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# NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION DIVISION OF PRISONS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BULLETIN

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## Fourteen Students Graduate from the Food and Nutrition Food Service Training Program



Pictured with the graduates are DOC Regional Director George E. Currie, NCCCS Vice President Delores Parker, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry, and Charles Vaughn, Assistant to the commissioner.

The Test Kitchen on Yonkers Rd. and the Randall Canteen on West Morgan St. celebrated their second Food and Nutrition Food Service Training Program Graduation on Friday, June 6, 2008 at 10:00am at Yonkers Road Enterprise Conference Room. Trainees were inspired by words of encouragement from North Carolina Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry, who also expressed how impressed she has been with the progress of the program.

The Food and Nutrition Food Service on the job training program (OJT) is registered as a Skilled Trade with the NCDOL under the Apprenticeship Committee. There were (14) inmates who successfully complete the program. NCCCS supports the related instructions required for the Vocational Food Service on the Job Program with the ServSafe Certification for Management. Four of the women scored 100% on their ServSafe exam.

The ceremony was followed by a scrumptious meal which consisted of a well prepared sit-down meal of prime rib, stuffed chicken breasts, baked potato w/toppings, wild rice, broccoli, onion straws, and ceasar and mixed

spring salad. The desserts served were key lime pie, lemon bars, brownies, chocolate dipped strawberries, and mixed fruit.

Mr. George E. Currie, Central Region Director, was also in attendance at the ceremony. He encouraged the entire team to continue with their efforts in building a stronger program. Mr. Currie has been a strong supporter of the training program, which assists inmates with their integration back into society, by providing them with skilled trade training and life skills. The ladies participate in the program for 26 weeks, and rotate throughout eight training positions during that time.

NCCCS Sr. Vice President, Dr. Delores Parker gave remarks about the outstanding job Wake Tech Community College has done with the related instruction in ServSafe. Also in attendance was Charles Vaughn, assistant to Commissioner Berry, Lloyd Inman, of the NCDENA, and Barry Parker of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

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## Harnett Correctional Institution News



Central Carolina Community College  
Keynote speaker, Provost Bill Tyson

The year 2008 was definitely a year of new beginnings for a group of inmates at Harnett Correctional Institution. The inmates celebrated long awaited accomplishments by becoming college graduates. This opportunity of life long education is provided through Harnett Correctional Institution's partnership with Central Carolina Community College and Shaw University. Through

the collaboration of this community partnership HCI education and vocational department is able to afford opportunities of education to its inmates in the areas of Bachelors and Associates of Science degrees in business administration as well as diplomas in eight vocational concentrations. Each of these programs have high performance standard and requires complete devotion and dedication, therefore the completing of the various programs this spring has served as a celebratory milestone for the graduating Inmates.

On May 16, 2008, Central Carolina held its 18<sup>th</sup> annual commencement exercises at HCI for the 2008 Associates of Science in Business Administration graduates and the vocational

diploma recipients,. It was a day filled with excitement and triumph. William Tyson, Provost of Harnett County Operation for CCC, addressed the awaiting inmates encouraging them to strive beyond their circumstances. Harnett Correctional Institution's Administrator, Mr. Joseph B. Hall and Assistant Superintendent for Programs, Tresa Brown Tomlinson assisted in awarding the following Honors: Twenty-four graduates received their two-year Associate Degree from Central Carolina Community College's Business Administration Program. Diplomas were awarded in the following vocational programs:

- Electrical/Electronic Technology (16),
- Masonry (14),
- Electronic Servicing Technology (15),
- Welding Technology (15) and
- Carpentry (3)

A total of 63 diploma graduates and certificates were also awarded in the following programs:

- Automotive Systems Technology (13),
- Small Engine and Equipment Repair (14),
- Foodservice Technology (24)

for a total of 51 awarded certificates.

However, certificate recipients do not participate in the graduation ceremonies.



