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13th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Presented by the Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service

Winner Announcement

The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service in partnership with the Governor's Office extends a special thanks to all who applied for the 13th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. These awards recognize individual volunteers through a statewide award program to highlight the importance of volunteerism and community service in the State of Illinois. The winners are broken down into five regions: Northeast, Northwest, North Central, Central, and Southern.

Region 1 -- Northeast

Jiheon Kang -- Adult -- Cook County
Michael LaVant -- AmeriCorps Seniors Member -- Cook County
Peter Paquette -- Senior -- Cook County
Jahkil Jackson -- Youth -- Cook County
Ranee Sudkamp -- Business -- Cook County

Region 2 -- Northwest

Curtis Wilson -- Adult -- Kane County
Iola Mobley -- AmeriCorps Seniors Member -- Kankakee County
Jagger Barnes -- COVID-19 Projects -- Lake County
Arthur Vidmar -- Senior -- Will County
Joel Setya -- Youth -- Will County
John Branz -- Business (Volunteer Work) -- Kankakee County

Region 3 -- North Central

Amber Hopwood -- Adult -- Peoria County



Region 4 -- Central

Krystal West -- Adult -- Montgomery County **Ruth Shireman** -- AmeriCorps Seniors Member -- Adams County **Dana Metheney-Adams** -- Senior -- Madison County

Region 5 -- Southern

Deborah (Debbie) McAuliffe -- Adult -- St. Clair County
Jeff Gee -- AmeriCorps Seniors Member -- Williamson County
Ken McGuffin -- COVID-19 Projects -- St. Clair County
Violette Nast -- Senior -- Monroe County
Natalie Martin -- Youth -- Jackson County

To learn more about the 2022 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards, head to: https://serve.illinois.gov/volunteerism/volunteers/volunteer-awards.html

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