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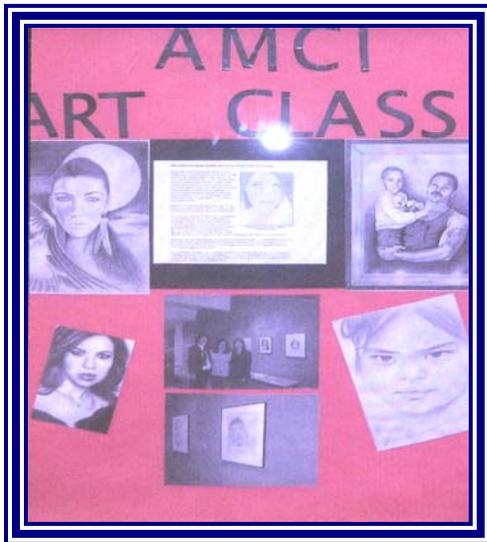
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Avery Mitchell Correctional Institution

The art class offered at Avery Mitchell CI this spring through the Youthful Offender Grant Program proved to be quite successful. The students' art work was displayed in UNC-Asheville campus library honoring the artists for their work. Drawing materials were restricted to graphite and charcoal on paper. In spite of the limitations the exhibit contained work that reflected the students' love, humor, sadness, imagination, and intelligence. The works defined their particular lives and circumstances. Expressions of praise for their art work were shared by the public as well as the Department of Correction.

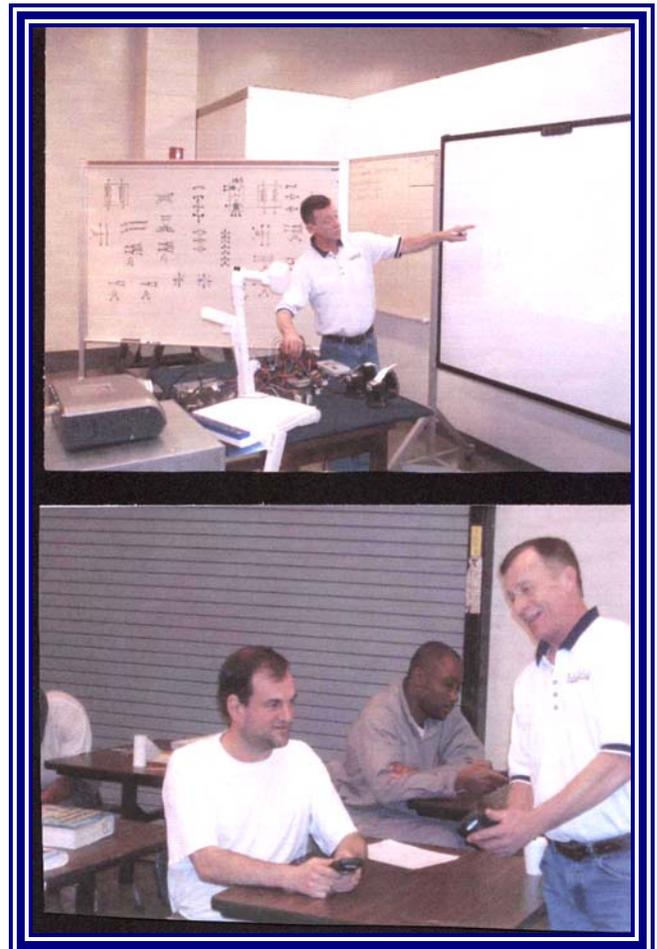


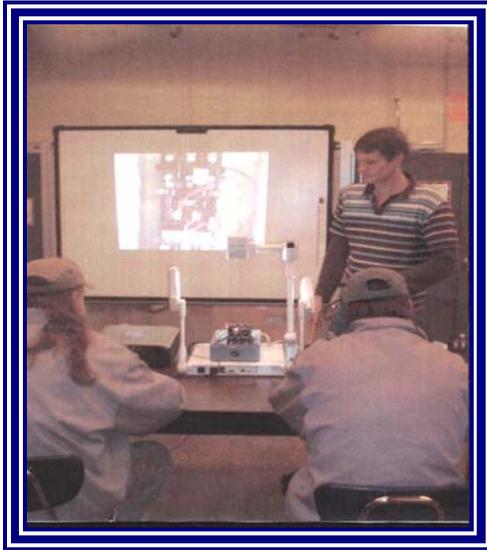
Avery Mitchell Art Exhibit
UNC-Asheville Campus Library



Pictured: Dr. Elaine Fox, Dir., Extension & Distance,
Monica Teal, Art Instructor and Rhonda Peterson, AMCI
Education Program Supervisor

Avery Mitchell's HVAC and Industrial Maintenance classes incorporated the first interactive classroom in DOC in October 2008. The results more than meet the expectations of all stakeholders. The students utilize a handheld interactive device to take tests which is programmed to provide grades immediately. Additionally, the tool affords the instructor the time to work with students one on one, identifies the areas they needed help, and prevents students from copying each others' work. The students can do their homework with the device and respond to the instructor privately. Mayland Community College offers up-to-date educational technology such as this, Smart-boards, and Elmo. AMCI students have been fortunate enough to have these tools available in their classrooms. Featured in the photos below are the scenes of the students during an interactive class and instructors demonstrating work on the Elmo.