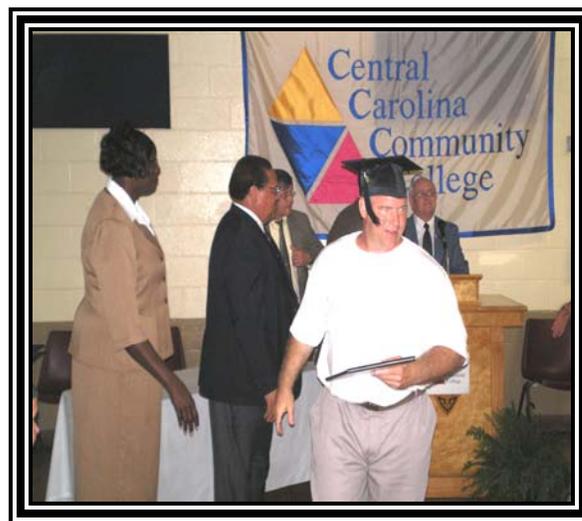
The Harnett Correctional Institution Shaw University Class of 2008



Joe Gentry, Co-Valedictorian  
Addresses graduates

On May 27 2008, an "apex of years of training" as inmate Joe Gentry coined it, ended for 13 Inmates participating in the Shaw University Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program at Harnett Correctional Institution. Shaw University held its annual commencement exercises in the facility's Chapel. The inmates proceeded into the chapel adorned in their caps and gown, each taking the stage to receive their honors with a story of their journey in tow and exited in pursuit of a future to behold.

"It doesn't matter what happens on the road to get here," Dr. Perry, Assistant Vice President of Shaw University said. "What matters is that you seek the truth in the future. Harnett Correctional Administrator, Joseph Hall, encouraged the graduates saying "the tragedy in life is not making a mistake, it is not learning from a mistake and you have shown today that you have learned from the mistakes you made that brought you here.



Mr. Joseph Hall, Harnett Correctional Administrator and Tresa Brown -Tomlinson, Assistant Superintendent of Programs awarding degrees



Harnett Correctional Institution – Central Carolina Community College Business Administration Class of 2008

**Education Program Announcement**

Harnett Correctional Institution in partnership with Central Carolina Community College and collaboration with the NC Board of Barber examiners will open a Barber College at our facility coming this fall. The barbering program is a three phase program designed to educate, train and license inmates as registered barbers.



Mr. Ventura Devane, CCM  
Feeling the pain after assisting & planning the 2008 Shaw University Graduation



**Brown Creek Correctional Institution**  
**CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISE**

Nine Inmates Receive Journeyman Certification at Enterprise Metal Products Plant by Richard Nicholson

On Friday, April 25, 2008, nine Correction Enterprises inmate welding apprentices completed their course of study and graduated as Journeyman Combination Welders. This noteworthy accomplishment was recognized by Ms. Cherie Berry, Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Labor, in a formal award ceremony conducted at Brown Creek Correctional Institution.

The event’s keynote speaker was Ms. Karen Brown, Director of Correction Enterprises. In addition, the program featured Mr. Bill Stovall, Deputy Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Correction; Mr. Arthur Clark, North Carolina Department of Correction Extension Education Specialist, and Mr. Charles Bell, Welding Instructor at Central Carolina Community College and Harnett Correctional Institution.

The highlight of the program was keynote speaker Karen Brown’s words to the inmates, using the acronym ADVICE, Attitude, Direction, Values, Interest, Commitment and Encouragement. These words of ADVICE encouraged the graduates by letting them know the road is not at an end and that a beacon of light existed for them to strive toward. Ms. Brown left them feeling they were “the captains of their fates and the masters of their souls.”

The apprentices were represented by inmate graduate, Phillip Gentry’s moving words. He spoke of a new direction and the opportunities that programs such as ours present to them.

The inmates are required to complete 320 hours of classroom instruction at Harnett Correctional Institution’s Welding Technology program. Upon completion of that phase of the apprenticeship, they are transferred to Brown Creek Correctional Institution to complete the on-the-job training phase at the Correction Enterprises Metal Products Plant under the instruction of Enterprise welding supervisor and apprentice sponsor Richard “Nic” Nicholson.

