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## ***FACILITIES CLOSE OUT THE END OF YEAR WITH INCREASED ACADEMIC SCORING, FALL GRADUATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS***

***Fountain Correctional Center for Women*** held the Fall Graduation on November 3, 2011 at 10:00 am in the auditorium of the Administrative Building. Mr. Henry Anderson (Edgecombe Community College Financial Aid Director) was the guest speaker for this momentous occasion. Upon receiving their diplomas and certificates, Lynn Cale (Associate VP of Instruction) and Jerry Harper (Basic Skills Director) assisted in presenting the awards. There were a total of 88 GED graduates with 23 in attendance. Job Readiness served a total of 152 students for day class with 142 receiving certificates. The night class served a total of 39 students with 36 receiving a certificate. The Home Companion Aide class enrolled 44 students with 41 passing.

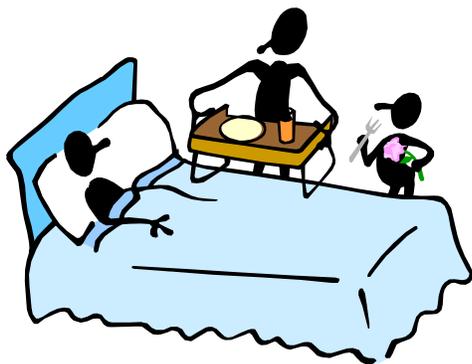
The Horticulture class enrolled a total of 12 students. The class teaches students the job skills that will help them obtain an entry level position in the greenhouses, nurseries and garden centers of North Carolina's large green industry. Each student learns about basic botany, the plants' environment and specific growing techniques necessary to successfully work with plant material. Students in the program are responsible for both greenhouse and nursery production of plants. They also care for an individual flower and vegetable garden to help them learn gardening skills that will be useful at home. Plants are grown by the students and sold to staff at on site plant sales. Between October and December 2011, students created living wreaths and table centerpieces for Christmas in addition to regular curriculum. Mrs. Anne Peirce, Instructor, had 48 students to complete the curriculum. Eleven of 15 received certificates during this last class.



The Basic Skills Computer Class offers an introduction to computers and basic computer concepts. Students explore Windows and Windows Office 2007, including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Students view the inner workings of a computer to understand the concepts of the motherboard, CPU, hard drive, RAM, CD/DVD drive, and the various ports offered by a computer. Students learn about file storage and organization on the computer and about various storage media. With a combination of lecture and hands-on activities, students explore the versatile and powerful applications, Word and PowerPoint. At the culmination of the class, students prepare a PowerPoint project that requires research and the development of a PowerPoint presentation. They then give an oral presentation of their projects to the class. Eleven students received credit for this course. The computer confidence that students acquired and the pride that they exhibited in their PowerPoint projects are the true accomplishments of this course.

The Pre-Employment Readiness class during October, November, and December 2011, 191 students participated in the two Pre-Employment Readiness courses at the facility; 152 in the daytime 30-hour course (142 completed the course and received certificates verifying their success), and 39 in the follow-up 18-hour nighttime course (36 received certificates). Unlike the 30-hour course, the nighttime course is not mandatory but does award up to 5 merit days upon completion. Many of the enrolling students, however, cannot benefit from the merit day component,

having already earned the maximum they are allowed to earn, and have enrolled in the course to conscientiously increase their skill levels. The most popular of the course's components among those taking the course seem to be the money management and how-to-start-a-business topic.



The Home Companion Aide class is a three week course, given by Edgecombe Community College. This is the basic entry level for nursing. A high school diploma isn't required, but 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math competency is needed. HCA is ranked as number 3 or 4 for employment opportunities through 2020. Some students have had contact from home, and there are several ads in the newspaper for home companion aides. In this course infectious disease, standard precautions, proper body mechanics, working with clients with different cultural backgrounds, and many other areas are covered. Students enjoy the class not only for the possibility of employment when released, but also for personal health education, and the ability to help take care of aging family members. There were 44 students enrolled with 41 passing this past semester.

