



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Larry Pickard Named Teacher of the Year
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Dear Staff and Stakeholders:

Yesterday I attended the Correctional Education Association of Ohio (CEA-Ohio) 2016 Teacher of the Year Luncheon. Five finalists represented instructional excellence and exemplary professionalism in correctional education.

I am pleased to announce that Larry Pickard from Indian River High School (Indian River JCF) was recognized as the 2016 CEA-Ohio Teacher of the Year. Mr. Pickard has been a dedicated Framing and Roofing Teacher at the school since 2012.

"I applaud Mr. Pickard's much-deserved recognition," said Jennifer Sanders, Superintendent of the Buckeye United School District. "He not only fully engages his students, but also gets them interested in giving back to the community through involvement with Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts of America, and more."

Among his accomplishments, Mr. Pickard started an initiative called the "Toolkit Program" which partners with Home Depot to give students the basic hand tools and gear they need to start their careers in construction.

Mr. Pickard is a great example to all of us of how ingenuity and commitment make a difference for youth. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Pickard for his excellent service as a correctional educator!

Pictured left to right: Jennifer Sanders, Larry Pickard, and Director Harvey Reed