The Welding Apprenticeship Program is a partnership between Harnett Correctional Institution and the Enterprise Metal Products Plant, which is managed by Mr. Clayton Wright. The Program is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year, with 22 graduates accounting for a 75% completion rate. Journeyman Certificates were awarded to inmates Samuel Lampley, Joseph McKoy, William Tate, Sr., Denatus Ratliff, Barry Wheless, Micheal Covington, Phillip Gentry, Larry Goodson, and Billy Luther.



Graduates 2008



Graduates pictured with Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Labor Cherie Berry



Craven Graduation 2008



Graduate celebrates

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**CRAVEN CORRECTIONAL  
INSTITUTION**

Craven Correctional Institution in conjunction with Craven Community College held its spring GED graduation on May 20, 2008. Leondus Farrow, Principal at a local high school, delivered the keynote address while an inmate honor student provided a commencement speech. The eight graduates proudly marched in to the musical selection, Pomp and Circumstances, rendered by the band. The Inmate Service Club donated two photographs to each of the graduates. The celebration was enjoyed by the graduates and their families with a graduation cake and other refreshments provided by The Community Resource Council.

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**Davidson  
Correctional Center**

Davidson Correctional Center had a great year in the area of education. The part time ABE/GED program had eight students successfully complete their GED. This is quite an achievement considering they only have six hours of class time a week. The Horticulture Program is the longest continuous running vocational program. This past year 17 students completed the six month long program.

The HRD Program provided by Davidson County Community College has been expanded to six weeks. In addition, a Career Readiness Certification has been added to the program. The CRC is a value added credential that promotes skill attainment for the individual and confirms to employers that an individual possesses basic workplace skills in reading, applied math and locating information - skill required by 85% of all jobs.

Students use a Work Keys System that assesses their proficiency in the areas of Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics and Locating Information. Students have the potential to earn Gold, Silver or Bronze Certificates, depending on their test results. We had three students that were awarded certificates, one in each category.



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## Lumberton Correctional Institution

Lumberton Correctional Institution held its annual graduation ceremony on May 22, 2008. There were 21 inmates to participate in the ceremony; 11 GED Certificates and 10 Vocational Certificates were received. An additional 5 inmates had earned GED's during the past year; however due to transferring to another facility, they were unable to participate in the ceremony. Inmate James Markham completed all three vocational classes, carpentry, electrical and heating/air conditioning, with a perfect score of 4.0.

The welcome and introductions were made by Mr. Don Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Custody and Operations. Invocation was given by Chaplin Steve Enloe. Rev. Mike Cummings, Director of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, was the guest speaker for the afternoon, reminding the graduates that they are on the road to empowerment with earning their certificates and to continue on that road of making changes to improve their lives.



Following the ceremony Robeson Community College provide a sit down meal for the graduating class, including staff members for programs and visitors from Robeson Community College.

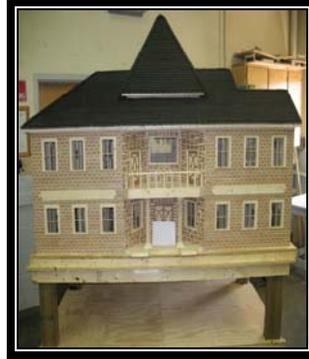
Lumberton Correctional offers four vocational classes sponsored through Robeson Community College. Below are various projects completed through these classes.

