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### ***FOOTHILLS AND MORRISON ACADEMIC SCHOOLS BEGIN 2011 SHOWCASING CLASSROOM AND LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY***

**Foothills CI** academics began the year with school improvement emphasis on classroom technology. The teachers incorporated the use of SmartBoards, Quizdom, Document cameras and Quizdom tablets. These sources of hardware allow the teacher to instruct in modern 21<sup>st</sup> century terms. **Ms. Gardner, ESP/Math instructor is shown instructing with a document camera and Q tablet with her students.** “Technology assists the students with successful re-entry into society. It engages in their own leaning through the interaction with this technology,” says Gardner. School Psychologist, Robert Schwacke has custom designed a new Access master school scheduling program. The new program was a much needed update to fit their growing need. The ONet software was added in two labs, Title I and ESP classrooms to compliment the Occupational Outlook Handbook for Human Resource Development. Thus far, the school has produced 15 GED completers for the first quarter.

The school at Foothills has increased time on task for direct instruction in Reading and Math. The federal grant program of ARRA gave them the opportunity to hire tutors in Math (Ms. Willis) and Reading (Mr. Atkinson). The tutor program is set up on a daily pull out schedule. Students benefit from the program in small group settings and are chosen based on test scores and teacher recommendation. The target group is the ESP population; however, other students have benefited from the program. Grade level growth and formal assessments attest to the implementation of the ARRA tutors.

Library services continue to be a great emphasis to the education program as well as the general population. The goal is to provide library services to all inmates. Weekly schedules are posted in the school area and in the units. A new computer has been installed in the library for circulation inventory and library carts are provided to distribute books to inmates confined to closed custody. Books were ordered using a variety of authors and titles and updates were made to the employability transition skills revolving shelves.

Foothills concluded the Youth Wellness committee quarterly meetings in November. This committee continues to applaud the education staff for Health Education Day. All of the teachers deliver health instructional lessons on the first Monday of each month. The school guidance counselor, Ms. Chambers has teamed community resources from the Burke County Health Department and Vocational Rehabilitation with Foothills Health Educators to enhance the monthly presentations.



**Morrison CI** is using the latest Windows plug and play barcode technology. In regards to setting the way for more regular use of the library, Mr. Cooke, Information Technology Maintenance assisted with procuring a computer for the minimum school library. Ms. Butler and Mrs. McInnis completed the bar coding and cataloging of paperback books into the Systel library database software with a new LED scanner. Library staff now uses the handheld USB LED CCD contact scanner to scan in books. The lights in the barcode scanners last three times longer than the conventional laser scanners while offering an initial cost advantage over traditional lasers.

Other cost saving measures implemented by Morrison includes library staff having access to the free barcode 3 of 9 fonts. The font is free to use and is standard for industries with large inventories. It can be printed on Avery 5160 address labels using the mail merge feature in Microsoft Word to create new barcodes. This ten minute process saves up to 30 percent versus purchasing preprinted barcode labels. Additionally, in an effort to reduce the need for contraband items like staples and thumbtacks in the library, a Post It brand bulletin board has been installed. The bulletin board on its surface has the same light adhesive used on post it notes to make posting on the bulletin board fast to post and free of staples. Items on the board can be easily moved and repositioned as needed. In light of projected technology needs, Morrison was assisted by Ms. Upperman, Director of Educational Services in acquiring five surplus computers from Hyde Correctional Institution.

On January 1, 2011 Ms. Johnson retired from her position in Language Arts. In the interim, Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Jenkins are teaching until the position is filled. Mrs. Jeffreys is the new SAT Chair for the 2011 year and Ms. Peterkin was brought on board by Richmond Community College to instruct the medium custody Office Practice courses.

During the month of February, Mrs. Jeffreys, SAT Chair and Ms. Stephens were compliant in all areas of the ESP audit.

Morrison's GED graduation was held on Friday, February 25, 2011, in the minimum custody library. Mrs. Byrd, Basic Skills Director for Richmond Community College was the guest speaker. She spoke about the importance of making learning a life long goal. Since the previous graduation, 20 students earned the GED. On Wednesday, February 23, 2011, Mr. Utley held a certificate ceremony for students who completed Office Practices. Sixteen students were recognized for the certificates. In March, Ms. Peterkin, Office Practices instructor, and Mr. Kapp, bricklaying instructor, had 16 completers each.

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

**Bertie** reports that for the month of January four students received their GED and one student completed his within three weeks of attending class. Five students increased their reading and math scores from six to eighteen points within three weeks. In February eleven students received certificates in the Commercial Cleaning Program, ten received certificates in the Career Readiness Program and two received GED certificates. Four students received their GED certificates for the month of March.

