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### **Institutions Receive Accreditation**

**Foothills Correctional Institution** and **Western Youth Institution** in Morganton, NC have earned the honor of being reaccredited for a three year period by the Correctional Education Association. Foothills and Western earned the initial accreditation in 2002. To be reaccredited after the initial three year period, both institutions reapplied to CEA and satisfactorily completed the accreditation process through a compliance audit.

The Correctional Education Association accreditation process, administered by the CEA Standards Commission, furnishes correctional facilities with an independent evaluation of their education program against recognized benchmarks. The Correctional Education Association Performance Standards for Adult and Juvenile Correctional Educational Programs provide nationally accepted guidelines for the operation of correctional education programs.

The CEA Standards include criteria for the operation of four important areas of correctional education: administration, personnel, students, and program. The CEA standards are approved and recognized by the American Correctional Association.

The education staff of Foothills and Western worked diligently for months to prepare for the CEA Standards Compliance audit. In preparation for the compliance audit, program policies and procedures were revised and updated, recordkeeping methods were evaluated and improved, research and reevaluation of major program operations were conducted and documentation files were prepared for all sixty-seven Standards.

The compliance audit was conducted on October 25, 2005 by Barbara Jacobs, Auditor and Bill Delaney, Trainer Auditor at Foothills and Western. During the audit, program documents and records were examined for primary, secondary, and tertiary evidence of compliance with Standards as well as interviews with staff and students and tour of the education department. As a result of the auditor's evaluation and report, Foothills Correctional Institution and Western Youth Institution education program were determined to be in compliance with all CEA Standards and scored 100% on the audit. This is an outstanding accomplishment and one that the education staff should feel great pride in completing successfully.

At the 2006 International CEA Conference in Anaheim, California, Foothills Correctional Institution and Western Youth Institution were honored for successfully completing the audit process and awarded accreditation certificates. Ms. Rose True, Educational Services Director and Ms. Ann Washington, ESP Coordinator at Foothills accepted the certificates for Foothills Correctional Institution and Western Youth Institution.



*Pictured: CEA President Dr. Owen Modeland, Rose True, Ann Washington, and CEA Executive Director Steve Steurer*

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### **Educational News at Durham Correctional Center**

Durham Correctional Center conducted a graduation ceremony in the center's Programs Building conference room on September 8, 2006 for the "Character Education Class." The class marks the first class taught in four years at the center. Inmates Robert Evans, Corey Neal, David G. Owens, John J. Perry, Omega Perry, Andreas White and Dexter Moore were awarded certificates for successfully completing the class by Mr. Fennell, CCM-instructor. Superintendent Cates encouraged the graduates to enjoy the refreshments. The graduates were encouraged to incorporate the lessons learned in class in their daily lives.

Certificates were issued to 11 inmates at Durham Correctional Center for successfully completing the "Human Resource Development" class taught by Ms. Regina Barbee of Durham Technical Community College on September 15, 2006. The graduates were the following: Larry Sweatman, Willie M. Daniel, Dwayne Taylor, David Graham, Miguel Morales, Michael Peacock, Borris Thorpe, Phillip Avent, Calvin Brame, Corey Neal and Samuel B. Harris. Pizza, chicken and sodas were served to celebrate the event. Mr. Fennell, Case Manager-Education Coordinator was also present.

## A Quilting Bee at NCCIW

The students in the academic school at NCCIW recently celebrated National Quilting Month by creating a colorful paper quilt during the month of August. What began as a class project in the Title I class grew into an integral activity enjoyed by the entire academic student body.

After a brief history of quilting was given to the students to read, the students learned that these pioneering women began quilting before some of them could read or write. Quilting was one way women could contribute to their community.

This project enabled each student to develop competitiveness throughout the activity. A guided practice activity was used to demonstrate how to make individual squares. Each student designed a square which represented a special interest for them. Students were encouraged to select specific colors that represented a meaningful collection. They incorporated shapes and colors to express their vision. Each student experienced a sense of community while also reaching an independence of each other.

The objectives of this lesson were to:

1. learn the history of quilting bees in North Carolina.
2. Developed a sense of teamwork.
3. Follow directions.
4. Recognize different shapes and colors.
5. Use time management.

After completion of all objectives, with maximum results, a beautiful paper quilt was created. The students requested that we hang the quilt in the hallway of the academic school for all to enjoy and appreciate.

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## NCCAT ANNOUNCES GOLDEN APPLE SCHOOLS

The North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching has named Morrison Correctional Institution in Hoffman as a “Golden Apple School” for its support of the 2005-06 annual funds.

