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### ***Community College Makes State-Wide Budget Cuts of Forty Percent***

The 2010-2011 academic year has given the staff of Educational Services challenges that often required quick maneuvering, pooling of resources and collaboration to continue the classes offered in our facilities. Educational Services and the Community College System partner together to offer classes that will increase an offender's employability. This year the colleges were operating under a 40% loss of FTE funding, forcing them to make difficult choices in dropping classes and teacher positions. Unfortunately, the Colleges took the largest portion of cuts from the Prison Education Program.

Two facilities hit hardest were Johnston Correctional Institution and Warren Correctional Institution. At Johnston, the community college dropped eight courses and instructors, citing budget restraints as the cause. The Incarcerated Individual Program worked with Johnston Community College to develop a plan to reinstate some of the lost classes as Continuing Ed. courses. The facility is still short of classes but grateful for the ones offered. Warren Correctional Institution lost all part time Continuing Education classes as Vance Granville Community College eliminated the 15 instructor positions. Educational Services staff along with Community College System staff developed a plan to transfer left over funds to Vance Granville and an electrical wiring course and a computer application class were started at Warren Correctional Institution.

Other smaller but significant events occurred system wide. The solution for most varied from taking advantage of the Incarcerated Individual Program to substituting Continuing Ed and HRD courses for curriculum classes. As of November, DOP facilities still offer a wide range of opportunities for offenders to learn hard and soft skills that will open the doors of employment.

Educational Services, Research and Planning and the Community College System have held several meetings to develop strategies that will address the legislative mandates passed by the 2010 legislature. After many hours of work, and development of new classes and processes, the Strategic Planning Group will have a rough draft prepared by mid December 2010, and a final report ready by February of 2011 to present to the legislature. The report covers data collection, timing and targeting of classes, increasing CBI, developing an offender reentry HRD class, and funding. The strategies will continue the process of implementing best practices in offender management that increase public safety and reduce recidivism.

### ***FACILITY NEWS AND EVENTS***

**Bertie** reports that for the month of July two students were awarded their GED certificates. One student completed in August and three students completed in September.

**Cabarrus** held its Horticulture graduation on September 30, 2010. A total of six inmates completed the course.

**Caldwell** had six students to complete their GED, two in July and four in August. The Programs staff continues to inform the inmates through counseling sessions, expressing the value and importance of being educated and making successful transitions back into society.

**Caledonia** is proud to say they still have three very active vocational programs after losing the Small Engines and Facility Maintenance programs. A total of 43 inmates are assigned to the vocational classes and there are 22 assigned to the academic programs. The Apprentice Program currently has three students enrolled. Caledonia is looking forward to a new year with the hope of gaining additional vocational programs.

**Dan River** Superintendent Rudy Foster submitted a copy of the September issue of the magazine, "Wildlife In North Carolina". The magazine features a very good and positive article on page 11 regarding the partnership between the NC Wildlife Commission and the Dan River PWF. The inmates at Dan River are doing a lot of work for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission through the four- year old **Wildlife Inmate Service Program (WISe)**. Inmates enrolled in this program build docks and piers that are installed all across our state. Trees and small plants are also cultivated by the inmates and sold to our schools, municipalities and various public agencies. Additionally, there are some highly skilled inmates who work in the **WISe** sign shop. These workers make the logo signs that are diamond-shaped and are seen at North Carolina's boating access areas. Other custom signs are also made by the inmates. The article was written by Carolyn Rickard, public information officer with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and photographed by Melissa McGaw. Be sure to get your hands on a copy to read the article in its entirety.

**Greene** Correctional awarded four GED certificates and 45 vocational certificates for the months of July through September 2010.

**Hyde** held its annual graduation on August 30 with 12 students receiving their GED certificates. A total of 32 graduates received their diplomas in the following programs: Horticulture (9), Welding (9), Electrical Wiring (6), and Graphic Arts (8).

**Morrison** awarded a total of 36 GED certificates during the months of June, July, August and September. During that time 256 subject area tests have been passed while there have been only 18 failing scores out of a total of 274 tests administered. This resulted into a 93.4% passing rate. This information was submitted by the new school principal Andy Reeder.