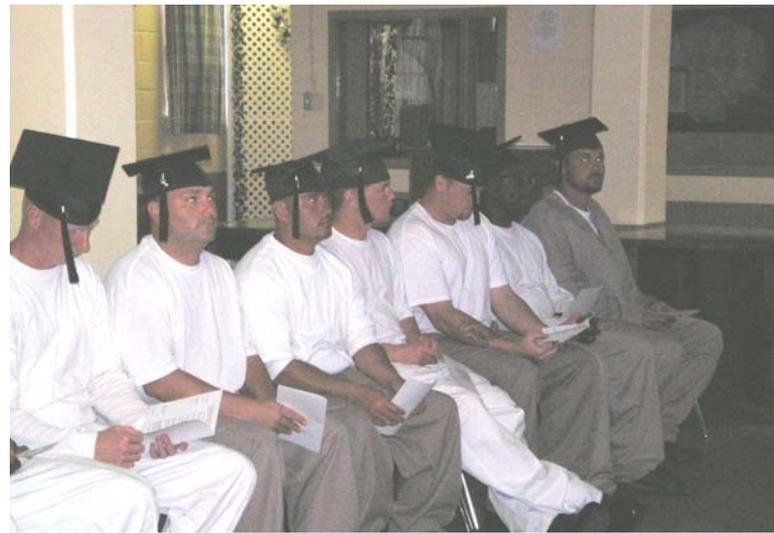
**Brown Creek** minimum unit started the year with many promising accomplishments. A new Human Resource Development Class began on February 22, 2011 following the completion of the first class on February 15, 2011. The carpentry and masonry classes at the minimum unit were discontinued due to the budget adjustments but were utilized by instructors from the medium unit. Through a joint effort with South Piedmont Community College and the facility, the programs are now being offered to each unit for six months. The minimum unit continues to offer the Food Service Technology class with four students completing as of February 7, 2011. The GED program is ongoing with testing each month. The medium custody unit also lost programs due to budget cuts. The Business Administration, Advertising and Graphic Design, Introduction to Computers and Electrical Wiring Programs were eliminated. The

medium continues to offer Horticulture, Mechanical Engineering, GED, ABE, ESL and Veterinary Technology. The facility management staff and the college management staff meet on a regular basis to ensure educational offerings are consistent with the mission of the facility.

**Fountain CCW** has ordered new library circulation software, Library Concepts. This automated software package will enable staff to provide library services to users in a more efficient way.

**Greene** implemented new vocational HRD programs. A total of twenty-nine students completed programs in Essential Skills for Food Service, Computers w/CRC & Keytrain, FREE (Focus on Reality, Education, and Employment) and Skills for Construction Trades. There were two students to complete and successfully obtain their GED certificates.

**Harnett** had former Wake County District Court Judge Vince Rosier as the guest speaker for their Black History Celebration held on February 28, 2011. The two hour program, entitled “The Dream Lives On”, recognized African American contributions to the arts, education, business, philanthropy and civil rights through traditional African music, song and historical oration. Sixteen student actors, known collectively as “The Voices”, represented historical figures spanning the period from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (The Dream Begins) to the presidency of Barack Obama (The Dream Lives On). Harnett’s librarian, Mrs. Kalanz participated in a Grant Writing Seminar at NC A&T University in Greensboro on Wednesday, January 26. The audience consisted of librarians from universities, schools, public and agency libraries. Three presenters from the North Carolina State Library explained the process for applying for LSTA (Library Services and Technology) Grants. Mrs. Kalanz also attended a meeting for State Agency and Information Specialist Librarians in Raleigh on February 23. The participants shared needs, ideas and explored how agencies can help one another. Thirteen students were awarded their GED certificates from Central Carolina Community College on February 25, 2011 in the visitation hall at Harnett CI. Ms. Dawn Tucker, Dean of Adult Education at CCCC, was the guest speaker. The thirteen graduates brought the grand total to thirty-three who successfully completed their GED in the calendar year with CCCC. On February 21, 2011, two of HCI/CCCC’s inaugural Barber Class members had their Provisional License converted to licensed barber by the North Carolina Barber Board and are now employed in their new profession. The Carpentry Class completed seven picnic tables on March 11, 2011 for Lillington Shawtown Elementary School. The Welding Class completed the fabrication on one pig cooker for Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon, North Carolina. The Welding Class also fabricated a metal key box for the Harnett County Detention Center in Lillington NC.



A portion of the CCCC / HCI Class of 2010 GED graduates.



