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FACILITY HAPPENINGS

Albemarle ended this spring with a combined total of 321 graduates in the curriculum and continuing education programs offering six curriculum classes, nine skill building classes and ten literacy classes. Students who mastered the entry level basic computer and web page sessions are eligible to participate in the advanced Basic Computer II, Intermediate Web Page and Computer Animation character design. The HVAC program awarded 31 diplomas increasing the total to 43 since its inception in 2006. Currently, there are 110 students enrolled in literacy classes taught by seven Stanly Community College instructors. The Stanly Community College staff and the Albemarle CI staff denoted a successful year for the literacy students. The new Human Resource Development course had seventy-two graduates and the GED Program had nineteen graduates.

Bertie held their second commencement exercise on June 30 with Dr. Benjamin Speller, Jr. as the guest speaker. Twenty-two GED diplomas, 9 Commercial Cleaning certificates, 9 Computer Application certificates, 17 Career Readiness certificates, 3 Computer Information Technology certificates and 6 Electrical/Electronics certificates were awarded.

Brown Creek held its graduation on May 28 with 22 curriculum certificate graduates and 22 GED diploma graduates. The speaker was Mr. Frank Deese, mayor of Marshville, NC. Brown Creek's Medium Unit successfully launched the Con-Ed Carpentry Program in March. This program sparked a new interest from the students and is well on its way to become one of the more successful programs. The Minimum Unit at BCCI had 32 inmates to complete the requirements for obtaining their GED. Additionally, 15 inmates completed the Food Service Technology course, one completed the Masonry course and two completed the Carpentry course. The Carpentry and Masonry classes continue to complete work on a Habitat for Humanity house.



Brown Creek Graduates with Ms. Byrd (ABE instructor) and Mr. Andersen (GED instructor)

Cabarrus offered the Developmental Education program through Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in March. This 16 week program prepares students for success when taking college placement exams by increasing writing and math skills. Additionally, this program employs students to be readily prepared to compete in the workplace, experience real world situations, build skills for job success and includes activity lessons with immediate feedback. The Career Readiness Certification Curriculum is incorporated into this program as well.

Caldwell had six students to earn their GED. They were awarded a certification of completion and merit days if applicable. The overall enrollment for full and part-time students has increased to 244. Extensive and updated renovations were completed on the educational modular unit. Various equipment and software programs were updated also.

Caswell launched Project Re-entry, a new transitional program through a partnership with the Criminal Justice Department of the Piedmont Council of Governments and Re-Direction. The 13 week Pre-Post program enrolled 20 students and focuses on offenders within 6-18 months of release from prison. It serves incarcerated offenders and continues to provide support once the offender is released back into the community upon the successful completion of the program. This program is also designed to provide ongoing rehabilitative and informational therapy and assisting with transition into society. Weekly discussions include housing, budgets and finance planning, employment, interviewing techniques, treat interventions, emergency shelters, social services/security benefits, vocational rehab, veterans' affairs and educational opportunities. Upon release, an offender can continue to meet with Project Re-entry if he chooses to. Caswell's first class graduated on June 16, 2010.



Caswell's Project Re-Entry class with instructor, Ms. Suthard

Columbus: On June 23, 2010, Columbus Correctional Institution (CCI) conducted their annual graduation ceremony. A total of fifteen inmates obtained their General Education Development Certificate (GED). The Ceremony was held in the conference room at Columbus Correctional Institution. The guest speaker was Southeastern Community College instructor, Mr. Reginald Thompson. Staff members from the Program Department at CCI attended this event. Refreshments were served immediately following the graduation ceremony. We are proud of the outstanding job everyone at Columbus Correctional Institution is doing. It is our goal to see an increase in all educational classes in the 2010 fiscal year.

Craven held its annual graduation ceremony on May 27, 2010. The guest speaker was Mr. Johnny Ray Kinsey who delivered an encouraged commencement address to the seven graduates. Present were distinguished guests and musical selections were performed by the inmate choir. Presently there are 11 full-time and 15 part-time students enrolled in the GED program at Craven.