Job Link Bus

FMCU has successfully graduated three groups of trained dogs in the New Leash on Life program. To date, all nine dogs have been adopted by loving homes and the program continues to be beneficial for the dogs and the inmates that care and train them. This program is associated with the Burke County Friends for Animals.

The Horticulture program recently held a vegetable/flower plant sale which included a variety of plants such as gardening, hanging baskets, and ornamental foliage. The sale was a huge success for our vocation program. Thank you to Mr. Selby Hawk, Horticulture instructor and WPCG.

Foothills Correctional Institution

On April 24, 2009 Foothills held the second annual Transition Fair. The fair served approximately 200 inmates in education. The program was divided into two groups, "Opportunity within the Walls" and "Road Leading To Home". Students circulated the classrooms that covered topics on Employment, Higher Education, What's Happening at FCI, and Healthy Habits. The Road Leading Home served students who will be released in twelve months. This group rotated between our library and the Job Link mobile unit. Students who attended were shown different presentations, participated in question and answer sessions, as well as being given information packets. Students also were introduced to employability skills and contacts. The program objective is to inform students of the opportunities while incarcerated in the prison system and to hear from special community resources that provide a guide and direction upon release from prison.



Finally, education will be conducting a graduation ceremony on May 29. The staff does an excellent job preparing for the event.

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."
by **David Brinkley**



Lumberton Correctional Institution

Lumberton will host a graduation ceremony for inmates that completed their GED successfully on May 21, 2009. The guest speaker will be, Anders Wright, one of the inmates who have completed many programs and other classes while incarcerated. The inmates that will be honored and receive their GED Certificates are as follows;

ARTHUR BURTON
BILLY LEDWELL
JESSE MCCOMAS

CHARLES DAVIS
DAVID MARTIN
JAVONNIE TATE



Morrison Correctional Institution

Morrison Correctional Institution, Minimum Custody School celebrated its quarterly GED graduation on Thursday April 9, 2009. Forty-one inmates were recognized for their achievement in the company of numerous family members and facility staff.

Nancy Boling, retired School Guidance Counselor at Morrison Correctional Institution, was the guest speaker at the event. Ms. Boling congratulated the graduates for their accomplishments and encouraged them to continue post secondary studies. She cited the example that individuals holding a HS diploma or GED are on average likely to earn a million dollars more per year than those who have neither. She encouraged inmates to exercise the discipline involved in getting up and going to work each day as well as continuing to make positives out of negatives – just as each of them has done in obtaining a GED while incarcerated. She told inmates “When you don’t make a choice, you really do because you let someone else make the decisions for you.” She told graduating inmates to make their own choices and their own decisions. Principal Martin J. Wase also acknowledged the family members and school staff for their support of the graduates.

North Carolina Correction Institution for Woman

A new apprenticeship program has been added to an already well-established line up. The Quick Copy apprenticeship teaches students to use various types of software and to design brochures, newsletters, business cards, and more. This program is a welcome addition to the array of programs currently offered at NCCIW including: Cosmetology, Dental Technology, Food Service, Horticulture, and Travel & Tourism.

Created in 1937, the Apprenticeship & Training Bureau affords workers the opportunity to learn specialized skills necessary in today’s competitive workforce. The apprenticeship program pairs classroom instruction with invaluable hands-on training. The bureau assists community colleges, technical institutions, universities, and private employers in providing technical assistance, monitoring, and consulting services to qualified employers willing to take on the responsibilities and obligations of program sponsorship.

The Quick Copy program involves a minimum of 288 hours of classroom instruction. Using individual computers equipped with Windows XP operating system, students become proficient in using Microsoft Office Suite, CorelDraw Graphics Suite X3, and Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design. Students will design an assortment of print pieces.

Additionally, students will learn the aspects and foundations of colors leading up to the manipulation of photographs, drawings, images, and logos. To ensure marketability upon release, students will also learn how to prepare business reports, create and maintain data files, learn human resource policies, as well as copy right laws. The course is completed at Correction Enterprise’s Quick Copy plant, where students receive practical training and are able to apply their newly acquired skills.



Technology at Work

Apprenticeship successfully combines on-the-job training with theoretical classroom instruction. The Department of Correction offers apprenticeship opportunities for inmates in order to facilitate employment upon reentry into society. The Quick Copy program is yet another example of NCCIW's commitment to teaching inmates how to become productive members of the community.

Opportunity + Effort = SUCCESS!!

Humor in the Workplace

You know it is time to stop driving when...



Editors Note: Please submit any articles for the next newsletter by August 31, 2009. Ruth Duncan