Sturdy metal key box fabricated by HCI Welding students.



A mellifluous rendition of “A Change Is Gonna Come”.



Table by HCI Carpentry students. Pack the fried chicken and sweet tea. Let’s picnic!

**Nash** has continually produced some of the best artwork by inmates in the NC Dept. of Correction. There were six top winners in the last state-wide art contest with a winner in each category. On March 10, 2011 an art contest was held in the gym with 134 entries. The categories were landscapes, portrait figurative, still life and wildlife. The panel of judges was a retired staff member from Nash CI, an enterprise supervisor, a retired art teacher and the Director of the My Sisters House Charity. Sixty-four pieces were donated to My Sisters House for auction at the Imperial Center in Rocky Mount. The awards were, The People's Choice, Best in Show, first through third place and three honorable mentions. The art show/contest was featured on the front page of the Spring Hope Enterprise newspaper.



On January 6, 2011, the spring semester began at **Pamlico Correctional Institution**. The vocational classes offered during this semester includes: Plumbing, Masonry, Horticulture, Carpentry, Electrical/Electronics, Information Systems, and Re-upholstery. Human Resource Development (HRD) is a continuing education program offered during the semester. Pamlico also offers educational programs such as ABE/GED. At the beginning of the semester 35 inmates enrolled in the ABE/GED program. During this quarter 7 inmates have completed all requirements to obtain their GED certificates. Case managers at Pamlico encourage all inmates without a high school diploma or general education certificate to **“Get on the Right Track, Get Your GED”** to improve their chances on becoming law abiding and self supporting individuals.

The Horticulture program is another class offered at Pamlico. Fourteen students enrolled in the program for the spring semester. On March 2, 2011, The North Carolina Cooperative Extension's Master Gardner's class visited Pamlico Correctional. Mr. Daniel Simpson, Assistant County Extension Agent extended his sincere appreciation to the Pamlico Community College and Pamlico Correctional for allowing the Master Gardner's class to tour the Horticultural Program. Mr. Lou Powell, the Horticulture instructor led the event. There were 15 participants and they were very impressed with the professionalism Mr. Powell displayed during the tour. Mr. Daniel Simpson stated the horticulture facility was an excellent example of what a creative mind and hard work can accomplish and commended the work of the horticulture instructor and students.



Fourteen students enrolled in the HRD for the spring semester. The Electrical and Information Systems are popular programs at Pamlico. Seventeen students enrolled in the Electrical program and fifteen inmates enrolled in the Information Systems program. Thirteen students enrolled in the Plumbing program which is a year long program.

The students in the Carpentry program are always hard at work. Nine inmates enrolled for the semester. Carpentry has a two semester requirement in which students learn basic woodworking skills, interior/exterior trim work, cabinetry, footings and foundations, and residential planning and estimating.

The Re-upholstery students continue to excel in this program. Nine inmates enrolled for the spring semester. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate various cutting techniques, placement of patterns onto the fabric to industry standards, setup and operation of a standard sewing machine, and the ability to fabricate a set of cutting patterns. The students in this program exhibit pride in their accomplishments and Pamlico continues to encourage students to gain skills that would help them have a successful re-entry back into the community.

Thirteen students enrolled in the Masonry program for the spring semester. The students are always ready and willing to apply the skills that they have learned. Upon completion of masonry, the students will be able to lay to line, mix mortar, erect walls, build arches, work with bricks and concrete blocks.



**Piedmont Correctional Institution is proud to partner** with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in offering GED and ABE classes as well as Masonry, Auto Body and Light Construction vocational classes. The minimum unit had five graduates to receive their GED certificates and the medium unit had three graduates receiving their certificates. The medium facility also had ten students completing the CBI: Thinking for a Change Program, fourteen completing the Auto Body and Light Construction Program and one student completing the Enterprise Apprenticeship Program. Piedmont's vocational programs provide projects for the students to learn while also giving back to the community. The Auto Body Class repainted a truck for the East Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department. The class also painted a tractor and trailer and a front loader for the N. C. Forestry Service as well as a truck for the Ansonville Fire Department.

Pamlico is still in the process of establishing the Dental Tech Program. Steve Wertheimer, owner of Dental Quest, a denture manufacturing company in New York is working with Correctional Enterprise to add a denture production plant. The program is slated to have space for twenty participants who must complete 786 hours of classroom and lab instruction taught thru Pamlico Community College. Once the classroom portion is completed, 15 participants will be selected to continue in the program as Dental Lab Tech Trainees and complete 2000 hours of on the job training. Trainees will be paid \$10.91 per hour once they produce a marketable product. Construction is underway on the classroom and production area with an undetermined start date. Contact Anthony Florence, Assistant Superintendent, Programs by e-mail or phone at 252-745-3074, ext. 5800 for additional information.