Craven CI graduates and Mr. Humphrey, GED instructor

Dan River proudly recognizes the accomplishments of all of their educational programs. Special emphasis is placed on the GED program where Ms. Lisa Jones, GED instructor from Piedmont Community College, teaches full and part-time GED, ABE and ESL to the Hispanic population. Ms. Jones is the recipient of the 2008 – 2009 Angela Moore Trogon Instructor of The Year Award for Basic Skills for the Community College System. Ms. Jones relates that she facilitates knowledge more than teach since students learn best through experiencing and discovering than in just being told information.

Davidson: During this second quarter, Davidson CC had one person to receive the GED certificate. A total of sixteen students completed the Human Resources Development course. The Bronze Career Readiness certificate was received by two students and one student received the Silver Career Readiness certificate. The Transitional Services class, sometimes referred to as Re-Entry, had eight people to complete the class. The Horticulture Program has two three-month sessions, Landscaping and Nursery, with four students graduating on June 25, 2010.

Durham: The Durham Correctional Center Community Volunteer Banquet was held on April 20, 2010. Mr. Richard Jackson was recognized for 20 years of service as the GED instructor and retired his services at the end of May. A new program on Men's Spiritual Autobiography was started in June through Duke University. The program implemented by a group of Duke volunteer professors and approved through Chaplaincy Services will run until Spring 2011. Rev. Isaac Villegas and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove will conduct the summer session on "Spiritual Autobiography". Inmates Jerry Henderson and James Lloyd presented a "Think Smart" presentation on June 11, 2010 to assist the Raleigh Police Department with their Summer Youth Basketball League. Approximately 200 male youth between the ages of 13 -17 attended the presentation held at the Method Community Center. Think Smart Coordinator, Mac Fennell supervised the event.



Durham CC "Think Smart" presenters

Eastern CI: The 27th annual Eastern CI commencement was held on May 12, 2010 in a joint event with Lenoir Community College. The speaker was Mr. Ozie Lee Hall, Jr. who was incarcerated at the age of 18 and served 3 ½ years in prison for robbery and assault. He is now the CEO of Kinston Charter Academy. During the ceremony, 7 Associate in Applied Science degrees were awarded, 29 Curriculum Program Diplomas, 54 Curriculum Certificates and 15 GED certificates. The Continuing Education Program remains popular with capacity enrollment in Commercial Cleaning, Human Resource Development and Computer Applications. Also, during the ceremony, the ECI Inmate Service Club presented a check for \$500.00 to Dr. Shirley Dove, Executive VP at Lenoir Community College to establish the ECI Service Club Scholarship Fund. On May 17, 2010 Eastern initiated the use of 10 new laptop computers complete with learning software. The computers are currently being utilized for both Human Resource

Development and Computer Application classes. The Horticulture Technology Program continues to be successful and innovative. The program provides plants and organic material, beautifying the Eastern CI landscape. The ECI Volunteer Banquet was held on April 7. Volunteers were presented a potted plant grown in the greenhouse as appreciation for their service. The Horticulture class has assumed the responsibility for preparing the inmate softball field and the instructor, Mr. Scott, trains students in the area of sports field management. The Food Service Program now offers classes in the renovated classroom and lab. Lenoir Community College instructors can now provide more in-depth studies in culinary and food service skills. The program offers the Food Service Apprenticeship which is registered with both the North Carolina and United States Departments of Labor. English as a Second Language continues to be offered. This class is designed to train non-English speaking inmates with the necessary skills needed for basic conversation and communication. The two day-time classes are usually at the 15 student capacity. One additional evening class was initiated on June 10 with a 15 student capacity. The purpose is to accommodate the growing number currently housed within the NC Division of Prisons. The GED Prep and ABE Programs continue to strive with enrolled inmates receiving periodic testing opportunities.



Mr. Bennie Coats, HRD instructor, directs computer techniques to students Daniel Teel and Kwame Thomas



Mr. Bill Scott, Horticulture instructor, explains the benefits of flower pruning to students Andre Williams and Rodney Lovell

Forsyth takes great pride in the vigorous program offerings at Dobson Educational Center where they partner with Surry Community College. The college has developed an excellent curriculum of classes to offer the Forsyth CI inmates. During the second quarter, there were 20 students attending the ABE/GED classes for a total of 3,214 hours. There were 6 GED graduates. With such high demands, an additional instructor, Mr. Banner, was added to accommodate more students. Mr. Banner has been an excellent addition to the Dobson Educational Center family. Through Surry Community College, 8 classes have been

completed with 2 classes still remaining in Continuing Education, totaling 6,636 student hours. The college has also awarded certificates to 48 students for the second quarter. The Carpentry and HVAC classes continue to provide the community with quality projects while the students learn job skills needed for their release preparation.



