



2022 APPA AWARD WINNERS

The APPA REFORMER HONOR

Bryan Stevenson - *Equal Justice Initiative*

Bryan Stevenson, is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*. As only the second recipient of this award in APPA history, Stevenson was recognized for his service and commitment to community corrections reform through his work as the Founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

THE APPA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Antonio Gomez - *Alameda County Probation Department*

Antonio Gomez is a unit supervisor in the Juvenile Field Services Section of the Alameda County Probation Department in California. Gomez received the honor for his work in implementing the [Wall of Success](#), a program highlighting client successes and healthy changes. The APPA President's Award is bestowed upon individuals, agencies, and programs that have advanced their system through effective and innovative community corrections or crime prevention programs, advancements in technology, or publishing a national article which provides insight into effective community corrections practices.

The JOE KEGANS AWARD FOR VICTIM SERVICES IN PROBATION AND PAROLE

Libby Hamilton - *Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles*

Libby Hamilton is the Victim Liaison for the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles. Hamilton was recognized for developing the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles' Victim Liaison program, where she provides staff the necessary training and guidance. In addition to being appointed by Texas Governor Gregg Abbott to the Texas Crime Victim's Institute Advisory Council, Hamilton and her staff have provided support for over 1,400 victims and their families.