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### RETIRING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES STAFF HONORED

Two veteran Educational Services' staff members recently retired. Friends and colleagues gathered on August 26, 2003 to honor Sandra Winters, Title I Director, and on October 17, 2003 longtime Director of Curriculum and Certification, Dr. Swarn Dayiha was recognized at a floating retirement reception. Both women greatly contributed to the educational services offered through the DOP. As Title I Director, Ms. