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McClure wins Excellence in State Government Award

JACKSON – A long-time servant of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and leader of the agency’s flagship prison, Marc McClure, is among the latest recipients of the highest awards in Mississippi government service.

McClure, superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, is the winner of the 2022 Award for Excellence in State Government. Gov. Tate Reeves announced McClure and Bryan Dye, the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Local and District Government, as winners Monday.

“I’m very thankful for all the public servants across Mississippi who each day work to quietly carry out the often-thankless tasks that improve our state,” Gov. Reeves said. “Over the years, Marc has dedicated himself to helping those who are incarcerated to set foot onto a new path.”

A West Point native, McClure said he appreciates the support he receives from the state. “It takes a lot when you commit yourself to state government,” McClure said as he thanked his family, Commissioner Burl Cain, and Deputy Commissioner for Institutions Jeworski Mallett. “Without your support and belief in me and confidence, I wouldn’t be able to do what I do. I just want to thank you.”

McClure began his law enforcement career with the West Point Police Department in 1995 and joined MDOC in 1998. McClure moved through the ranks from a special response team commander to probation/parole agent, agent supervisor, and Community Corrections Director. In April 2021, McClure was named Superintendent of the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Rankin County, MDOC’s largest prison, before moving to his current assignment.

Gov. Reeves noted that McClure has diligently addressed the many parts of prison operations and life for his staff and the inmates. McClure has handled contracts

with external vendors and helped to establish innovative partnerships with businesses, turning negotiations into internal opportunities for the prison system.

For the incarcerated population, Gov. Reeves said that McClure has developed classes to help inmates acclimate to prison life while helping them learn new ways to spend their time. “He has realized that training these individuals and giving them jobs adds to their self-worth and dignity,” Gov. Reeves said.

Looking out for the officers and support staff, Gov. Reeves said McClure is a driving force for employees to create a safe and rehabilitative community within the prison environment. “He is a type of leader who empowers his team and insures they have what they need to succeed,” Gov. Reeves said.

McClure and his wife, Lee Ann, have two children, Matthew and Caitlyn. He is the son of mom and step-dad, Nelda and Gerald Oswalt.

The Mississippi Legislature authorized the State Personnel Board to establish the Excellence in Government Awards Program and the inaugural award was given in 2012 to encourage the development of innovative systems of public administration.

Through the awards, the state annually recognizes excellence and innovation in managing administrative procedures, increasing the quality of public service at the state, district, and local government levels. A maximum of two individuals, or two groups of individuals, are named with one receiving the state award and the other receiving the local award.



Supt. Marc McClure

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