



Commonwealth of Kentucky Personnel Cabinet

Andy Beshear, Governor

Gerina D. Whethers, Secretary

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10th Annual Governor's Ambassador Awards Recognize State Employees

Agencies and employees receive awards from Gov. Andy Beshear during National Public Service Recognition Week

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 7, 2021) – Six employees and one office of the Commonwealth received 2020 Governor's Ambassador Awards (GAA) during Public Service Recognition Week. State employees who have positively influenced the lives of co-workers, customers or the community are recognized through the award program. This year, the Personnel Cabinet received more than 150 nominations.

Gov. Andy Beshear said, "We take this time to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of our public servants across the commonwealth and celebrate the accomplishments of our 2020 Governors Ambassador Award recipients. Thank you for your hard work every day to assist and protect Kentucky families."

There are six nomination categories for state employees and agencies: customer service, courage, leadership, professional achievement, teamwork and community service and volunteerism. The GAA program encourages, supports and recognizes employees who embody the spirit of "Team Kentucky."

"Our employees are passionate about the work they do and we thank them for their continued commitment to improving the quality of life for residents across the commonwealth," Personnel Secretary Gerina D. Whethers said. "We congratulate this year's winners who have exemplified excellence in leadership, volunteerism and teamwork within state government."

A selection committee presents three finalists from each category to Gov. Beshear for the awards, who then selects the winner for each category. Historically, the award is presented to each receipt at the Governor's Mansion, however this ceremony was postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 precautions.

See recipients below:

- **Teamwork Award:** The Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT), Finance & Administration Cabinet
- **Professional Achievement Award:** Andy Sims - Unified Prosecutorial System, Commonwealth's Attorney for the 13th Judicial Circuit
- **Leadership Award:** Jennifer Withrow - Education & Workforce Development Cabinet, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- **Customer Service Award:** Tammy Morgan - Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Department of Public Advocacy
- **Courage Award:** Jeremy Cook - Tourism, Arts, & Heritage Cabinet, Parks Department
- **Volunteerism Award:**
 - Chris Meadows - Tourism, Arts, & Heritage, Department of Fish & Wildlife and
 - Susan Powell - Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services

For more details about the nominations, please [click here.](#)

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