**Franklin Correctional Center** is pleased to report that 10 students graduated from their GED Program during the last quarter. The HRD Class had 14 students who successfully completed the Employment Readiness program segment 11/28/11 through 12/15/11.

**Bertie Correctional Institution** reports that during the month of October 2011, 8 students graduated from the GED program, 9 Office Practice graduates, 10 Heating & Air graduates, and 11 Commercial Cleaning graduates. In November 2011 there were 2 GED graduates.

On December 8, 2011 Bertie CI held their 3<sup>rd</sup> Commencement Exercise at 1pm in the Visitation Hall. The guest speaker was Mr. Ernest Sutton who delivered a motivational message to the graduates. A total of 139 students participated in the ceremony. The Curriculum Certificates were in the areas of Computer Information Technology, Electrical/Electronics Technology and Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration. Continuing Education areas were GED, Custodial Training/Environmental Sciences, Office Skills, HVAC Heating & Air Conditioning and Career Readiness Certificates (CRC).

**Greene Correctional Institution** reports the following: Computer w/Keytrain – completions for October 2011 were ten and for December 2011 were seven; HVAC – completions for October 2011 were 15 and for December 2011 were 15; Electrical Wiring – completions for October 2011 were 14 and for December 2011 were 15; GED – completions for October 2011 was three and there was no testing in December 2011.



**Pamlico Correctional Institution** -The Pamlico Correctional Dental Technology Program began on

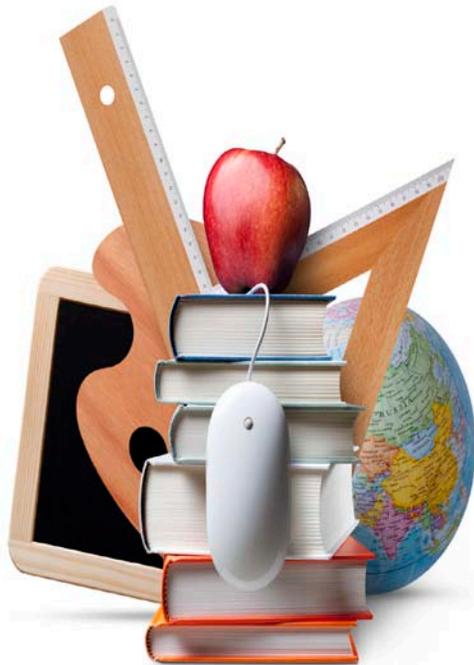


December 8, 2011. Twenty students were enrolled in the program. The participants must complete 786 hours of classroom/lab instruction taught through Pamlico Community College. Once the classroom portion is complete, participants will be selected to continue in the program as Dental Lab Tech Trainee. The trainee will have to complete 2000 hours of on the job training. Students accepted into the program are trained to become future Certified Dental Technicians and will receive a certificate from the college upon course completion. This program provides a new stream of talent and gives the students a marketable skill that will help them find stable employment and transition back into society more easily.

December 12, 2011 was the end of the fall semester at Pamlico Correctional. Fourteen students successfully completed the Horticulture program, 15 for the Plumbing program, 14 for the Electrical program, 15 for the Re-Upholstery program and eight for the Human Resource Development Program. The GED program is also in full swing. Pamlico Correctional offers full time GED on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Offered also is a part-time evening class for students who are assigned to full time assignments during the day and have a desire to obtain a GED. The evening classes meet Monday through Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Eight students successfully met all requirements to receive GED certificates this quarter.

Pamlico Correctional and the staff at Pamlico Community College continue to work together to help students to gain skills to become self supportive individuals while transitioning back to the communities.

**Morrison Correctional Institution's** Minimum School saw 40 GED graduates in the last quarter, representing 39.2% of the 102 graduates for the year – October 2011 had 13 graduates, November 2011 had 20 graduates, and December had seven graduates. This cohort was 14.2% higher than the expected outcome for an average of 25% per quarter. No cause and effect relationship have been determined to accurately explain this anomaly.



