

TEAMWORK AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

LAWRENCE –Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department held its annual Holiday Luncheon and Teamwork Recognition recently. During the luncheon, the Tom Wilkerson Teamwork Awards were also presented.

The Tom Wilkerson Teamwork Award, established in 1999, has three categories: category I and II are for an individual or group of employees who exemplify teamwork in both full-time and part-time capacities; the third is given to an outside agency or city department, individual or group who has assisted the department in obtaining success. The category II award was added in 2004 to recognize part-time employees.

Nominations are taken from employees and then the awards are presented at the department's annual holiday luncheon.

Receiving this year's teamwork award for category I (full-time employees) included: Aquatic Division maintenance team – Mike Nunez, park and facility maintenance II; Michael Hughes, park and facility maintenance II; Rick Callahan, field supervisor and Pat

Hennessey, park operations manager; Alison Dudley, recreation programmer, Bobby Wilson, recreation programmer, and Mark Brown, field supervisor; John Shrum, park and facility maintenance II; Dean Freeman, parks and facility maintenance II and Brent Hill, field supervisor, for their work on the renovation process of the gymnastics room at East Lawrence Center.

Receiving a teamwork award for category II (part-time employees) was Landon Noll, part-time staff, for his work with the gymnastics program.

Receiving a teamwork award for category III (other groups or individuals) was Chris Tilden from the Lawrence-Douglas County Health

Department. For his assistance with the development of nutrition standards LPRD adopted in early 2015 and the development of tobacco-free policy the department has been working on to implement in 2016.