Forsyth students in class

Franklin has seen a significant increase in enrollment for the UNC/IIP Outreach Study Correspondence Program. Currently there are 17 students enrolled in Psychology, Economics, Accounting, Word Formation Etymology, English, Sociology and Biology. These are college credit courses. The twelve-week HRD completion ceremony was held on March 8 and the eight-week CDL completion ceremony was combined with the second session of HRD on May 10. The third HRD session is scheduled to end in early July. The GED graduation was held in June.

Greene: During the second quarter Greene CI had 35 inmates to successfully obtain certificates in the following classes: Electrical Wiring, Heating and Air Conditioning, Microcomputers and Human Resource Development. Additionally, Greene also had four students to successfully obtain their GED certificates.

Harnett and Central Carolina Community College conducted the 20th annual commencement exercise in May. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Matthew Garrett, retired past president of the college. Other guests attending from the college included the current president, Dr. T. E. Marchant, Dr. Lisa Chapman, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Mr. Bill Tyson, Provost, Harnett County. A total of 19 students received the Associate Degree in Business Administration. The following numbers of students received diplomas in the following courses: Electronic Engineering Technology (12), Carpentry (11), Masonry (14), Welding Technology (16) and Electrical Electronic Technology (16). On June 5, Central Carolina Community College held its annual furniture auction. Newly constructed items built by Harnett CI inmate students were auctioned off to the general public. The auction yielded over \$20,000.00. These monies transfer back to the college through the foundation and is distributed as

scholarships for Harnett County students. Harnett's librarian, Ms. Kalanz, attended the June 2010 workshop, "Academy Meets the Real World" for area librarians. The workshop was held at the UNC-CH Friday Center.



Furniture built by **Harnett** inmates

Hyde held their annual graduation ceremony with Mr. Wesley Beddard, Dean of Instruction at Beaufort County Community College, relaying an inspirational message to the graduating class. A total of 9 students received their GED Certificate. Thirty-three students received Vocational Diplomas in the following fields: Graphic Arts and Imaging, Horticulture, Technology, Welding Technology and Electric/Electronics. Two students that received their GED Certificates enrolled in the current Vocational Program.

Hoke started a new program on March 1, 2010. The Computer/HRD class graduated its first class in May with eleven students. Throughout the year, Hoke had 16 students to graduate from the GED program. The Horticulture class had three sessions and graduated a total of twenty-three students. The guest speaker for this annual recognition event was Mrs. Rosa McAllister-McRae, Coordinator for Admissions at Sandhills Community College. Also, Hoke has one volunteer from the Moore County Literacy Council that serves as a reading tutor for inmates.

Johnston: Guided by GED instructor, Mr. Ed Hoy, Johnston CI had a total of six students to graduate for the semester ending May 13. Three students graduated with honors, having test scores of 3400, 3020, and 2770. In previous years JCI had two honors students to graduate with scores of 3440 and 3800. One student from the Spring 2010 semester has enrolled in the UNC Correspondence Program. It is noted that ABE instructors Walker, Weiner and Gruver do an outstanding job of preparing students for the GED program. Johnston Correctional had a total of 100 students graduating from the following vocational programs: Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (7), Electrical Electronic Technology (15), Electronic Engineering Technology (13), Horticulture Technology (10), Masonry (11), Office Systems Technology (15), Plumbing (11), and Food Service Technology (18). In the combined vocational programs there were 33 students with all A's and perfect attendance, five students were noted with all A's, outstanding and perfect attendance. Each of the students was recognized and honored with red, white and blue ribbons. Mr. Beaumont's horticulture class continues to do

an outstanding job in landscaping and beautifying the facility grounds for the pleasure and comfort of others. Johnston CI provides "The Flower Project" in order that other facilities may receive flowers for beautification also.

