



The best, most dedicated public servants

Tony C. Parker

ACA Immediate Past President

Ladies and gentlemen, once again, let me take this opportunity to tell each of you how much I appreciate your loyalty, dedication and support for the corrections industry.

Since becoming president of this association, I have personally witnessed the best corrections has to offer! I know the “best of days” in the correctional arena, the work each of you do is uniquely challenging, unforgiving and often very dangerous. Our mission is to engage people, at what is often, their lowest point in life, and using the tools and resources available, provide opportunities for people to return to society as law abiding citizens.

We all, you all, play a critical role in this mission ... whether you work in custody and control, health care, support services, our corporate partners, it takes a team effort to complete the true mission of corrections. Thank you all for the great work you do in this very challenging field.

I would like to offer a special thank you to the ACA staff for their support during my term as President. To every member who has served on our committees, thank you for your commitment to excellence and sustaining our mission. I would like to thank members of the executive

committee, the board of governors and the delegate assembly for your service and your sacrifice in serving our association.

ACA has greatly expanded our footprint and mission both nationally and internationally. That would not have happened without the dedication and leadership of Dr. Betty Gondles. Dr. Gondles, you have led the charge with the Office of Correctional Health as well as ACA’s global expansion to countries such as Columbia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Korea, Mexico and the Bahamas to name a few. Dr. Gondles, thank you for your unwavering support of our mission and your dedication to the American Correctional Association.

I would like to thank the members of the ACA Executive Director selection committee for working over this last year to recommend a candidate to the Board of Governors that will serve as ACA’s new executive director, Mr. Rob Green. Rob, a person who has served the ACA for many years in several capacities, I say thank you for all you have done and all you will do for the American Correctional Association. Congratulations Rob!

Finally, I want to personally say thank you to Jim Gondles, ACA’s executive director. Jim, thank you

for 32 years of unwavering service to the American Correctional Association. Your support and commitment to the correction profession through the development and expansion of correctional best practices is second to none. Thank you, Jim!

The future of the ACA is bright. As I prepare to pass the gavel to ACA’s next president, Denise Robinson, Denise, I say, “congratulations” and know I am here to support you and your initiatives as you lead ACA into these next two years.

In closing, again I offer a heartfelt, sincere, thank you to each of you for allowing me to experience, an honor of a lifetime, in serving as the President of the American Correctional Association, as well as, 40 years of serving with a group of people who are considered by many “the best, most dedicated public servants ... That can be found ... America’s correctional employees!” Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony C. Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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