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## Victims Services staff recognized for excellence

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JACKSON – Two members of the Division of Victims Services staff at the Mississippi Department of Corrections were recently honored and recognized for their work and accomplishments through assisting victims with their concerns.

DVS & SAVIN Director Gwendolynn Santos presented the awards on April 24 during National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

LaMerica Garner received an award for her outstanding service as the lead victim advocate for DVS. LaMerica provides vital services with a balance of professionalism and caring support. She was recognized for her tireless commitment and she brings a beautiful light to the team and overall betterment to Central Office.

Joshua Rogers received an award for his outstanding service as the division's SAVIN Program Specialist. Joshua not only manages the Statewide Automated Victim Notification & Information program [SAVIN], but also steps in to support DVS with additional victim-based services. He was recognized for his outstanding commitment to his role with a friendly demeanor.