The recognition means that every teacher on the school’s faculty who has ever attended an NCCAT seminar or a teacher-scholar residency made a contribution to the center’s annual fund-raising campaign. “Golden Apple” schools receive a certificate of appreciation and a congratulatory visit by an NCCAT official. Thirty schools in North Carolina achieved “Golden Apple” status in 2005-06.

Mary McDuffie, director of NCCAT, said: “This is a worthy achievement and we thank you for affirming so strongly, through your gifts, the value of your NCCAT experiences.”

The annual fund is a statewide campaign that supplements the center’s state-appropriated budget. Most contributions to the campaign come from teachers. Friends of the center

and staff members also make gifts, which totaled \$65,900 in 2005-06.

“It is gratifying to see the solid base of support coming from teachers who have had the NCCAT experience,” said Dee Grantham of NCCAT, the alumni coordinator. “Our alumni quite often express appreciation of their times at the center, and supporting the annual fund is a tangible means of validating the NCCAT mission to advance teaching as an art and a profession.

At Morrison Correctional Institution, Elizabeth Carey chaired the fund-raising effort in NCCAT’s behalf. Other NCCAT alumni who made contributions were; Cleveland A. Graham, Sheila Scott, and Glynda J. Stephens.

NCCAT provides a variety of seminars each year for pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers who have been employed on a full-time basis for at least three years in public schools. The seminars, usually five days in duration, are offered on a year-round basis at no cost to participating teachers. They are designed to renew teachers’ vitality for teaching and to equip them with new knowledge for the classroom. Support programs are available for teachers seeking national certification and also for beginning teachers during their critical first year. For more information, visit NCCAT online at [www.nccat.org](http://www.nccat.org).



**Top: Morrison personnel are presented with the honor of being a “Golden Apple” school.**  
**Bottom: Staff members at Morrison CI Minimum Custody School**

## **Educational News at Lumberton Correctional Center**

August brought new and exciting things to Lumberton Correctional Institution. The computer lab was completely refurbished with new networked multi-media HP computers. There are 13 student workstations and a computer administrator's station. In addition to existing software, Reading Horizons and Rosetta Stone software was installed. Reading Horizons, Rosetta Stone and ELLIS software will enable ESL, ABE and GED students to learn beyond basic language skills to comprehension, vocabulary development and cultural education. The existing software Plato and GED Interactive Programs were upgraded to ensure academic achievement. Lumberton Correctional Institution has two shifts for academic students. There are ABE, GED and ESL classes on first shift and ABE and GED classes on second shift. Basic skills students are scheduled into the computer lab to enrich and reinforce skills taught in the classrooms.



**Lumberton CI Computer lab**

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### **Fall in the Foothills**

The education department at Foothills Correction Institution is involved in several activities and events this fall. The majority of our education staff as well as the education staff from Western Youth Institution have been attending monthly Spanish classes given by Johan de Brigard. Johan is the Education Coordinator of Title I/ESL/Principal Mentor from the Educational Services. Both facilities are acquiring useful and conversational Spanish that can be utilized with the ESL inmate populations and are immensely enjoying themselves while they learn the new language.

Many FCI and WYI teachers attended a NC Wild workshop on October 5 hosted by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. A great time was had by all as we participated in activities that promote NC wildlife education. After each activity, the presenter, Lindsay Green, asked for input on how teachers could modify each activity for individual classes and subject areas so that the information was both useful and applicable in our unique teaching environment.

The education staff joined FMCU as they celebrated the graduation of their first New Leash on Life participants. This program is designed to be a "win-win" situation for both the animals that are rescued from a local animal shelter and obedience trained so they can be adopted into homes in the local community and for the inmates (two assigned per dog) who work with them. Kudos to the staff and inmates at FMCU for implanting this wonderful new program!

FCI is currently hosting a creative writing contest. Students are submitting work in the genres of poetry, short story, and essay. Each category will assign 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners with acknowledgement of participation for all entries and a copy of the collection of the entries entered. We look forward to seeing the talent of our students.

The education department at FCI is also anticipating the publication of the new education newsletter entitled The Connection. Inmates are writing about global, national and local issues as well as sports, entertainment, transition information, and conducting interviews. In addition, puzzles and vocabulary will be included to enlighten and entertain the minds of the readers.

Finally, our staff is excited about the addition of our new guidance counselor, Ms. Gloria Chambers, who is scheduled to join our staff on November 1. We know that she will do her best to counsel and assist the inmates as they work to better themselves with an education. In addition, Ms. Chambers will be a valuable asset for transition teaching and career information.

