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## Children of five Oregon DOC employees receive national scholarship

The children of five Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) employees were recently named recipients of the 2014 Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) Susan M. Hunter Correctional Scholarship awards. ASCA awards the scholarship to children of correctional staff who have maintained academic excellence.

In an informal ceremony yesterday, DOC Deputy Director Mitch Morrow presented student Taylor Dodge with her award on behalf of ASCA. The other recipients, Samantha Belleque, Kaitlyn Coakley, Justin Harris, and Selena Ortiz, were unable to attend the ceremony.

Harris, whose father is a release services manager at DOC's central office, received a \$500 scholarship. Harris is entering his junior year at Oregon State University, where he is an Honors College student studying biology with the goal of attending medical school. He will spend fall term in Bolivia as an intern with the Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine Program through Child Family Health International. This is the third year he has been awarded a Susan M. Hunter Scholarship.

Dodge, whose mother is a Parole Officer with Linn County Parole and Probation, received a \$1,000 scholarship. Dodge graduated from Dallas High School in 2014 and is entering her freshman year at the University of Oregon. She plans on studying Human Physiology.

Belleque, whose father is an institutions administrator for the department, received a \$500 scholarship. Belleque is a graduate of Blanchet Catholic School and is entering her sophomore year at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, majoring in accounting. This is the second year she has been awarded a Susan M. Hunter Scholarship.

Coakley, whose father is a health services technician at Columbia River Correctional Institution, received a \$500 scholarship. This is her fourth year as a Susan M. Hunter Scholarship recipient. A 2011 graduate of North Salem High School, Coakley is entering her senior year at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington.

Ortiz, whose father is a correctional officer at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, received a \$1,000 scholarship. Ortiz graduated from Vallivue High School in Caldwell, Idaho in 2012. She has just started her junior year at Boise State University, majoring in Criminal Justice.

The Susan M. Hunter Correctional Scholarship is named in honor of Susan Hunter, the former chief of the prison division at the National Institute of Corrections, as a lasting tribute to her commitment to the field of corrections.

DOC employs 4,500 staff members at 14 institutions, two community corrections offices, and several centralized support facilities throughout the state. The agency is responsible for the care and custody of more than 14,600 adults sentenced to more than 12 months of incarceration, direct supervision of 2,500 offenders on felony supervision in the community, and indirect supervision of another 31,000 offenders on felony supervision in the community. Its mission is to promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior.

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