**New Hanover** enrolled 13 students in the Electrical Program this quarter. The class started August 16 and is scheduled to end on December 10. Graduates will receive 15 merit days upon successfully completing the program. They will also obtain certificates that will prepare them for various careers in electrical wiring. The Electrical Technology Program is taught by Cape Fear Community College instructor, Mr. Gillespie. The curriculum is designed to provide training in the installation and maintenance of electrical systems in residential, commercial and industrial facilities. Training may include topics on AC/DC Theory, basic wiring practices, digital electronics, programmable logic controllers, industrial motor controls, the national electric code and other subjects as local needs require. This category refers to curriculum level courses offered by the North Carolina Community College System. New cabinets were purchased via the education budget to house and ensure accurate tool inventory. The cabinets have extra drawers built inside with well designed shadow boards for accurate accountability and correct tool placement. Updating the tool inventory list and implementing tool booklets ensure classroom safety as well as extra accountability.



**New Hanover Cabinets in Electrical Classroom**

**Pamlico** is in the process of establishing a new enterprise. Steve Wertheimer, owner of Dental Quest, a denture manufacturing company based in New York, has been working with Correction Enterprise to add a denture production plant to Pamlico CI. The program will have 20 Dental Tech program participants that must complete 786 hours of classroom/lab instruction taught through Pamlico Community College. Once the classroom portion is completed, 15 participants will be selected to continue in the program as Dental Lab Tech trainees. These trainees will complete

2000 hours of on- the- job training. Once they begin to produce a marketable product they will be paid \$10.91 per hour. Construction is underway on the classroom and production area with an undetermined start. For additional information on the program or if anyone has an inmate interested in the participation, contact the Assistant Superintendent for Programs, Anthony Florence. On September 8, Dominic Brown of WCTI, Channel 12, visited Pamlico and reported on the vocational programs. He highlighted the Horticulture program, interviewing the instructor Mr. Powell and his teaching assistant, inmate Aldemico Perkins. Both stressed the value and benefits of the program which incorporates new direction, having a sense of pride, changes in lives and reaping the benefits of seeing and enjoying the plants and vegetables grow from seed to the beautiful finished product. Other inmates are being encouraged to get into the various programs offered in order that they will be afforded more opportunities to make a better life for themselves and their families. In addition to the various types of plants and basic gardening techniques, students learn landscaping and planting cycles. At the end of the semester, inmates literally get to taste the fruits of their labor. Instructor Powell brings in various dressings and the students are allowed to enjoy salads full of the fresh vegetables they have grown.



**Pamlico Dental Labs**

**Piedmont** Correctional in partnership with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College takes great pride in the accomplishments of their students completing the various programs. The minimum facility held a graduation ceremony in August recognizing five students that received their GED certificates. Thirteen graduated from the Chaplaincy Re-Entry Program, seven completed the Character Education Program and three graduated from the CBI: Thinking for a Change Program. The medium facility held the summer graduation on July 2 with Piedmont

Regional Program Service Coordinator Sara Cobb as the guest speaker. Recognition was given to students earning the GED (4), Auto Body and Light Construction (13), Computer Class (8), and the Discipleship Program (22). Also recognized for their accomplishments were two students that completed the Enterprise Apprenticeship Program. Nine students completed the Anger Management class, 11 completed the Character Education Program, 11 completed the Napoleon Hill Program and 12 completed the CBI: Thinking for a Change.

The vocational programs at Piedmont also provide projects for the community. The Light Construction class completed utility buildings for Habitat for Humanity as well as projects to include miniature homes and trucks for the new Discovery Place for Kids that is to soon to be opened in Huntersville. The Auto Body Class teaches students the techniques used in repairing and refurbishing vehicles and at the same time allows local fire and police departments to have their vehicles restored. The North Carolina State Highway Patrol and the North Carolina Forestry Service have benefited from the training also.



**Piedmont Miniature Home Project**



**Landis Fire Dept. Bus**

**(Restored by Piedmont Auto Body Class)**

**Randolph** Correctional Center administered a total of twenty-six GED tests this quarter. Seven students received their certificates.