Marion has a Cabinetmaking Program that prepares students for employment in the woodworking industry. Kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanity design and construction are studied prior to practical application. This course also provides students the opportunity to understand and construct furniture. Students learn to read blueprints, plans, construct, finish and install kitchen cabinets and bathroom vanities. Safe operation of hand tools and machinery are emphasized while studying purchasing principles, building considerations and related subjects required for construction of cabinets and furniture. Students also work on special projects such as the motorcycle constructed mostly of maple, walnut and oak started approximately two years ago by one of the inmates. Over the years various students contributed their time and effort toward the project, honing their impressive woodworking and modeling skills. The motorcycle measures 5 feet and 6 inches in length and is 32 inches high. The gas tank proved to be most difficult to produce due to its unusual shape. The motorcycle is often displayed at various McDowell Community College events. It demonstrates the skill level that can be obtained in the Cabinetmaking Program with only one year of study and practice. The value has been assessed at approximately \$3000 to \$10,000. The students are now in the process of completing a display case for the motorcycle.



Motorcycle built by **Marion** inmates

NCCIW held the 25th Annual Shaw University "CAPE" Program graduation on May 26. Nine students were awarded degrees for completion of the Business Management curriculum. It is important to note that both the criteria for completion and the grade point averages of the participants in this program are comparable to those of students in the community at large. Presiding over the ceremony was Shaw University's Vice- President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Sutton-Haywood. The graduation speaker was Ms. Annie Harvey, Female Command Manager for the Division of Prisons. She is recognized as a skillful motivational speaker by both government and industry and is a proud alumnus of Shaw University. Ms Harvey spoke

on the theme, “Turning Negative into a Positive” and applauded the ladies for their dedication, determination and ability to be successful in a restrictive environment. She thanked Shaw University for the “CAPE” Program. “Through this program, Shaw University enriches the lives of our inmates, touches the lives of their families in a special way, and improves society.” Institutional remarks were given by Deputy Warden Bianca Harris, now Warden Harris, who also praised the graduates for their accomplishments.

Nash continues to strive for excellence while in partnership with Nash Community College in providing educational and training opportunities for inmates. Commencement exercises were held on May 10, 2010 for 23 students enrolled in the Nash Community College curriculum for High School Equivalency, Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning, Computer Systems Technology and Electronic Engineering. Mr. William Brunson, Manager of Promise Radio Station was the guest speaker. Three students are currently participating in the UNC Outreach Correspondence Course. Twelve students completed the Crossroads Certificate Program (HRD) and 40 completed the Cognitive Behavior Intervention program. During the academic calendar year 15 certificates, 8 diplomas, 5 GED certificates and 5 HVAC certificates were awarded. Nash held its annual Black History program with Chief Manly as the guest speaker. He spoke on the topic, “A Change Is Gonna Come.” Nash also hosted a motivational musical concert featuring Deborah Barnes, a member of the world renowned singing family, The Rev. F. C. Barnes & Company.



Nash CI graduates

Neuse in partnership with Wayne Community College has an enrollment of 38 students in the Employment Readiness Class. The instructor teaches skills that consist of resume writing, excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations, the job application process and creative writing. Prior to completion of the class, the instructor assigns the students to create a business plan and present it to the class. Neuse has a total of 15 students are assigned on a regular basis to the GED program. They have tested both scholarly and with honors. The graduation ceremony was held in May.

New Hanover: The New Hanover CC Horticulture Technology Program is offered by Cape Fear Community College. This program has completed one class this quarter with a total of 27 students enrolled. Coursework includes

plant science, plant materials, soils, fertilizers, pest management and landscaping. The instructor, Mr. Johnson, teaches management and operational business skills of horticulture and is assisted by inmate J. Cummings. Each student has a garden project to maintain and produce. During class recognitions they were allowed to sample their produce and fruit. Strawberries, lettuce, celery, orange and white carrots, tomatoes, loquats and purple broccoli were harvested. The class donates organic produce to charity. Certificates for this program will prepare students for various careers in horticulture. New Hanover was also able to purchase new electronics, student desks and chairs for the program. The tool inventory list was updated along with implementing tool booklets to ensure classroom safety and accountability.



