelle	Downtain	NJ
Erik	Brown	IL	Joe	Cavanagh	TX	Howard	Covey	VA	Katie	Drum	IL
Joe	Brown	TX	Michael	Cero	OR	Kelly	Craighead	TX	Kerri	Duffy	OH
Jordan	Brown	MO	Amanda	Cesar	CO	Aaron	Crane	OH	Patrick	Duffy	NC
Sylvester	Brown	TX	Dylan	Chalfant	TX	Kyle	Cratty	IL	Mike	Duke	NM
Taylor	Brown	CO	John	Chalfant	TX	Jonette	Crawford	TX	Penny	Dunbar	OH
David	Bruce	OH	Justin	Challe	WI	Amanda	Creque	OH	Sophia	Duncan	NC
Kelly	Brunning	IL	Jessica	Chamberlain	AZ	Robert	Crigger	TN	Shane	Dunlevy	OK
Brittany	Bruno	IL	Andrew	Chiki	OH	Jeff	Crowther	ID	Justin	Dunn	NJ
Craig	Bryant	RI	Jessica	Christensen Buck	MN	Molly	Curcuru	MO	Andy	Dunston	GA
Tyler	Buckley	CO	Sheryl	Christian	NV	Susan	Curry	CA	Christina	Earle	IL
Monica	Bugaoan-Abakan	CA	Melinda	Ciaglia	TX	Heather	Cuyler	PA	Dan	Earp	NV
Marc	Bugos	FL	Brittany	Cino Peterson	CA	Jaime	Cyrkiel	IL	Danielle	Echt	OH
Alex	Buhmeyer	IA	Don	Clark	AZ	Adam	Dagley	IL	David	Edge	NC
Ryan	Bulson	KS	Phil	Clark	AZ	Tara	Dahl-Campbell	TX	Patty	Edleblute	VA
Rodney	Burgess	NC	Vince	Clark	IL	Andrew	Dallner	IL	Morgan	Edmundson	NC
Vincent	Burgess	NC	Lynn	Clarke	FL	Brian	Davern	WA	Danae	Edwards	IA
Darren	Burke	CO	Brenna	Clausen	WA	Reginald	Davidson	KS	Kyle	Ehlers	WA
Jennifer	Burke	FL	Kristine	Clemet	VA	Edward	Davis	MI	Brandon	Eichholz	IL
Kathleen	Burley	MD	Tabatha	Clock	FL	Eric	Davis	SC	Molly	Elder	CO
Katy	Burton	TX	Jaimie	Clout	CT	Matthew	Davis	AZ	John	Eldridge	IL
Emily	Butler	IN	Stephen	Clyde	CO	Vincent	Davis	IL	Josh	Enoch	NC
Pepper	Butler	FL	Scott	Coakley	NC	Nathan	Dawsey	SC	Remy	Epps	NC
Kristin	Bykowski	IL	David	Codispoti	TX	Nicholas	Deacon	TX	David	Erickson	VA
Chris	Byrnes	CO	Donald	Coffey	MI	Cassie	Deas	TN	Stephanie	Esposito	IL
Andrew	Cabrera	IL	Ryan	Coffland	IL	Wesley	Deason	FL	Joann	Estfan	AZ
James	Cadwell	MO	Nichole	Cogbill	MO	Katie	Deatherage	MI	Christopher	Evans	FL
Dominic	Calarco	CA	Jon	Cole	MS	Juliana	DeFriese	TN	Jeffrey	Evenson	WI
Julie	Calloway	NV	Ruth	Coleman	MD	Tanner	Deisch	NC	Raymond	Everhart	NV
Edward	Camacho	TX	Spencer	Collier	VA	Ryan	Delaney	VA	Terrance	Ewuell	NY
Jerad	Campbell	IL	Bobby	Collins	IL	Brent	Delehoy	CO	Jann	Faiga	FL
Marcella	Cano	NM									

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Cathy	Fallon	IL	Belinda	Garcia	TX	Katie	Groke	CO	David	Herman	AZ
Tracey	Farage	NV	Koby	Garick	TX	Ben	Grossman	MO	Jennifer	Hermanson	IL
Travis	Farley	MA	Karen	Garner	CA	Charlie	Groth	WA	Adrian	Hernandez	FL
Tiara	Farmer	NC	Steve	Garr	MO	Jake	Gutierrez	NM	Gus	Hernandez	CA
James	Farris	MO	Katherine	Garrett	IL	Corrie	Guynn	IL	Cavin	Higginbotham	TX