Pamlico Correctional and Pamlico Community College work together to achieve one common goal and that is to encourage education to create skilled law-abiding productive citizens.



E. Rockingham VFD Truck



NCFS Tractor



NCFS Trailer



Ansonville VFD Truck

**Polk Correctional Institution's** Academic and Vocational school hosted the school's bi-monthly Transition Seminar on January 28, 2011. The guest speaker was Mrs. Diane Finch, Director of Vance-Granville Community College's Small Business Center. Mrs. Finch spoke on jobs that were available to the students upon their release from prison and how to get a small business loan to start their own business. The afternoon speaker was Mr. Brian Hamilton, Executive Director of the program, "From Inmates To Entrepreneurs", a special program that gives inmates options once they are released from prison. Mr. Hamilton also gave information on sources of funding for starting their own businesses upon release. Three recipients of the program who have become very successful businessmen accompanied Mr. Hamilton. The academic and vocational school students build their folders as they attend each seminar.

On February 24, 2011, the academic and vocational school hosted a celebration of Black History Month in the visitation hall. The theme was, "African Americans and the Civil War." The guest speaker was Dr. James Smith of Creedmoor, NC. The ROTC Honor Guard of Hillside High School, Durham, NC was presented and musical selections were provided by Polk's Men of Vision. Reflections from African Americans in the Civil War, Sgt. William Carney, Alexander Augusta, Robert Small, John Scobel, Martin Delany and Andrew Cailoux were given by the students.

On March 17, 2011 the schools held a bi-monthly Transition Seminar in the visitation hall. Ms. Robinette Fischer of Vance-Granville Community College's Motor Vehicle Operations was the morning guest speaker. Mr. Martin Terry, Automotive Technician and Mechanic Specialist spoke in the afternoon. Each shared with the inmates, jobs in the automotive field and the criteria for these jobs.

The Polk Parenting/STEP Completion Recognition was held on March 21, 2011 for inmates who completed the program. This is a systematic training program for effective parenting of children under the age of six. The program is held for seven sessions on one evening each week. Seven students completed the program and were allowed to invite one child and one adult as their guest. Mary Ward, Family Services Administrator for NCDOC was the guest speaker. Ms. Ward covered topics on Children-Parenting Styles, Four Goals of Misbehavior, How to Discipline Effectively, Listening/Communication Skills, Encouragement, Differences between Discipline/Punishment and Young Children's Social and Emotional Development. There were other activities including role playing, homework assignments relating to parenting such as crossword puzzles, word searches, self reflection questions, personal experiences, quizzes, team building exercises, question and answer sessions with guest speakers. The Granville County Smart Start community agency was also involved. Polk staff participating in the recognition ceremony included Dr. Bull, Ms. Baskerville, Mrs. Totten, Chaplin Bullock, Mrs. Branch, Ms. Solomon and Mrs. Rogers-Dixon. The parents and children of the inmates were acknowledged for their support.

Polk's librarian, Ms. Gill held an Interview Workshop March 23-29, 2011 in the library for academic students that are projected to be released from prison in less than one year. Students chose jobs from a job board set up by Ms. Gill and completed the applications. A panel of interviewers conducted interviews with the students and provided feedback.

**Robeson Correctional** administered the GED test on March 8, 2011 with four students successfully earning their certificates. A graduation recognition was held marking their accomplishments. **Education Coordinator, David Fields is shown presenting certificates to graduates M. Midgett and R. Goss.** Graduates J. Grant and L. Turner were released prior to graduation.



During the first quarter of 2011, **Warren Correctional** had six full-time students and four part-time students to earn their GED certificates. A total of twelve students completed the Commercial Cleaning Class. New bulletin boards were installed in the GED classrooms to facilitate the display of math and science educational posters. Additionally, the Electrical Wiring Program received three new phase motors to facilitate the demonstration and troubleshooting of these items.

During the month of February, the library and recreation departments sponsored a Black History Trivia contest. Various questions and Black history articles were posted weekly in the library. Inmates used the library on a daily basis to locate the answers. On February 27, 2011, the Black History Program was held in the visitation area and the guest speaker was a former Warren Correctional inmate.

The library at Warren Correctional received book donations from St. Joseph's The Worker Catholic Church and the Warren County Memorial Library.



### *Quotable Quotes Corner...*

“If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”  
Attributed to both Andy McIntyre and Derek Bok

“Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn and you will.”  
Vernon Howard

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