Call for Public Service Award Nominations

I have found working in state government to be incredibly rewarding, and I encourage others to do the same. If you know a public servant whose dedication to the profession may also aims to recognize public servants whose dedication to the profession may

Student Profile: 3L Brandon Elyakim

General Profile:
- Elyakim is a member of the Environmental Law Society, a mentor in the Bridge to Law School Program, where he provides advice to an undergraduate student in either the civil or criminal field
- He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in sports management, with a minor in psychology, from Lynn University
- He is a certified legal intern at the Public Defender's Office for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. In that role, Elyakim represented juveniles during all stages of proceedings, from arraignment to adjudication, including handling five juvenile misdemeanor bench trials. He interviewed clients; reviewed and classified evidence; prepped and classified evidence; prepped and conducted legal research and writing. He previously was a certified legal intern at the Public Defender's Office for the Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida. There, he assists with assistant public defenders in complex felony juvenile cases.

Expected Graduation:
- May 2023

Desired Practice Location:
- Not focused on living in either the civil or criminal field

Field of Law Sought:
- Litigation (trial or appellate)

Honors:
- Beta Sigmata
- Environmental Law Society
- Bridge to Law School Program
- Mentor in Bridge to Law School Program

Achievements:
- Interviewed clients; reviewed and classified evidence; prepared and attended proceedings; conducted legal research and writing
- Represented juveniles during all stages of proceedings, from arraignment to adjudication, including handling five juvenile misdemeanor bench trials
- Assisted with assistant public defenders in complex felony juvenile cases

Characteristics:
- Attentive when people speak. I get along well with others and keep a cool demeanor when encountering various personalities. I also enjoy legal research and writing and have published articles in law journals and legal blogs.

Additional Information:
- As a legal intern, Elyakim has also been involved in various legal matters, including representing clients in criminal and civil cases, conducting legal research and writing, and preparing for trials.
- He has also been involved in various community service initiatives, including volunteering with legal aid organizations and participating in pro bono legal services.

“Some of my favorite moments during law school have been spent working on legal matters, conducting legal research and writing, and providing legal advice to others. I am passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of others through my legal work. I am committed to providing exceptional legal services to my clients and am always seeking new opportunities to learn and grow as a lawyer.”