Matt	Faull	AZ	Kristin	Garrett	VA	William	Hadley	GA	Joshua	Hinchman	WV
Kevin	Favata	FL	Ashley	Garrison	TX	Anthony	Hagan	TX	Eric	Hinkle	OH
Trevor	Fell	FL	Sergio	Garza	TX	Britt	Haley	CO	Melissa	Hinkle	AZ
Charles	Fernandez	NM	Matt	Gasser	CO	James	Hall	CO	Eliza	Hoffman	AZ
Kelly	Fernandez	FL	Logan	Gauvin	CT	Joe	Hall	MI	James	Holder	IL
Kevin	Ferrelli	NC	Eric	Gavinski	CO	Mitch	Hall	TX	Jesse	Holliman	SC
Melissa	Ferruzza	IL	Jennifer	Gebeck	IL	Tiara	Hall	MD	Erin	Holmes	SD
Greg	Fields	IL	Linnsie	Gebert	MO	Timothy	Hamfeldt	NJ	Kevin	Holt	NJ
Shawna	Figy	AZ	Ryan	Geerdes	ND	Amy	Hamilton	OR	Marc	Holtey	MN
Shelley	Fischer	MO	Matthew	Genrich	NY	Timothy	Hamilton	TX	Russell	Hooper	TX
Kathleen	Fish	VA	Peter	Gerard	ME	William	Hamilton	IL	Elizabeth	Hopkins	FL
Andrew	Fisher	TN	Nicole	Gerhart	MI	Daren	Hamm	VA	Paul	Horne	NC
Griffith	Fisher	TN	Geoffrey	Gerstel	AZ	Jeff	Hammond	KS	Molly	Horton	AK
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Joshua	Fissel	MD	Brian	Gill-Huston	OH	William	Hancuff	VA	Michele	Howard	NV
Collin	Fitzpatrick	OH	Jeremy	Ginn	AZ	Joshua	Handelsman	IL	Andrew	Hubbard	CA
Mary	Fitzsimons	MD	Thomas	Giordano	KS	Daniel	Hannon	MA	Janet	Hull	FL
Alise	Flanjack	FL	Jennifer	Girard	MI	Sarah	Hansen	MN	Kevin	Huntzinger	CA
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Rebecca	Flora	FL	Janet	Godon	MO	Caleb	Hargis	CA	Zac	Huston	NC
Amanda	Florance	NY	Julia	Goldie	WA	Allison	Harr	TN	Sylvia	Hutchinson	AZ
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Dina	Fornataro-Healey	NJ	Sarah	Good	FL	Chad	Harvell	WA	Denise	Iwinski	IL
Shannon	Forsythe	IL	Kevin	Goodrich	AZ	Jessica	Harvey	FL	Mallory	Izbicki	GA
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Ariane	Francis	AZ	Ryan	Gory	IL	Janet	Hawkes	TX	Jeffery	Jacko	OH
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Thomas	Frisbie	OH	Ruth	Gray	OH	Seth	Heitmeyer	FL	Leslie	Johnson	TN
Michael	Fry	IL	Chad	Green	WY	Erin	Helms	OH	Melissa	Johnson	NC
Tyler	Fuchs	IL	Michelle	Green	NY	Lawrence C.	Hemingway	IL	Teresa	Johnson	MO
Heather	Gaddis	GA	Kari	Greene-Warren	NC	Jennifer	Hendrix	TX	Tyrone	Johnson	AZ
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J.P.	Gallagher	MT	Julie	Grijalva	VA	Meagan	Henry	NH	Brian	Jones	SC
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Kit	Jory	CA	James	Lara	CA	Michael	Marshall	AZ	Claire	Miller	TN
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Nicole	Julien	AZ	Jennifer	Lauria	AZ	Harold	Martin	CA	Kelian	Miller	OK