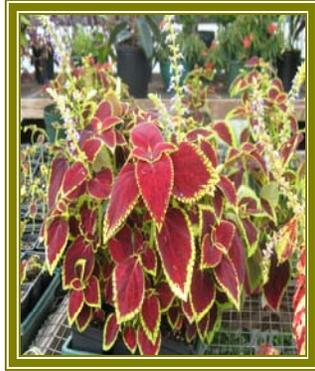


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### Carpentry and Horticulture Class Projects





### LCI Vocational Class

On Wednesday, June 25, 2008, Robeson Community College and Lumberton Correctional Institution recognized 3 students who achieved a perfect GPA score of 4.0 in the Vocational classes offered at LCI. Mr. William Locklear, Assistant Vice President of Public Services and Applied Technology Programs of Robeson Community College, presented the certificates along with Mr. Paul Taylor, Asst. Supt. for Programs. Also present where Mr. Howard McDuffie, Heating and Air Conditioning instructor, Mr. David Sampson, Carpentry instructor and Mr. J.D. Revels instructor for Electrical Wiring.



Pictured above: Front row, James Markham, John Levons and Matthew Hurley. Back row: Mr. Howard McDuffie, Mr. William Locklear, Mr. David Sampson and Mr. J.D. Revels

## Morrison Correctional Institution Holds GED Graduation

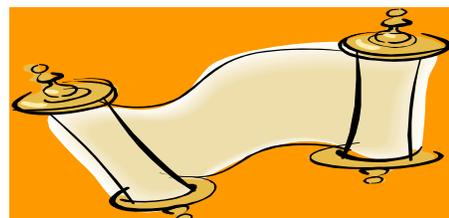


Morrison Correctional Institution is unique in that all events are held twice. Since the Institution is both a medium custody and minimum custody, events are conducted separately. In April 2008 Morrison held the Spring GED Graduations. On April 17, 2008 the minimum custody school celebrated the completion of 25 inmates. At that event, Nancy Boling, MCI School Counselor was the speaker.

Prior to the ceremony Ms. Boling had surveyed the graduates and at the ceremony shared with the guests what the former students believed to be the reason for completing a GED and celebrating with a graduation ceremony. Without exception, each graduate believed that completing a GED would increase their opportunities for success after incarceration. Most noted this achievement, as a goal they had long wanted to accomplish.

Music was presented by Deborah Wood, Science Teacher and Cleveland Graham, Title I Reading Teacher. Principal M. J. Wase acknowledged the hard work done by students and faculty alike.

On April 23, 2008 the medium custody school celebrated the completion of 12 inmates. Stan McQueen, Director of Education Programs, Richmond Community College, was the guest speaker. Mr. McQueen spoke of life experiences that are difficult and the importance of rebounding and striving to improve oneself. He encouraged each one to take this life experience and make it meaningful in a positive way. Teachers, Wood and Graham again provided music for the occasion. Principal Wase commended the students and staff on the accomplishments celebrated on that day.



## Nash Correctional Institution

“The Apprenticeship Program is to provide a plan of approved training that will equip apprentices with marketable skills for possible future, profitable employment in the community as skilled workers and, in the process, promote the opportunity for self improvement and responsible citizenship,” said Michael Winstead. The inmates are given the opportunity to learn a professional trade while they are incarcerated to include but not limited to Bindery Technician Printing, Graphic Artist Illustrator, Printing Estimator or Data Entry Machine Operator while they are incarcerated.

In order to participate in the Apprenticeship Program, one must have knowledge of the trade, express an interest in participating in the program, and he must have a high school diploma or General Education Development Certificate program (GED). The WIP training hours and related instruction hours varies depending on the apprentice which the inmate is participating in. To complete Facilities Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship, the inmate must have 8,000 training hours and 432 related instruction hours. 1,000 WIO hours is equivalent to 6 months of work at 40 hours/week.

The Apprenticeship Program can qualify the inmates for high-paying jobs and assist them in making better choices in life. For the 2007-2008 year, we have had a total of 20 inmates to complete the Apprenticeship Program.

The Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology Curriculum provide the basic knowledge to develop skills necessary to work with residential and light commercial systems. The inmate must be in the program for 605 contact hours and 20 week of course work. Inmates who participates in this program will have the opportunity to receive their CFC (North Carolina State Refrigerate Certification license). The inmates have the opportunity to become certified in gas line. We had a total of 11 inmates to receive Qualified Gastite Installer Certification training (flexible gas line).

