



2025 BILLY MAX MOORE AWARD RECIPIENT: **Coby Jones**



Billy Max Moore recipient Coby Jones, David Farabough, NAIA President and NAIA Board Member Kenny Raiford.

Looking at the past recipients of the Billy Max Moore award, this award carries a lot of responsibility to uphold. It is my privilege, to recommend a candidate from Arkansas Department of Corrections that will carry on this tradition.

Coby Jones started his career with the Arkansas Department of Corrections in 2017 in field security at the Newport Unit. In 2020, Coby made the move to the North Central Unit A and joined the Ag Division in the horse program. Coby made quite an impression on everyone with his ability to train horses and his work ethic. During his early time with the Ag Division, he was a part of the traveling hay crew, which required a lot of early morning and late nights. Coby never complained he just did his job.

BILLY MAX MOORE AWARD



Billy Max Moore

The Billy Max Moore Award is designed to focus attention on the degree of excellence in our profession and to recognize outstanding performance. This award was named in honor of Billy Max Moore, who was an employee of the Texas Department of Correction from 1968 to 1981. Mr. Moore was the farm manager of the Ellis Unit, and an active member of the NAIA. Mr. Moore lost his life in the line of duty on April 4, 1981. It is in recognition of his supreme sacrifice, commemoration to the Texas Department of Corrections and institutional agribusiness, the NAIA Board of Directors dedicate this award.

In 2023, Coby moved up and took over more of the day-to-day operations of the Horse Program. Coby has a true gift working with horses. His philosophy is he will not send a horse out of his program that he would not use himself. Coby has been a valuable member of our horse sale team for the last five (5) years. Coby does his job to the best of his ability every day. He never complains about the hours or tasks assigned to him. The only request that he makes is to be home at night with his family. Coby has done everything the right way. The only way you can get Coby frustrated is to take him to a restaurant that does not serve a cheeseburger!

It is my honor to nominate Coby Jones for the Billy Max Moore Award

