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NJ CSC Hosted the New Jersey State Employee Recognition Day Award Ceremony

TRENTON, NJ – May 6 through May 12, 2024 marked Public Service Recognition Week in New Jersey. The week kicked off with a proclamation signed by Governor Phil Murphy. To celebrate some of the state's finest employees, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission (CSC) hosted the annual State Employee Recognition Day (SERD) Award Ceremony Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the Trenton War Memorial in the Patriots Theater.

Assemblywoman Tennille R. McCoy, from the 14TH Legislative District of NJ provided the keynote speech at this year's awards ceremony. Christina Taborell, Ombudsperson, Office of the Executive Ombudsperson, CSC served as the Mistress of Ceremony with welcoming remarks, reading of the proclamation, and closing remarks offered by Allison Chris Myers, Chair/Chief Executive Officer of CSC. Awards were presented by Allison Chris Myers and Rose-Clair Dunbar, Executive Assistant to the Chair/CEO of CSC.

The purpose of the SERD Award Ceremony is to provide a forum that recognizes and honors State government employees for their outstanding contributions, their strong work ethic that inspires accomplishment, and their commitment to excellence in public service.

"It was a privilege to be a part of a ceremony that highlights State employees for their demonstrated commitment to citizens of the State and the clients we serve," said Allison Chris Myers, Chair & Chief Executive Officer of CSC. "Consistent quality performance and contributions, innovative thinking, and representing the State with the highest standards of professionalism and ethics are just some of the exceptional efforts that were acknowledged at this event."

The awards presented were:

1. **LONGEST SERVING STATE EMPLOYEE AWARD** – recognizing dedication and 57 years of state service to the State of New Jersey. Awarded to Ronald Marino, Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
2. **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD** – recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live or to the State through organizational activities outside the workplace. Awarded to 12 recipients representing several departments.

3. HEROISM AWARD – recognizes employees who were selfless and successful at saving someone who was in a life-threatening situation. This person may have gone above and beyond the call of duty of New Jersey citizens. Awarded to 58 recipients representing several departments.
4. INNOVATION AND EFFICIENCY AWARD – recognizes employees who demonstrate a willingness to identify and implement business processes that make services more accessible to our clients, link budget decisions and program priorities more closely with program performance to achieve cost savings, generate revenue enhancements, and implement more efficient methods of service delivery. Awarded to 84 recipients representing several departments.
5. LEADERSHIP/PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – recognizes employees who have established a higher standard of work performance by example; demonstrated leadership qualities when presented with challenging assignments; voluntarily used their knowledge and skill to promote work-related development of other employees; contributed to building employee morale; improve work processes and procedures; encouraged initiative and forward thinking; has successfully established new and outstanding methods, practices, plans, or designs resulting practices, plans or designs resulting in cost savings, revenue generation, and/or workplace efficiencies. Awarded to 57 recipients representing several departments.
6. GOVERNOR’S TEAM OF EXCELLENCE AWARD – recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to public service by leading by example and helping the Governor meet his mission to make New Jersey a fairer and stronger place to live and work. Awarded to 213 recipients representing several departments.

The opening ceremony was performed by New Jersey State Trooper 1 Steven Chen badge #7377, Pipes and Drums of the Blue and Gold, New Jersey State Police. The National Anthem was sung by PayDay! acapella quartet featuring Pete Manfredo, Joe Ciccione, Jim Danner, and Mark Van Bruggen. The pledge of allegiance was led by Joseph Greer, Chief of Staff, CSC.