Jesse	Kanuch	FL	Michael	Lauria	PA	Jennifer	Martin	CO	Wendy	Miller	NC
Annisa	Karim	FL	Dan	Laurie	FL	Krashawn	Martin	MI	Christina	Miltz	FL
Tricia	Keala	MI	Heather	Lavis	TX	Ryan	Martin	NE	Crystal	Miranda	TX
Lauren	Keane	SC	Kelsey	Leake	IL	Tabitha	Martinez	VA	Melissa	Mitchell	GA
Megan	Kearney	VA	Stacey	Lecuire	MA	Jamie	Martinson	IL	Victoria	Mocock	NC
John	Keating	GA	Chris	Leiner	IL	Christine	Martner	IL	Jessica	Montgomery	MN
Reny	Keener	IN	William	Lemke	NJ	Tyler	Masaichy	TX	Jocelyn	Moon	NC
Amy	Keeney	GA	Charlotte	Lester	VA	Aldin	Mathews	FL	Geoffrey	Moore	OK
Kyle	Kelley	TX	Aaron	Levine	TX	Zachary	Matz	AZ	Jake	Moore	KS
Michael	Kelly	CA	Christopher	Levis	KY	Carter	Mayes	AK	Kendra	Moore	GA
Nina	Kelly	MI	Adam	Lewandowski	IL	Samose	Mays	GA	Marvin	Mora	CA
David	Kempton	NH	Haven	Linde	UT	Kati	McArdle	SC	Whitman	Morgan	GA
Carol	Kennard	OH	Chris	Lindgren	IL	Matthew	McCall	VA	Louis	Morphew	CO
Shawn	Keogh	CT	Elizabeth	Littwin	IL	Colleen	McCarty	IL	Grant	Morris	AR
Matthew	Kerns	WA	Robert	Lloyd	VA	Brett	McCubbin	MO	Edward	Morrison	OH
Lynanne	Kiger	OH	Tiffany	Lockard	VA	Erica	McDaniel	AK	Taylor	Morsching	KY
Mike	Kilman	CO	Karie	Lockridge	TN	Steven	McDaniel	IN	Jeremy	Mortorff	PA
Gerald	Kirk	IA	Benjamin	Logel	MO	Brienne	McDowell	AZ	Christiano	Mouswaswa	LA
Michael	Kirk	AR	David	Lopez	TX	Katrina	McGaughey	TX	Shawn	Mullaney	AZ
Jennifer	Kirkland	MA	Matt	Lorion	NC	Treg	Mcgee	NC	Tracy	Mullins	FL
Jessica	Kittleson	OR	Valerie	Louthan	IL	James	McGrath	MA	Sandra	Munoz-Weingarten	AZ
Katie	Klemke	IL	Virginia	Lozier	CO	Sean	McGrew	CA	Megan	Murphy	AZ
Tom	Klimko	TX	Cortney	Lucente	IL	Brian	Mcguire	OH	Carmen	Murrell	WA
George	Knapp	FL	Joy Ann	Lucero	NM	Erin	McKallor-Quill	AZ	Matt	Muterspaugh	VA
Christopher	Knopf	CA	Julie	Luecht	NC	Spencer	McKellar	MI	Patrick	Myers	MO
John	Kohlmorgen	NH	Miranda	Lugo	TX	Brian	McKenna	IL	Susannah	Myers	SC
Justin	Kohls	IL	Stephanie	Lum	CA	Kevin	McKinney	OH	William	Nadeau	NC
Valerie	Kokoszka	MI	Charlotte	Lusk	TX	Jeremy	McMahon	TX	Jordan	Nelson	MN
Sandy Mary	Korkatzis	NY	Sarah	Lyke	CO	Mary	McNally	NY	Kristina	Nemetz	IL
Laura	Kowalski	VA	Kevin	Lynch	SC	David	McNiell	TX	Brian	Nevans	CO
John	Kramer	IL	Kristyn	Lynch	SC	Mallory	McVey	KY	Terri	Newmans	FL
Ashley	Krasicki	ND	Becky	Lysengen	FL	Brooke	Mechels	KS	Sherri	Nicholas	KY
Thomas	Krauss	IL	Jason	MacKenzie	FL	Andrea	Meier	CO	Carson	Nickell	MD
Matthew	Krems	OH	Jennifer	Magby	OR	Helen	Meis	WA	Stephen	Nightingale	IL
Carol	Kriegler	MN	Amber	Magee	CO	Joe	Mejia	CA	Joel	Noland	FL
James	Krout	SC	Jescelle	Major	WA	Colleen	Mellon	MI	Alex	Nonamaker	FL
