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Oklahoma Correctional Association



It's Conference Time!!!!!!

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The Oklahoma Correctional Association is teaming up with the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice—Oklahoma Chapter to present the third combined membership conference entitled, “Facing New Challenges, Renewing Our Commitment” **October 12, 2012**



at the National Center for Employee Development Conference Center & Hotel (pictured above) in Norman, Oklahoma.

Your OCA Board is continuing to build criminal justice partnerships, enriching the bonds built from the two previous

combined conferences in 2010 & 2011 between OCA, OCP, and NABCJ . Last year, the three professional criminal justice association teamed up for a memorable conference, “All About You II”.

We hope you will join us for this year’s, 25th OCA

Anniversary Dinner and Association Awards Ceremony. We guarantee it to be a memorable and fun-filled occasion for everyone in attendance.

OCA’s 25th Anniversary Dinner & Association’s Awards will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00p.m. in the North East Learning Center. Keynote speaker will be Mr. James A. Gondles, Jr. (pictured

below) Executive Direc-



tor of the American Correctional Association. Tickets are available via PayPal on the OCA website for \$35. We will be presenting scholarships to our members and the OCA Achievement Award to our outstanding member.

Join us the following day for the General Session, outstanding workshops, an amazing vendor area, and networking with professionals in the criminal justice field.

Your Dual Membership Benefits:

- Corrections Today magazine
- On the Line Newsletter
- Discounts to ACA Conferences
- 20% discount on ACA publications, videos, & correspondence courses
- ACA Group Savings Programs
- Redlands Community College-Criminal Justice Tuition Discounts
- Other Special Discounts

Registration Information

Register for the conference by visiting the OCA website at www.myocaonline.org. Payment is available conveniently via PayPal. If registering through your institutions purchase order procedures, please contact Tisha Williams, Registration Chairperson at 580-327-8000.

Room Reservation Information

Hotel reservations may be made by individual attendees directly with the hotel at 405-447-9000, ext. 0 by September 21, 2012. Please note that only cash or credit cards are accepted for individual payment of sleeping rooms and/or incidentals—**personal checks are not accepted.**

A block of rooms has been reserved for **participants** until September 21, 2012 for \$77 (one Queen bed, breakfast for up to two) or \$127 (Suite, includes breakfast for up to four). When making reservations use code **9554**.

A block of rooms has been reserved for **exhibitors** until September 21, 2012 for \$89 (one Queen bed, breakfast for up to two) or \$139 (Suite, includes breakfast for up to four). When making reservations use code **9555**.

Check in time is 3:00p.m. and checkout time is 12:00p.m.

Tentative Schedule, October 12, 2012

8:30a.m.—Opening Session

Welcome by Leroy Young, President of OCA and Anita Alford, President of NABCJ.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker by Director Justin Jones.

Keynote Speaker Mr. James A. Gondles, Jr. Executive Director of the American Correctional Association.

9:45a.m.—Break

10:00a.m. Workshops (PREA*; The Truth Tests; We're Here; & Money Matters Part A) *see more information regarding the PREA workshop on page 4)

11:30—Lunch

1:00p.m. Workshops

(PREA –Adult Prisons, Jails, & Juvenile; The Brain, Stress Management and Mindfulness; Money Matters Part B)

2:30p.m. Break

2:45p.m. Leadership Panel –Get Ahead, Stay Ahead

3:45p.m.— Acknowledgements & Announcements

4:00p.m. OCA Business Meeting, Salon Q



Scholarships

Nominations for scholarship awards are being sought to be presented during the training conference on October, 12, 2012.

The Oklahoma Correctional Association scholarship awards are presented annually to financially assist individuals who are preparing for or who are already participating in an accredited college, university, or technical school.

Harjit Sanhu Criminal Justice Scholarship: This scholarship is presented in honor of Harjit Sandu,

Ph.D., professor of sociology at Oklahoma State University. It is awarded to the student who exemplifies Dr. Sandu's dedication to

higher learning and research in the criminal justice field.