New Hanover horticulture instructor, Mr. Johnson and inmate, T.A. John Cummings

North Piedmont in its partnership with Davidson Community College has the following educational and vocational programs: HRD, ABE, GED, CE Computers, Parenting and Project Re-Entry. The Human Resource Development (HRD) Program lasts for 10 weeks and is the most popular. Through this program students get to the root of their situation and issues and are thus motivated to move forward into other programs offered. The ABE and GED Programs have experienced much progress with the student participation in the ABE classes. This facility and the college implemented a new system in April that assesses each student with their basic skills. This is administered by an instructor from Davidson CC whereas students are placed in classes to better fit their needs. Since this new change, more students have improved their basic skills and are motivated to obtaining their GED. The Project Re-Entry Program has great success stories. After completion of this program, students feel and know that there is support for them when they are released from DOC due to the Project Re-Entry Team mission. The Parenting Program or “Being a Parent and Loving It” has seen great progress. This program helps incarcerated females learn and take a more objective look at their past, present and future lifestyles. Knowledge learned in this program will enhance their

success rate to build higher self-esteem and help ensure a more successful re-entry with their families and children upon their release. NPCCW wishes to thank the Project Re-Entry Team and the Davidson CC instructors for all that they do to enhance the facility educational programs. Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Esther Atkins with Davidson CC for winning the Angela Moore Trogdon Instructor of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the North Carolina Basic Skills and Family Literacy Conference in August in Winston-Salem, NC.

Odom: On Monday, May 24, 2010, Odom CI held its Commencement Program for students achieving their GED and Certificates through Roanoke Chowan Community College. The Continuing Education Program offers daytime GED and evening ABE/GED. The curriculum program offers Business Administration, Building Trade Construction, Heat & Air Condition Refrigeration and Plumbing. A total of 118 students completed the academic and vocational program with 42 students participating in the commencement program. The guest speaker was Mr. Joseph Rampersad, Department Chair for Roanoke Chowan Community College Health and Wellness Program. Dr. Ralph Soney and nine staff members from the college also attended. Students completing the Heat/Air Condition & Refrigeration Program receive the HVAC License upon completion of the program for passing the State Board of Refrigeration Exam. For the 2010 academic year Odom had students to successfully complete the following courses: Heat/Air Condition & Refrigeration (19), Building Construction (7), Business Administration (35), Plumbing (19) and GED (20).



Odom GED graduates with Roanoke Chowan CC staff

Pamlico had 72 students to successfully complete the spring semester vocational classes. Students were enrolled in one of the following: Plumbing, Masonry, Horticulture, Carpentry, Electrical/Electronics, Information Systems and Re-Upholstery. At the end of the semester the students come together to complete a combined project. The carpentry class constructs a building and the students from the other construction trade classes (masonry, electrical, horticulture and plumbing) apply the skills they have learned. The plumbing and carpentry classes are considered great achievements since these classes require students to be enrolled for multiple semesters. Carpentry is two semesters and students learn basic woodworking skills in the fall. The spring semester offers interior/exterior trim work, cabinetry, footings, foundations, and residential planning and

estimating. Students in the plumbing program are required to enroll for one year. Upon successful completion, these students will be able to read and interpret construction blueprints, assemble various pipes and fittings to state code, identify needed repairs to plumbing systems and interpret North Carolina plumbing codes. Pamlico recently had 9 students to complete the year long program. The names of 5 students that completed the programs were sent to be screened for participation in the ICP Apprenticeship Program. One student that completed the plumbing program recently became the assistant to the plumbing teacher.



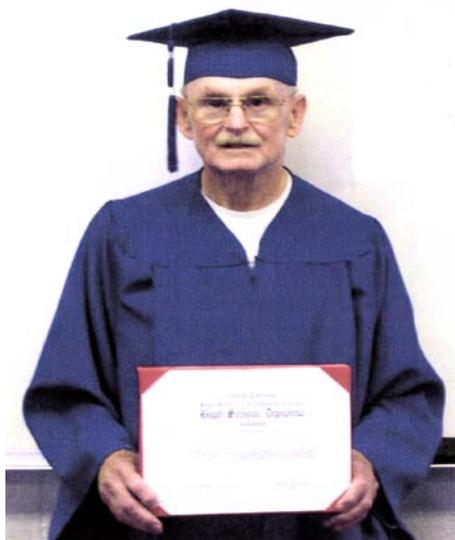
Pamlico project incorporating carpentry, plumbing, masonry, electrical, and horticulture classes

Pender educational programs had an average enrollment of 107 fulltime students and 156 part-time students for the second quarter. A total of 104 certificates were awarded for the completion of curriculum, part-time GED and ESL classes. The programs and number of certificates awarded are as follows: GED (2), ESL (5), HRD (22), Sewing Plant Trainee (12), Marine Systems (13), Basic Carpentry (14), Computer Applications (4), Computer Repair (4), Blueprint Reading (11) and Basic/Advanced Welding (17).

