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### TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR CLARK

This issue of the Educational Services Bulletin is dedicated to Arthur Clark for all of his years of service. Arthur was recently promoted as Manager of Job Preparation for Offenders Grant. On behalf of Educational Services, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all his contributions and we wish him well in his future endeavors.



ASL – Arthur's Sign Language

- **WESTERN YOUTH INSTITUTION**

Arthur Clark will be missed greatly by staff members at Western Youth Institution. When I first had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Clark, he was providing instruction during an inservice at WYI. In that very moment I have valued the working relationship I have had with Mr. Clark. For those who will work closely with Mr. Clark in the future, always remember, it's amazing what a "cardinal" loving, West Virginia "driving" man can accomplish. **GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES!** Rick Smith

- **PENDER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**

Thanks Arthur for your knowledge, dedication and all the valuable assistance you have provided to staff at Pender Correctional Institution throughout the years. Pender's educational and vocational programs are certainly better off because of your concern and pride in what you do. Your enthusiasm and persistence has and continues to motivate those around you. There is no doubt that whatever field you embark in, your attitude and professionalism will certainly have a positive impact. Good luck and keep in touch. Pender Correctional Institution Programs Department

- **SANDHILLS YOUTH CENTER**

Thank you, thank you, thank you Arthur, for being such an inspiration and a true motivator. Congratulations on our new position and my condolences to Educational Services. Johan E. de Brigard

- **WAKE CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Arthur for his unwavering support in our efforts to enhance the educational opportunities through the N. C. Community College system while I was at Orange Correctional Center and since I have been at Wake Correctional Center. He always provided me with valuable information and has been a great resource. Further I wish him the best of luck in his new position. Carlton B. Joyner

- **POLK YOUTH INSTITUTION**

The administrators and faculty at Polk Youth Institution are saddened to see Arthur leave Educational Services, but elated about his promotion; he is very deserving. Upon hearing about Arthur's promotion, the following quotes were made by Polk faculty:

"When I think of Arthur I think of his dedication to the JobStart Program and inmate transition issues."

"Arthur is one of those people who puts everything into his work."

"Arthur's enthusiasm and energy is only matched by his dedication and competence."

"JobStart IS Arthur Clark...but Arthur Clark is so much more."

"It is only appropriate that someone so invested in transition issues, as Arthur has been, would want to change jobs. God Speed."

"Arthur has left us with an indelible impression of dedication and professionalism."

"Mr. Clark is the consummate professional."

Mr. Clark is well thought of at Polk. We look forward to a continued partnership with him in his new duties. We hope to expand the JobStart initiative here.

- **REGARDS FROM BOB LEWIS**

Arthur is a true professional in every sense of the word. He is a dedicated taskmaster who is always willing to follow up on issues to assure that the task is appropriately accomplished. He has done an outstanding job for the Division of Prisons and will be missed. Bob Lewis

- **BEST WISHES TO ARTHUR FROM FOUNTAIN CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

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**FROM ANNE TEW'S DESK:**

I want to express my appreciation to all the Division of Prisons and Community College staff who worked so hard in 2001 to accomplish an extremely successful transition to the GED 2002. Our GED graduations in the DOP rose by 44% in 2001, a reflection of the efforts of many individuals to assure that whenever possible students working on their GED in 2001 could graduate before the test changed. Well done!

## GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS DOP

- **RUTHERFORD CORRECTIONAL CENTER:**

Rutherford Correctional Center had fifty-five inmates who attained their GED in the year 2001. Out of the fifty-five only three are still at this unit. Graduation exercises for these three will be held at Isothermal Community College on June 14, 2002.

- **COLUMBUS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION:**

Columbus Correctional Institution awarded forty-seven inmates their GED Certificates in 2001. Thirty-five others were awarded Vocational Certificates in one of three areas: Brickmasonry, Basic Heating, Air and Refrigeration, and Plumbing. Seven GED Certificates have also been awarded so far in 2002. The host Southeastern Community College hope to soon offer Human Relations Development studies to inmates as part of their transitional case management.