Vocational – Mr. Utley’s Computer Skills course saw 35 certificate earners in the last quarter of the year out of the total 155 for the year. The increase in class size has allowed for certificate earners.

Personnel – In December 2011, Ms. Carey retired as GED instructor. The position will be filled by Mr. Prather. Ms. Khan, the speech language pathologist, moved to a full-time position outside DOC/DPS. Ms. Williams has filled the position.

#### Medium School

Academics – By the last quarter of the 2011 year, 13 students in medium custody earned a GED. Mr. Barry Collins, a former DOC GED student, spoke with December 2011 graduates about making personal changes to be successful.

ESL – The ESL Program grew from 2 teachers to 3 with the addition of Ms. Brown. In 2010, six students passed the ESL test. By the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2011 year, 11 students passed the ESL test. By increasing staff 33%, an 83% increase in ESL students passing the test has been realized.

#### Vocational

Office Practices 101 – Ms. Peterkin in her first year with Computer Skills Office Practices had 81 students earning certificates. In the last quarter of the year 23 students earned their certificate.

Food Service Technology – IIP – Food Service Technology transformed into an IIP course. The course now admits up to 18 students per cohort to participate. For minimum and medium graduation ceremonies, the class has continued to supply cooked items and finger foods. RCC has expanded the realm of the program to include Serv Safe certification.

**Wayne Correctional Center** offers GED, Commercial Cleaning, HRD, Computer Applications, and Thinking for a Change. The instructors are from Wayne Community College. College level courses are also offered through the Outreach to Students Program at The Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

- ✚ **Accomplishment 1** – On October 3, 2011, nine students completed the Thinking for a Change Class.
- ✚ **Accomplishment 2** – On October 5, 2011, four students completed all testing and received a GED.
- ✚ **Accomplishment 3** – On November 14, 2011, 14 students completed the initial Commercial Cleaning Class offer at Wayne Correctional Center and received a certificate for completion.
- ✚ **Accomplishment 4** – On December 7, 2011, 11 students completed the combination, HRD and Computer Applications Class.



**Harnett Correctional Institution** and Central Carolina Community College conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Provisional Barber's License Ceremony in the Fall of 2011. Seventeen students received their Provisional License from the N. C. Board of Barber Examiners.



Harnett CI and CCCC had a Recognition Ceremony for an additional 17 students who recently completed coursework and passed written and practical exams of the N. C. Barber's Examination.



Student Barbers being recognized with their instructors, Master Barbers Mr. Reginald Dowe and Mr. Shawn McMillan.

**Officials attending included: (l to r)**

- Ms. Claudia Jones, Program Director II
- Ms. Tresa Brown-Tomlinson,  
Assistant Superintendent for Programs II
- Mr. Daniel Thomas,  
Director of Educational Services, CCCC
- Mr. Bill Tyson,  
Provost of Harnett County Operations, CCCC

Thirty students successfully completed the Central Carolina Community College's Food Service Technology Program during the Fall 2011 semester.



A graduate, and now Teacher's Assistant, of the Foodservice Technology Program practices his culinary skills.

Community service projects that were completed included a full size pig cooker for North Lee Child Development Center, two park benches for Angier Elementary School and a full size pig cooker for Kendale Acres Freewill Baptist Church in Sanford in October 2011.

Twenty-one students were enrolled in the Shaw University four-year B. S. Business Administration Program in September 2011.

**Caswell Correctional Center's** service club known as P.O.P.A. (Prisoners Organized for Productive Activity)



donated \$3500 to Caswell Insurance to be included in their 2011 Toys for Tots Drive for Caswell and Rockingham Counties. The P.O.P.A. service club raises money within the facility by selling recyclables, popcorn and photographs taken during student visitations. Wayne Jenkins, a representative from Toys for Tots, and Irvin G. Dailey from Caswell Insurance Services accepted the donation after a brief ceremony at the facility. As a token of appreciation P.O.P.A. was later presented with a plaque from the Toys for Tots organization.

## ***QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING . . .***

“Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't.” Pete Seeger

“Most of us can read the writing on the wall; we just assume it's addressed to someone else.” Ivern Ball

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