In the 2007 year, Nash Correction had a total of 20 inmates to receive their General Education Development Certificate. We would like to recognize one inmate William Cheatam, graduated with honors and was draped with honors cords.

Nash Correctional Institution has started a new program called Universal Love. This program was visualized by an inmate (Richard Hoey Bey) and was put into place by Chaplain Gregory as the overseer. This program is designed to bring all nationalities and religion together by showing love toward one another regardless of their religion. Because of this program, a meditation retreat has been approved and coloring books have been proposed to strengthen the FATHER relationship with the children.

| Name                 | Apprenticeship                                    |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Autry, Robert        | Photographer/Lithographic Technician              |
| Bright, Rickey       | Office Mgr./Administrative Services               |
| Bright, Rickey       | DataEntry Machine Operator                        |
| Clark, Dallas        | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Cooper, William      | Data Entry Machine Operator                       |
| Farrar, Bradley      | Graphic Artist IllustratorFine, Proofer, Prepress |
| Gallashaw, Monrae    | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Harris, Herbert      | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Harris, Robert       | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Johnson, Sr., Thomas | Offset Press Operator                             |
| King, James          | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Race, Jr., John      | Stripper                                          |
| Scott, Brian         | Office Mgr./Administrative Services               |
| Testerman, Paul      | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Trogden, Daniel      | Bindery Technician Printing                       |
| Tucker, Rodney       | Printing Estimator                                |
| Williams, Cleavon    | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Williams, Sedrick    | Offset Press Operator                             |
| Wyatt, Wayne         | Bindery Technician Printing                       |
| Young, Robert        | Data Entry Machine Operator                       |



Nash Correctional Heating and Air Conditioning Class



Nash Correctional Institution 2008 Graduates

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**North Carolina Correctional  
Institution for Women**

North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women (NCCIW) held its 2008 Shaw University (CAPE) graduation on May 29, at 1:00 PM. Twelve (12) graduates received acknowledgements and accolades for their academic achievements. There were nine (9) Associate of Arts and three (3) Bachelor of Arts degrees awarded.

Dr. Herman E. Thomas, acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Shaw University, presided over the ceremony and the guest speaker for this event was none other than Mr. Brian Etheridge, President of Leadership North Carolina, and the son of Congressman Bob Etheridge.

Mr. Etheridge began his speech by stating, how humbling it was as well as how honored he felt to be asked to speak at such a momentous occasion as this graduation ceremony, for ladies here at NCCIW. For this allowed him to see and experience what few are ever allowed to see; the fulfillment of opportunities afford to our ladies.

Through anecdotes, he illustrated his point of how life is like a building demolition. He engaged the audience by explaining and recanting how he once watched a building being toppled, and how it imploded on itself, but yet the foundation still stood beneath all of that rubble. He stated how he marveled at the lack of time it took to level the building versus the many months and years it had taken to be built. He furthered his point by discussing how people should begin by laying their own educational foundation and then adding to that.

As he forged that image of support, he described his admiration for the graduates who had successfully established an educational foundation

on which they could now continue to build a future; he also spoke on how challenging it is to succeed in the face of ordinary, normal obstacles, not to speak of those the graduates at NCCIW may face.

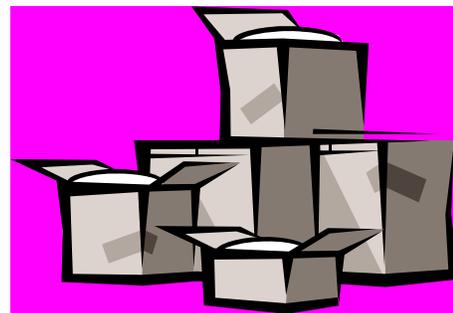
Mr. Etheridge, in his closing, encouraged the graduates to keep striving to further their accomplishments, and he congratulated them in continuing to add to their foundational structure and for receiving their degrees.

Final remarks were made by, Warden Annie Harvey. She began by congratulating the graduates on a job well done, and commented on how, even though it was often difficult, they persevered, took full advantage of the opportunity that was afforded them and graduated with a degree that they could use to be successful in the future.

