

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Benjamin Lopez
First Name Benjamin Middle Initial Last Name Lopez

Honoree's Job Title: **Detention Officer**

Department: Support Services

Years of Service with the County: 2

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Officer Lopez has consistently proven to be a reliable, dependable, and dedicated team member. His professionalism and work ethic make him an invaluable asset to our team. Officer Lopez's positive attitude and willingness to help wherever needed set him apart as a true team player. During the kitchen construction period, Officer Lopez remained on the job without complaint, working diligently until the contractors completed their work. Since his return to the Kitchen Officer position, Officer Lopez has made significant improvements in our operations. Notably, he has nearly eliminated callbacks to the pods, demonstrating a high level of competence and efficiency. He takes great pride in his role and is particularly conscientious about reducing waste, ensuring that the number of "trays" wasted is minimized. This commitment to reducing waste not only improves the kitchen's efficiency but also contributes to saving the county valuable resources. Officer Lopez has also shown an exceptional understanding of the importance of following TCJS standards. When he identified a potential issue regarding inmate meals, he immediately took initiative to find a solution, demonstrating both attention to detail and a proactive approach to problem-solving.

Approved by elected official or department head on the

21st day of April, 2025


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Jim Skinner, Sheriff
Printed Name