

THE DJJ RUNDOWN



Welcome to The Rundown!

September 18, 2020

Welcome to *The DJJ Rundown*, a quick and informative way for our agency, providers and community partners to stay connected. We look forward to bringing you important news and updates on what's happening with Team DJJ as well as sharing some fun topics and ideas. Thank you for taking a moment out of your day with us and as always, thank you for supporting our agency's work in helping Florida's youth and families.

Secretary Marstiller Joins Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators Board of Directors

Join us in congratulating Secretary Marstiller on her appointment to the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) Board of Directors!

The Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving local juvenile correctional services, programs and practices so the youths within the systems succeed when they return to the community and to providing national leadership and leadership development for the individuals responsible for the systems. In addition to serving on the board, Secretary Marstiller will also serve as chair of the Codes of Practices Committee.



DJJ News You Can Use

2020 Human Trafficking Summit

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Virtual Conference

The Attorney General's Office, along with the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the Florida Department of Health, the University of Central Florida, the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking and the Junior Leagues of Florida State Public Affairs Committee are hosting the 2020 Human Trafficking Summit. The Summit brings together local, state, and national leaders working eradicate all forms of trafficking. Breakout sessions include recent updates and developments in the areas of legal and law enforcement, service delivery, policy/research, and healthcare. The Keynote Address at the 2020 Human Trafficking Summit will be delivered by Tim Tebow, two-time college football national champion, Heisman Trophy winner, and author. The Tim Tebow Foundation works to put an end to human trafficking to make the lives of children better.

To register for the Summit, click [here](#).



Quotable Quote

**BELIEVE YOU CAN,
AND YOU'RE
HALFWAY THERE.**

- THEODORE ROOSEVELT

And the winner is...



As you might remember, students from a variety of DJJ programs across the state recently participated in the annual "Clash of the Heroes" Comic Book Contest hosted by the National Center on Improving Literacy. The contest included two stages: the creation of a unique character drawing and the writing of a character's story.

Congratulations to both our two winners: Student S.W. from Manatee AMIkids, who won the art contest with the character *Gabel Hook* (pictured right), and Student C.S from Manatee AMIkids, who won the creative writing prize.

With over 2,400 votes casted, we want to thank everyone who participated and supported these talent youth and their creative endeavors. You can view all the submissions by clicking [here!](#)

The Good News Report

[13-Year-Old Invents Kit to Prevent Drowning in Florida](#)



Florida shores may soon become a bit safer thanks to the ingenuity of 13-year-old Kaial Hajik in Panama City Beach. After hearing of several drownings in the Gulf of Mexico over the past few years, Kaial, a Boy Scout and aspiring Air Force Academy cadet, worked with his father to devise a emergency kit prototype called the "LifeBoKx". The LifeBoKx contains basic lifesaving equipment and educational material to be positioned along the shoreline of Panama City Beach. The idea, Kaial's father, Joe Hajik, told CNN, is not just to save those drowning but to also provide resources for those responding to an emergency.

[Pedaling For A Purpose: Miami Officer Joe McCrink Riding 1,000 Miles For Childhood Cancer Awareness Month](#)



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and for years police officers and first responders have been hitting the road on their bikes riding hundreds of miles in honor a very special little girl. Bella Rodriguez-Torres, who lost her battle to cancer in 2013 when she was only 10 years old. Unfortunately, the pandemic forced them to cancel this year's bike ride.

However, Joe McCrink a City of Miami Police Officer is not letting the coronavirus get in the way of his goal. "My goal is to ride 1,000 miles the month of September. 1,000 is my goal to raise \$15,000," explained McCrink to CBS4 News. Officer McCrink is riding alone and believes while we are all still socially distant, we can still do our part to Live Like Bella and help put an end to childhood cancer.

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