Submitted by: Gretchen Harvey

**Transition Happenings at NCCIW**

Job Skills training    Financial training



Cognitive training    Employability skills  
Vocational training    Communication skills

Transition is a very important part of NCCIW's institutional/educational process. All inmates are urged to participate in a variety of programs in order that they may transition back into society as productive citizens. NCCIW desires to reduce the recidivism rate at the facility by rehabilitating inmates to become successful, law-abiding citizens upon release.

Inmates learn all types of trades and skills including, but not limited to, work skills, communication, socialization, financial management, decision-making, and team building skills. Inmates complete programs and acquire positive outlooks on life; wanting to excel and to do better once released back to their communities.

NCCIW has had many inmates graduate each year with Associate and Bachelor degrees from Shaw University. In 2007, one hundred twenty inmates received their General Equivalency Diploma (GED) from Wake Technical Community College. Each year there are numerous inmates

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who complete courses in Culinary Arts, Sewing, Horticulture, Cosmetology, Manicuring, Dental Lab and Job Readiness. Moreover, several programs include apprenticeship positions, including Culinary Arts, Dental Lab, Travel & Tourism, and Cosmetology.

The Academic School recently facilitated a dynamic Transition Fair for all inmates under 21, which allowed students to get first-hand experience of the real world. Students began the event with the completion of career interest inventories, and then rotated through several stations. Students acquired information on writing resumes, applying for jobs and mock interviews. There were lectures on getting and keeping a job. Participants were encouraged to take advantage of all certificate/diploma programs available at NCCIW and to continue their education after release.

Students gained knowledge from seven different stations as listed below:

- ❖ In Career Focus, students were given an “interest inventory” to help them narrow down a career field.
- ❖ Job Aptitude & Furthering Your Education helped students gather information regarding getting and maintaining employment. They also received tips and suggestions on how to be a valuable asset to any business.
- ❖ By conducting Mock Interviews, students received tips and practiced skills needed to be successful during the interview process.
- ❖ At the Community College Certificate Programs station, students were introduced to a wide variety of certificated vocational programs available, including those that accept students with felony backgrounds.



Job Board

- ❖ Resume Writing, provided potential employers with a snapshot of the workers they hire. Students were instructed on the importance of creating a resume that contains essential information about work history and any training pertinent to the job being sought.
- ❖ At Applying for Jobs station, inmates were advised on what information must be obtained and should be kept with them to transfer to each application they fill out. Inmates also practiced filling out actual job applications for positions to which they might apply.
- ❖ Consumer Math instructed inmates in basic math, useful in real world situations. Activities included writing checks, balancing check books, grocery shopping (using empty product boxes), and planning a budget.

The Transitional Fair brought out the best in our juvenile population. There were many positive comments concerning the transition fair. One inmate stated, “This was one of the best things the prison could have done.” Another inmate expressed, “I never knew how much it cost to live.” This inmate was referring to a demonstration and participatory session on consumer math.

Submitted by: Selyna DeShazo

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## Pender Correctional Institution

Pender Correctional Institution began the quarter with the start of a new 3- part vocational certificate program titled Facility Maintenance Certificate. The new class will consist of 3 separate certificate programs. They are Commercial and Residential Wiring Basics, Plumbing Basics, and HVAC/Refrigeration Basics; each program 30 weeks in length. Inmates will receive a certificate of completion for each class completed. Once inmates have completed all 3 certificate programs, inmates will receive a 4<sup>th</sup> certificate entitled Facility Maintenance.

The Educational Dept. awarded 1- General Educational Development Test (GED) for the Quarter. The Education dept. also awarded a total of 148 Curriculum and Continuing Ed. Certificates for the quarter.

Pender Correctional Institution also welcomed the arrival of a new Modular building to be used as the Industrial Sewing school. The new classroom will be ready to accept students in July 2008. With the new classroom, the instructor will be able to continue to provide skilled laborers for our Enterprise plant here at Pender Correctional Institution. The Education department is looking forward to another productive quarter with more graduates from our curriculum and continuing education programs.