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### **The 2006 NCCIW Shaw Graduation**

On June 8, 2006, NCCIW held their graduation recognition and honors ceremony for Shaw University. The event, held in the facility's chapel, highlighted the hard work and dedication of thirteen students. Of these, six received Associate of Arts in Business Management degrees and seven received Bachelor of Arts in Sociology degrees.

Warden Annie Harvey spoke to the group and told the graduates how proud she and the entire staff were of their accomplishments. Following her remarks, the valedictorian urged her fellow graduates to dream the impossible dream and continue following their life's goals. The Gospel Choir sang several musical selections for the entertainment and religious uplifting of the assembly.

The speaker, Gwendolyn Chunn, President of the American Correctional Association, motivated the students with a positive message and charged them to achieve their dreams, be proud of their accomplishments, and never stop the learning process. Following her speech, Dr. Clarence Newsome, President of Shaw University, conferred the degrees. Dr. Valerie Villines and Mrs. Joyce Kornegay, distributed honor medals, pins, and certificates to graduates and undergraduates whose grade point average was 3.0 or higher.

The event was attended by many dignitaries from both DOC and Shaw University. Following the ceremony, family members were treated to a wonderful reception catered by the NCCIW Dining Room staff headed by Ms. Lynn.

### **All School Graduation at NCCIW**

Friday, October 27, 2006, was a special day for the North Carolina Institution for Women (NCCIW). This date signified almost 20 years, a milestone, of celebrating the academic achievements of its women in an all school graduation. During these ceremonies, women here have been recognized for receiving their General Education Diplomas (GED's) and certificates of completion in Horticulture, Cosmetology, Manicuring, Small Business and Computer Information Systems.

It is the unique goal of this institution, to provide the female population here with many avenues of transition and the proper training and education to prepare them for the opportunities of success for life both inside and outside the walls of this institution. In accomplishing this goal, the numbers seem to back our mission and philosophy. Statistics show that people with a strong educational foundation, who possess skills and trades, are less likely to be incarcerated. For those already in prison, who utilize their time to become more educationally grounded, the numbers also show that they are less likely to return to prison once released. So to celebrate these accomplishments, NCCIW initiated a ceremony to recognize these milestones in their lives.

This year, over 100 graduates, some 176 in fact, received recognition for striving towards that second chance. A total of eighty-eight (88) received recognition for completing their GED's and a total of 88 other graduates received acknowledgments for completing the necessary course work to receive Vocational Certificates. Thirty-one (31) were given in Horticulture, twenty-three (23) in Manicuring, twelve (12) in Small Business, twelve (12) in Cosmetology, and ten (10) in Computer Information Systems.

As is the signature for NCCIW's All School Graduation, some of the graduates were afforded the opportunity to display their learned skills and inherit talents during the graduation ceremony. The current Horticulture class, teacher, Mr. Clower along with some of the current graduates, classified as Horticulture workers, erected a colorful display of greenery, fall foliage and flowers with an elaborate animated fountain complete with gold fish as part of the decorations at the ceremony. To complete the decorations, past and current GED graduates, aides and Ms. Dunston worked continuously and expertly to create a wonderfully sparkling, scenic view which prominently displayed our meticulously calculated theme for this year's graduation; "Careful Choices Today = Success for Tomorrow!" This was the regal undertone which resonated throughout the entire ceremony.

The speaker for this festive occasion, Ms. Leigh Duque, Executive Director of YWCA of The Greater Triangle Inc., spoke most eloquently while driving home her point to both

the graduates and the audience alike. Her point, that each one of us has the great responsibility to carefully choose those things and make those decisions which will impact our lives and change the course of our lives forever.

As the energy built, family members and friends all eagerly anticipated the charge to the graduates, made by Education Director, Dr. Villines, which signaled their crossing over into graduate completion. Yet, it was the final comments by NCCIW's Warden, Anne Harvey, which solidified, for the graduates, the reality of their accomplishments. As Warden Harvey congratulated them on making the choice to improve the odds in their lives, each was given a challenge not to make this their last ceremonial achievement.