Leon Dwight Russell Scholarship: This award is presented in memory of the late Leon Russell to commemorate his contributions to corrections in photography. Through the use of his camera, Mr. Russell cap-

tured the face of corrections giving Oklahoma a tangible, recorded history.

Two scholarships will be awarded. Additional scholarships may be awarded as funds are available.

[For more information visit the OCA web-site at www.myocaonline.org.](http://www.myocaonline.org)



Achievement Award—OCA's Highest Award

Nominations are currently being sought for the Oklahoma Correctional Association's highest award – the **Oklahoma Correctional Association Achievement Award.**

This award recognizes member's outstanding accomplishments in criminal justice and corrections as well as service to the Oklahoma Correctional Association.

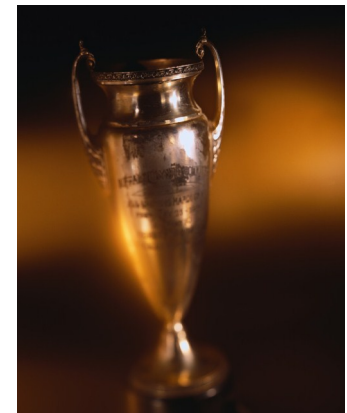
Eligibility Criteria The recipient must be a current member of the Oklahoma Correctional Association.

The recipient must have made an outstanding contribution to the field of juvenile or adult corrections, and/or criminal justice, and/or to the Oklahoma Correctional Association.

Nomination Process

Oklahoma Correctional Association members may nominate a respected colleague or themselves for the Achievement Award by completing a nomination form and submitting it, along with a completed biographical sketch form, and any letters of support.

[deadlines for submission visit the OCA website at www.myocaonline.org.](http://www.myocaonline.org)



[For more information and](#)

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Information and Pre-Conference “Homework”



PREA General Session (Morning)

This general session will provide all attendees an overview of PREA and the impact it will have on agencies/facilities. The following topics will be covered in this session: Background on PREA; Overview of the final standards; Update on the audit process; Update on the National PREA Resource Center.

Session 1 – Adult Prisons and Jails (Afternoon Session)

The PREA Resource Center (PRC) is working to address sexual safety in confinement, and to assist state and local jurisdictions with implementation of the Department of Justice national PREA standards. This workshop will provide attendees from adult corrections and jails a review of the recently approved federal PREA standards, which became effective August 20, 2012 and information about the development, implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the standards. The panel of presenters will afford the attendees an open interactive workshop with Q & A. All attendees will need to become familiar with the PREA Standards for Prisons and Jails or

PREA Community Standards, The Toolkit for Jails and the Policy Guide. **All of these materials are available on the OCA website. Space is limited to 30 attendees.**

Session 2 – Juvenile (State and Local Detention and Confinement) – Afternoon Session

The PREA Resource Center (PRC) is working to address sexual safety in confinement, and to assist state and local jurisdictions with implementation of the Department of Justice national PREA standards. This workshop will provide attendees from the juvenile detention and confinement centers a review of the recently approved federal PREA standards for Juvenile Agencies and Facilities, which became effective August 20, 2012 and information about the development, implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the standards. The attendees will need to become familiar with the PREA Standards, The Toolkit for Juvenile Agencies and Facilities and the Policy Guide. **All of these materials are available on the OCA web-**

site. Space is limited to 30 attendees.

Link for Juvenile Facilities

<http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/library/preafinalstandardstype-juveniles.pdf>

Link for Community Confinement Standards

<http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/library/preafinalstandardstype-communityconfinement.pdf>

Link for Adult Prisons and Jails

<http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/sites/default/files/library/preafinalstandardstype-prisonsandjails.pdf>

Tool kits as noted above in the statement and the Policy Guidelines have been placed on the OCA website due to amount of content. **No copies will not be available at the conference.**