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### Polk Correctional Institution Graduation

The Polk Correctional Institution held its Spring Graduation exercises on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. The theme for the graduation was "It's Never Too Late to be What You Might Have Been" by George Elliot. The guest speaker for this occasion was Mr. James Speed, President and CEO, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mr. Speed encouraged the students to have a plan in life and to pursue it with diligence. He reminded them it is never too late to be what you could have been!



Pictured: Mr. James Speed, President and CEO, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Keynote speaker and Principal John McKoy and instructor, Mr. Roy Evans

There were a total of 25 graduates and 16 were present for the ceremony. The class heard speeches from their two valedictorians and salutatorian. The school's choir "Chozen" rendered two special selections, "I Believe" and "I Believe I Can Fly." Following the graduation a reception was given in honor of the graduates and their families



Polk Correctional Institution's Graduating Class  
"Turning of the Tassels"

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### Sampson Correctional Institution

Sampson Correctional Institution celebrated its Spring 2008 graduation June 24, 2008. Mr. Tim Wright, Chair of Arts and Sciences for Sampson Community College was the keynote speaker for the occasion. Friends and relatives of the inmates enjoyed the ceremony and refreshments with the graduates.



Presentation of certificates by Mr. Lafayette Hall, Superintendent of Custody, Mr. Tim Wright, Dr. Aiken, President of Sampson Community College



Assistant Superintendent of Programs, Donna Williamson gives words of encouragement to the graduates



Friends, family and Community College Staff enjoying the ceremony along with graduates



Program staff cleaning after refreshments was served  
Graduates still enjoying refreshments

## Southern Correctional Institution

On Monday, May 12, 2008, at 1:00 pm Southern Correctional Institution held its annual graduation ceremony. There were sixty-nine graduates who participated in the ceremony. Included in the graduation were four inmates housed at the SCI minimum custody facility that completed requirements to obtain their GED's.

The ceremony honored students who completed their Associate Degrees and others who obtained certificates in various curriculum programs while participating in various continuing education programs offered by Montgomery Community College. Dr. Mary P. Kirk, President of Montgomery Community College, delivered the commencement address.

Approximately 23 Community College Staff members accompanied Dr. Kirk at the ceremony. Also, accompanying Dr. Kirk was Mrs. Gelynda T. Capel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Montgomery Community College. Dr. Kirk and Mrs. Capel assisted with the awarding of the degrees, diplomas and certificates. As many as 62 guests attended the ceremony.

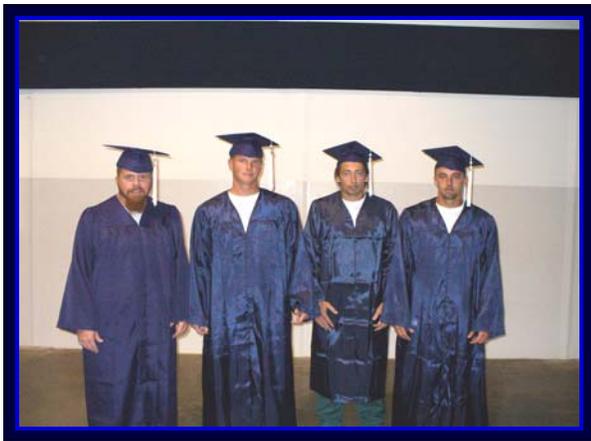


Dr. Mary P. Kirk, President of Montgomery Community College  
Keynote Speaker at Southern Correctional Institution Graduation

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did, but people will  
never forget how you made them feel."  
Maya Angelo*



