



GOVERNOR'S JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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To: Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Professionals, Advocates, and Stakeholders
From: Wisconsin's Governor's Juvenile Justice Commission
Re: Tony Maggione Youth Excellence Award 2022
Date: May 2, 2022

The Governor's Juvenile Justice Commissioner (GJJC) serves as the State Advisory Group (SAG) to the Governor and Legislature on matters critical to juvenile justice, under the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA). The GJJC is comprised of individuals with extensive expertise and experience with the juvenile justice system including, juvenile justice professionals, law enforcement, corrections professionals, attorneys, judges, mental health practitioners, staff of nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth programming, and youth with experience in the juvenile justice system.

In this capacity, the Commission presents the Tony Maggione Youth Excellence Award to a remarkable young person in Wisconsin every two years. This award recognizes a youth person, having prior contact with the juvenile justice system, that has achieved personal success and has made positive contributions to their community.

The award is in honor of the late, Tony Maggione, who served on the GJJC for 17 years and was a tireless advocate for people living in poverty. Tony helped wage Milwaukee's war on poverty for more than 20 years as the Associate Director of the Social Development Commission (SDC). He was an outspoken and steadfast voice to push reforms that would reduce the disparities present in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Tony often described his philosophy as, "You just keep pushing and pushing. You don't give up."

The GJJC presents the award recipient with:

- Recognition at the GJJC Commission Meeting on August 9, 2022.
- Name engraved on the Tony Maggione Youth Excellence Award plaque displayed at the Wisconsin Department of Justice.
- A letter of recommendation for the youth person to use for future employment or educational opportunities.

Please submit the attached form nominating a young person:

- Between ages 16 to 25 years old.
- Previously under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.
- Has made great strides, despite previous involvement in the juvenile justice system, in overcoming obstacles to improve their life and their community.

Nominations are due June 17, 2022. Please email the attached nomination form and supporting documents to Sabrina Gentile, Wisconsin Department of Justice – Justice Programs Coordinator at gentilem@doj.state.wi.us.

The nominator of the selected young person will be contacted to obtain a release for the young person to be notified and recognized. Please contact Sabrina Gentile with any questions at (608) 287-4310.

Please circulate this memo and attached nomination form to all interested individuals.