Polk held its bi-annual GED graduation in June. A total of 51 students received their GED. Due to transfers and releases, there were 33 participants. Attorney Nakia C. Davis, Esq., professor at NCCU was the keynote speaker. In addition to the GED graduation, many students in Polk's academic school received certificates of completion in the following areas: Horticulture (16), Commercial Cleaning (13), Commercial and Industrial Maintenance (21), CDL (12), Computer Keyboarding (8), Integrate Software (6), Employment Readiness (37) and How to Start Your Own Business (14). Polk CI school staff completed its five two hour Anger Management In-Service Training which was one of three school goals for 2009-2010. The staff engaged in

role-playing, group strategies and shared principles for managing anger. They will receive 10 contact hours of Continuing Education Credit. Another school goal currently in process is the Current Event Calendar Board. On June 10th several teachers from Polk attended a workshop in Kernersville titled, "Emerging DPI Curriculum In Line With DOC Curriculum". The focus of the workshop is to combine the DPI Standard Course of Study with the DOC curriculum. Polk's librarian, Ms. Gill attended the June 2010 workshop, "Academy Meets the Real World" at the UNC-Chapel Hill Friday Center for area librarians. The workshop was geared to brainstorming on future skills that would be needed by Library Science graduates to be successful in different kinds of libraries upon completion of their Library Science degrees.

Randolph: During the second quarter Randolph CC had 30 students participating in at least one section of testing. There were a total of 7 students receiving their GED certificates. Whereas, the Randolph CC and Randolph Community College Educational staff was highly impressed with all of the students, the 71 year old student receiving his GED certificate for the first time was an actual milestone. The college staff extended this student an invitation to participate in their regular GED graduation.



Randolph's 71-year-old Joseph Kersey proudly displays his diploma

Sanford had a total of 25 students to complete the GED program and 20 students to complete the Vocational School Brick Masonry program for the academic period May 2009 to May 2010.

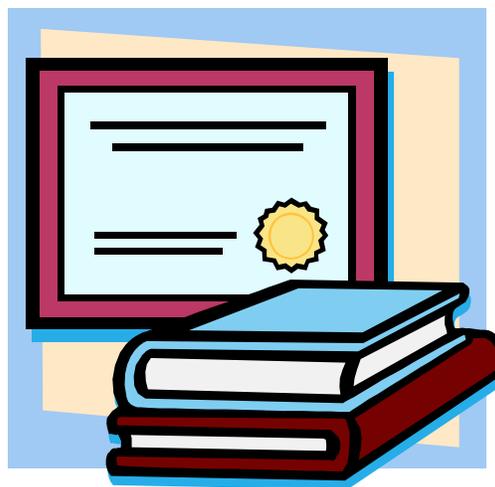
Swannanoa: Through the partnership with Asheville-Buncombe Community College, Swannanoa had 34 students to receive the GED certificate. The seven week Human Resource class had 28 students to receive their certificates of completion and the three week full-time computer class is doing well. Students enrolled in this class will receive a certificate in Basic Computer Language.

Tillery had approximately 40 students to graduate in June from the Automotive Systems, Electrical Wiring and Plumbing programs. These programs are through Halifax Community College with another session to start very soon. The GED program has 22 students currently enrolled. Tillery's newest program, Introduction to Computers will start also. A large number of students have signed up to take this program which gives instruction on the basic use of computers.



Tillery's new Introduction to Computers classroom

Warren's Computer Technology course was changed to Software Specialist and a total of 12 students completed the coursework in June. So far 132 students have graduated.



"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." Robert Collier

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"What is defeat? Nothing but education; Nothing But the first steps to something better." Proverb

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