Karen	Kustafik	SC	Elissa	Malone	TX	Kimberly S	Merchant	FL	David	Norgard	CA
Jennifer	Kvapil	NM	Rebecca	Manning	TX	Hannah	Merlo	FL	April	Norris	TN
Aalana	Lacewell	TN	Adam	Manzoni	PA	Kelly	Mertes	MN	Sarah	Novo	CA
Stacy	Lafortune	AZ	William	Marcantel	FL	Brittany	Meschewski	IL	Israel	Nunez	MD
Kyle	Lancaster	CA	Donny	Marek	TX	Kathleen	Michau	IL	Meghan	O'Boyle	IL

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Brittany	O'Donnell	CO	Maria	Pirone	FL	Michael	Rini	FL	Daniel	Shafer	TX
Helaine	O'Keefe	UT	Maria	Piworski	IL	Nicole	Rissler	FL	Joshua	Sharitz	VA
Shawn	O'Keefe	VA	Carla	Platter	FL	Matthew	Ritter	DE	Sara	Shaw	NC
Sarah	O'Reilly	VA	Ashley	Platts	NC	Stephen	Robertazzi	NJ	Teri	Shaw	NC
Gerard	O'Connell	NC	Rhonda	Pollard	KS	Jennifer	Roberts	FL	Collin	Shealy	SC
Alyssa	Olson	MN	Cambria	Pollinger	CA	Adam	Robinson	AZ	Kelly	Sheetz	IL
Cathy	Olson	FL	Leslie	Poole	NC	Brian	Rockenbach	WA	Travis	Sheffield	TX
Dan	Opperman	CA	Patrick	Poore-Christensen	IL	Jessica	Rockhill	OH	Chad	Shelton	WI
Ezra	Orde	MO	Matt	Porter	FL	Ariel	Rodriguez	MA	Jan	Sherwood	AZ
Torie	O'Reilly	CA	Sheri	Potter	IL	Mariana	Rodriguez	TX	Christine	Shiel	IL
Melissa	Orosz	CT	Devon	Poulos	FL	Tim	Roetman	NJ	Koboi	Simpson	GA
Sam	Orozco	AZ	Christina	Powell	FL	Mark	Rogers	NJ	Richard	Simpson	CA
Jenny	Orsburn	IN	Grayson	Pridgen	NC	Brian	Romes	IL	Steve	Sims	CA
Veronica	Ortiz	CA	LaQuan	Priest	SC	Elizabeth	Rotfeld	NY	Matthew	Skehan	ME
Justin	Ostergaard	IL	Brittanie	Propes	MO	William	Rothschild	CA	Joanna	Skiba	TX
Jesse	Ott	WA	Duane	Prophet	MD	Amy	Rowley	VA	Andrea	Smaga	IL
Bertrand	Oubida	CT	Megan	Prusienski	PA	Donna	Roy	MA	Katherine	Small	SC
Blake	Owen	OH	Kyle	Pryce	FL	Shanta	Royal	FL	Eric	Smallwood	NC
Mary	Owens	NC	Jeffrey	Putman	MO	Andrew	Rummel	CO	Jessica	Smeall	WA
Steven	Owens	OH	Danielle	Radojevich	IL	Tyler	Rusin	TX	Susan	Smentek	IL
David	Pace	OH	Mike	Radoyevich	TX	Zachary	Russell	NC	Charles	Smith	NC
Tyler	Padgett	ID	Leslie	Rainey	TX	Heather	Ryan	WI	Chris	Smith	AZ
Sharon	Palmer	TX	Bonnie	Ralston	NY	Arlene	Salazar	CA	Danielle	Smith	AZ
Julie	Pannell	TX	Darin	Ramey	VA	Rachel	Salyards	TX	Haley	Smith	MI
Laura	Parkin	AZ	Kathleen	Ramos	TX	Carlos	Sam	LA	Jenna	Smith	MN
Geoffrey	Parks	FL	Trevor	Ramos	GA	Libny	Sanchez	NJ	Joshua	Smith	VA
Philip	Parnin	IN	Emily	Randell	FL	Marc	Sanchez	NY	Sabrina	Smith	FL
Chris	Parsell	MI	Kelly	Rathbun	CO	Paula	Santoro	VA	Suzanne	Smith	VA
Corey	Patrick	MI	Meredith	Rau	MO	Kathryn	Sass	OH	Taylor	Smith	NY
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