- **JOHNSTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION:**

On Wednesday, April 24, 2002, Johnston Correctional Institution held a graduation ceremony for the vocational programs in the following trade and technical areas: Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration (12), Electrical/Electronics Technology (17), Electronic Servicing Technology (11), Food Service Technology (19), Horticulture Technology (13), Masonry (11), Office Systems Technology (10), and Plumbing (12). Thirty-eight graduates were also honored for maintaining straight A's throughout their studies, while 53 were recognized for perfect attendance.

- **NC CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN:** NCCIW held their Spring Graduation on April 5, 2002. Ninety-three students qualified for graduation while 79 students graduated in Vocational Programs and GED. As Ms. Sandra Winters delivered her thought provoking speech and poem inspiring graduates to be "phenomenal women", everyone was spellbound. Family and friends showed great support by record setting attendance. The NCCIW Shaw Graduation will also be held in the Chapel of the Nameless Woman on June 4, 2002. Fifteen students will be receiving AA or BA degrees. Senator Ellie Kinnaird will address the graduates, families, staff, and administration. The NCCIW Gospel Choir, directed by Ms. Michelle Montague, will sing a musical selection for our listening pleasure.

- **SAMPSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION:**

Eleven students graduated on April 11th from Sampson Correction Institution who completed the Character Education Class. The students developed a class code of ethics and Programs Supervisor Hameed Shareef offered closing remarks.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT PASQUOTANK

Two instructional programs are provided by the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City: Basic Skill/GED and Vocational Training. Three vocational courses are offered in Carpentry, Electrical wiring and HVAC. Food Service Technology is also offered to train students in food preparation in the restaurant industry. Currently, the basic program has 46 students enrolled and historically, COA has had one of the highest percentages of graduates of any GED program in the state. The College of Albemarle plans to graduate 28 vocational students and 44 GED students in the graduation exercise scheduled for July 19, 2002. In other

news, PCI has recently begun publishing a 12-page newsletter featuring a "Student of the Month" and original works by some of our students. The newsletter has been well received by both students and staff.

## CULINARY SKILLS UTILIZED AT CALEDONIA

The food service technology program remains one of the most successful programs at Caledonia. It provides valuable knowledge and experience in the culinary arts to all inmates enrolled. On April 17, 2002, Mr. Hunsucker and his students prepared and presented the food and refreshments in a highly professional manner at our volunteer banquet. Both our staff and volunteers present were impressed and very complementary. Our food service technology class has trained inmates for the more specialized jobs in the kitchen. Additionally, this vocation provides the inmates with a marketable skill which will be necessary to have a successful reentry into society.

## BLACK HISTORY OBSERVED AT MORRISON CI

Inmates assigned to the Education Department at MCI presented a Black history Observance Program "A Walk Through Time in Black History" highlighting precolonial to present day historical events. Morrison's choir, the Freedom Singers, sang a selection of spiritual and gospel music. Refreshments were provided for program participants.

### OTHER NEWS AT MCI:

- ESL inmates recently observed Cinco De Mayo as they celebrated their heritage and enjoyed eating a variety of Spanish foods. Cinco De Mayo, an annual celebration which marked the end of French control of any land in Mexico, begins on May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>.

- MCI Education Department participated in the McGraw-Hill Spring 2002 research project called "A Validation Study of the TABE and GED Tests". Twenty-nine inmates participated in this research project which assessed written language mechanics and written composition skills. The Tests of Adult Basic Education and General Educational Diploma are commonly used educational tests in the community college system and the Division of Prisons.

## ALBEMARLE INCREASES COURSE OFFERINGS

The Albemarle Correctional Institution has increased educational offerings in partnership with Stanly Community College to include the following: Computer Applications (15 students), 17 Occupation Extension Courses (beginning May 20<sup>th</sup>), Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Technology (with 18 students), and an evening HRD program. A Spanish class was also established to prepare students to work with Hispanic co-workers. In other news, an education website is being developed for Stanly Community College with a link to the education programs at Albemarle Institution. Also, Ms. Tiffany Phillips, a participant in the Pfeiffer University Bonner Connection Community Partner Program, is tutoring ABE students at the institution weekly. ACI hosted an Education Achievement Recognition Ceremony on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** News items for the next issue of this bulletin are due by July 8<sup>th</sup>. Email to [sdb13@doc.state.nc.us](mailto:sdb13@doc.state.nc.us) or fax: 919-838-4764.