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### **Polk CI Teacher Recognized at Exceptional Children Conference**

Ms. Lawanna Johnson, Exceptional Student Program teacher at Polk Correctional Institution, was selected as DOC's Exceptional Children Teacher of Excellence for 2006. Ms. Johnson continuously shows dedication and leadership in many ways that yield success and positive results for exceptional students. During the 2005-2006 school years, she initiated, planned and conducted a school-wide science fair despite the limitation of materials. Ms. Johnson developed a relationship with the Triangle Resource Rebuilding Communities group and the Good Works Foundation, which provide support and rebuilding opportunities for ex-offenders in the Durham area. She is currently working on developing contacts with similar groups across the state. In order for regular education staff to become more knowledgeable about interventions and accommodations for ESP students, she is creating a resource file with materials that will be available for use by all teachers. Ms. Johnson was recognized for her accomplishments at the annual Conference for Exceptional Children along with other recipients from educational agencies across the state. This event was sponsored by the Exceptional Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



**Ms. Lawanna Johnson poses with  
Education Director John McKoy and ESP Coordinator  
Ms. Georgia Shepard at Polk CI**

## **SUMMER GRADUATION AT MORRISON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**

Morrison Correctional Institution, minimum custody school, held the summer graduation on July 28, 2006 at 1:00pm. Education Services Staff from Raleigh along with institutional guests observed the quarterly occasion which honored 28 graduates.

Marilynn Richardson, GED Social Studies teacher, introduced the speaker, Mr. Lynn Summers. Mr. Summers is the Assistant Superintendent of Operations at MCI. He spoke of how education has been an important part of his life and how it will benefit the graduates in the future. Assistant Superintendent Summers related the goals in life that he sees as important to success and encouraged the graduates to consider incorporating them into their futures. After the graduation ceremony was complete, graduates and their families enjoyed a time of visitation.



**Mr. Marty Wase receives Employee of Excellence Award from Superintendent Ron Jones**

### **“The Sun Is Always Shining”**

Yes, the sun is always shining when the North Carolina Department of Correction merged with the vision of Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., to facilitate the prison P.A.W.S. (Puppies Assisting with Sight) Program at McCain Correctional Hospital. This nationally recognized program celebrated their 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony under the tall pines and blue skies adjacent to the kennels at McCain on Tuesday, October 3, 2006.

Trainers from Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. work closely with McCain staff and inmates in the training of puppies to eventually become adult guide dogs. The puppies are in training at McCain Correctional Hospital for at least twelve (12) months. Then they are transferred to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. home office in Florida for four (4) to six (6) months of advanced training before they are given, free of compensation, to a visually impaired individual.

Each class has six (6) puppies. The program pairs one inmate per puppy with a seven (7) day – 24 hour responsibility for a period of one (1) year. Mary Jones, McCain Program Supervisor, under the direction of Assistant Superintendent Patsy L. Chavis and Superintendent J.C. Huggins, coordinates this specialized and unique program.

Essential to the implementation, is a dynamic community volunteer base. These volunteers provide training which includes escorting the puppies into the community environment that may consist of overnight stays, visiting shopping centers, malls, parks or worship centers in an attempt to increase the puppies’ social adaptability. Veterinary services for the puppies are provided by Dr. Robert Watson and Dr. Melissa Israel of Pine Tree Animal Hospital in Southern Pines.

The P.A.W.S. Program of excellence has incorporated a philosophy of reconciliation that positively impacts affirmative testimonies within the correctional environment and to all citizens of North Carolina. Yes, the sun does shine in ways that reflect positive values significant of all God’s creation, both great and small.



**Pictured: Education Director Marty Wase and Asst. Superintendent Custody & Operations Lynn Summers**

### **MARTIN J. WASE, JR. MORRISON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION EMPLOYEE OF EXCELLENCE - 2006**

As the faculty and staff from the medium and minimum custody schools filed into Superintendent Ronald E. Jones’ Department Head Meeting, Martin J. Wase, Jr. began to look a little concerned. This was especially true since Gloria Upperman, Educational Services Office, Raleigh, N.C., led the way. All of this commotion was in honor of Mr. Wase being awarded Morrison Correctional Institution’s Employee of Excellence Award for 2006.

Mr. Wase supervises the medium and minimum schools which are physically located on opposite ends of that sprawling institution. He has been an excellent leader to both populations and continues to support his staff in their respective responsibilities. In a recent article of the *Richmond County Daily Journal*, Mr. Wase stated that this award is a collective effort of the staff at each school. That unselfish statement is an example of why the employees Mr. Wase supervises respect and follow his leadership. CONGRATULATIONS MARTY!!!! JOB WELL DONE.

Congratulations to those who heard the calling, saw the vision, and now see positive results that benefit everyone when positive hands cooperate with a win, win program.



**Future guide dogs get their start at the McCain Correctional Hospital**



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