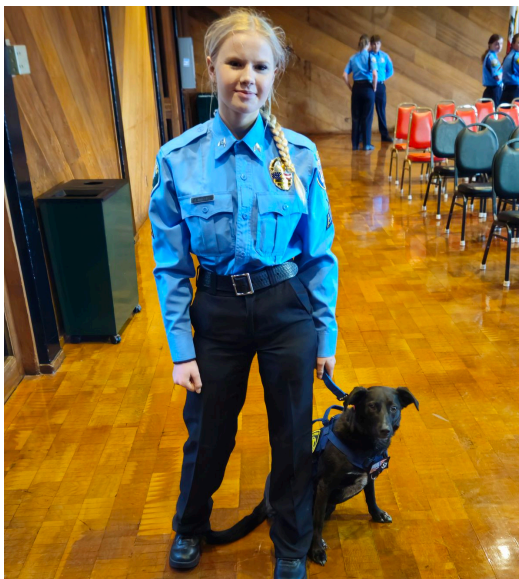
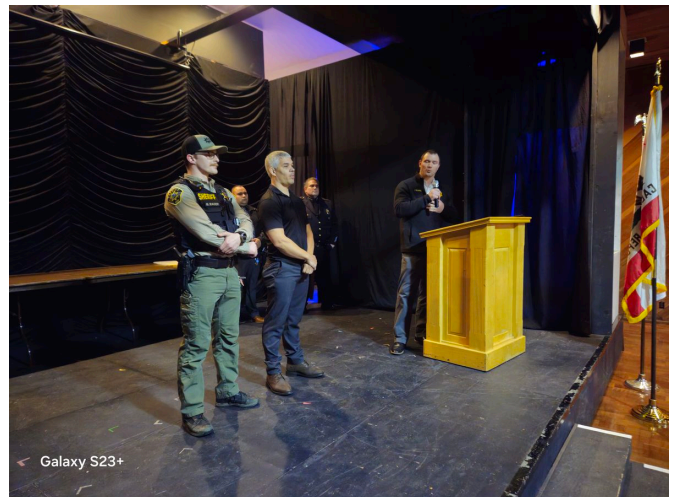


LEADN Awards: a Night of Celebration and Recognition

March 25, 2025





Law Enforcement of Del Norte (LEADN) honored its own, last Thursday evening at the Cultural Center.

After host Chief of Police Richard Griffin welcomed the presentation of colors by the Pelican Bay Honor Guard and assisted by the Crescent City Police Explorers Chief Griffin began the cavalcade of those law enforcement heroes who selflessly served to keep this community safe.

Here are those who were recognized last week:

- Del Norte District Attorney Kathryn Micks presents Special Recognition for DNSD Sgt. Leanne McClafflin
- Pelican Bay State Prison Warden Steven Smith recognizes Crisis Response Team (CRT).
- Undersheriff Devin Perry honors Deborah Guzman Correctional Tech for 2024
- Chris Harper is recognized as Search and Rescue member of the Year.
- John Clemons received SAR commendation
- John Loy was awarded Del Norte Sheriff Dispatcher for 2024.
- DNSD recognized Silas Grigsby as Patrol Sgt. of the year.
- Michael McIntire was recognized as Corrections Sgt. for 2024.
- Lucas Brittain was recognized as Del Norte Deputy of the Year.
- Chief Probation Office Lonnie Reyman recognized Brittney Weinand, Legal Clerk and Shawna Wilson from the Reentry Officer of the Year, respectively.
- Emily Johnson was recognized as Supervising Deputy Probation Officer of 2024.
- CHP Lt Commander James Richards recognized Daniel Ward as Patrol Officer of the Year.
- Pelican Bay State Prison Sgt. Joao Silva was recognized by Warden Smith. The PBSP Firehouse team was also recognized.
- Chief Richard Griffin proudly recognized Jordan Fillippa as Officer of the Year, Jenna Phillips (and Juno) as Explorer of the Year.
- Gloria Bobertz was honored as City volunteer for 2024.
- Yurok Tribal Lt.
- Jake Morris recognized deputies Brandon Rager and James Kleinhans for a life saving medal of valor award, on the Klamath River.
- Detective Miller and Sgt. Pearson were also honored by The PBSP CRT team for its investigative work on a challenging case.

The Cultural Center was standing room only as friends, family and the community came out to recognize LEADN Award recipients.