**Dr. Mary P. Kirk and Mrs. Gelynda T. Capel  
Presentations of Awards**



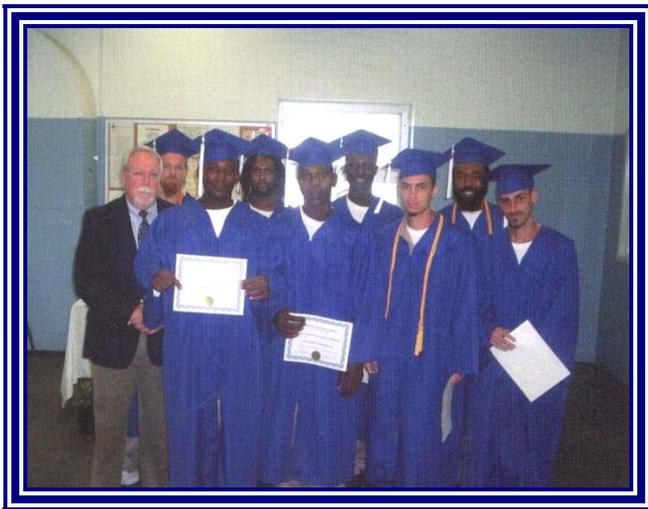
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## Johnston Correctional Institution

On June 20, 2008, at Johnston CI a day of great achievements; a day of accomplishments was the reason for celebrating. It began with *"Today, as you celebrate your accomplishments, remember that your future goals are limited only by your ability to believe in yourself!"* Ms. Emma Brooks, Library Coordinator of Library Services delivered the graduation message. Mr. Hoy, GED instructor, offered words of wisdom to the graduates prior to giving out the certificates.

JCI had eight (8) eligible graduates to march in ceremonial clothing to the visitation hall to be welcomed by the Administration, Pam Earp, Director of Basic Skills at Johnston Community College, Mr. Strong, ABE II, Mr. Walker, ABE I, guests, and family. Three of the graduates, Alan Talbert, Dartavious Taylor, and Jimmy Parnell completed with honors. The celebration was concluded with a delicious lunch catered by Holt Lake Bar-B-Que.



June 2008 Graduation Class

Also JCI held another GED graduation on February 1, 2008. In addition, on April 21, 2008, we held our Vocational graduation which had 100 graduates to complete the following trades; Food Service Technology, Plumbing, Masonry, Horticulture, Electrical/Electronics, EST, Office Systems, and A/C, Heating and Refrigeration.



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## Professional Development Courses

North Carolina Department of Corrections has a strong and longstanding relationship with North Carolina Community College System. Each year Appalachian State University hosts an Adult Basic Skills Professional Development (ABSPD) Institute for educators that work for the community colleges. Among those educators are many instructors who teach at the prison facilities across the state.

The focus of Institute 2008 was "Teaching Reading". ASU's staff provided workshops that were very informative. In addition, the attendees developed training modules to train other staff at their respective colleges. The group was entertained by *The Scamps*, a group of adults who have special needs and Orville Hicks, a storyteller from the Blue Ridge Mountains area.



Correctional Educators

Pictured: Robert Strong – Johnston CC, Ruth Duncan- DOP, Pauletta Williams – Polk CI, Hayward Humphrey – Craven CC, Ed Hoy – Johnston CC, Olene Solomon – Lenoir CC, Susan McAlister- Stanly CC, and Alan Tucker – Rowan-Cabarrus CC



Correctional Educators

Pauletta Williams – Polk CC, Joan Joyner - Nash CC  
Michael Weiner – Johnston CC

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**ABSPD HIGHLIGHTS**



**ASU Staff, "The Three Little Pigs"**



**ORVILLE HICKS AND WIFE, BOOK SIGNING**



**THE SCAMPS' PERFORMING "Jack and the Beanstalk"**

**GERALD PARKER, ONE OF ASU STAFF PERFORMING WITH THE SCAMPS, "THE BIG BAD WOLF" GERALD WAS THE WOLF.**



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**ABSPD HIGHLIGHTS**



**NEW FRIENDS**



**WE HAD A GREAT TIME, SEE OUR PRIZE!! !**



**ALTOGETHER NOW.....**



**SAY CHEEZ...**