**Sampson** Correctional has had a year of completing foundations to build upon. Through their partnership with Sampson Community College, the students celebrated their long awaited accomplishments by becoming vocational college graduates. Educational programs were offered in the areas of Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration and Horticulture. Each program has a high performance standard and requires complete devotion and dedication. The completion of these programs served as a celebratory milestone for the graduates. Students participating in the Air Conditioning and Heating and Refrigeration course were afforded the opportunity to take the Journeyman's National Certification Examination. The plants grown by the Horticulture students were able to be sold at the annual green house sale sponsored by the community college. Although the Horticulture, Air Conditioning and Heating and Refrigeration programs were dissolved due to the budget, the HRD Program is full time. This curriculum is structured to teach Career Readiness and Employability as well as a trade in Horticulture. The Sampson Correctional Programs Staff continues to actively work with Sampson Community College to obtain more continuing education programs to offer the inmate population.

**Wake** Correctional offers many vocational programs. The Heating and Air and the Electrical Wiring classes continue every eight weeks with a full enrollment. In July, Horticulture Technology, an apprenticeship program was added to the curriculum. The Certified Communications class continues with full enrollment. The class is now incorporated in the Incarcerated Individual Program. A new Employability Skills class will be offered part-time to students who complete the certified communications program. Wake held the annual graduation ceremonies on September 23 for the GED and vocational school graduates. Dr. Anthony Reggi, Employment and Training Specialist, Central Office, was the guest speaker. He spoke to the graduates about hope for the future and their transition out of prison. GED tutor and student speaker Bobby Browder encouraged all graduates to find another student and assist them in accomplishing their goals.

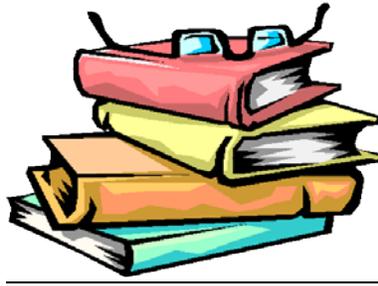
**Warren** Correctional Administrator Joyce Kornegay welcomed guests and staff on September 23, 2010 as they held their annual graduation ceremonies. This ceremony was for inmates who completed one or more academic or vocational courses during the past year. Inmates housed at Warren Correctional have the opportunity to earn certificates in Commercial Cleaning/Starting Your Own Business, Human Resource Development, Electrical Wiring and Computer Operations. This past year, thirty-four inmates earned their GED certificates through the cooperation of Warren Correctional Institution and Vance-Granville Community College. Over 270 students completed 379 courses of study, readying them to become productive members of society. Ms. Vanessa Jones, Vice-President of Community and Economic Development, VGCC, was the keynote speaker. Several other members of the VGCC prison educational staff were also present. Dr. Bobbie Richardson, NCDOP School Administrator for Licensure, Personnel and Curriculum, was also in attendance.

## *Educational Services Welcomes New Staff Members*

Ms. Caletta Jenkins joins the Educational Services Department in the Divisions of Prisons as an Extension Education/Training Specialist, Incarcerated Individual Program as of July 6, 2010. Ms. Jenkins is a 13 year corrections veteran who most recently served as Program Director I at Nash Correctional Institution. She is a native of Raleigh and a graduate of Saint Augustine's College. Ms. Jenkins serves on several organizations such as the State Employees Association of North Carolina and the Wake Teen Medical Services.

Dr. Anthony "Tony" Reggi states that it is a privilege to serve the offender population of North Carolina. Moving from the Office of Transition Services to Educational Services has provided an excellent platform from which to continue this service. He hopes to use his skills and experience to increase the educational and employment opportunities for incarcerated men and women and contribute to a cohesive continuum for their transition home. Dr. Reggi is the Education, Employment and Training Specialist III and started with Educational Services in July 2010. He has said in his own words, "I have 26 years left until I can retire!"

"A good teacher must know the rules; a good pupil, the exceptions". ~Martin H. Fischer



"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school". ~Albert Einstein

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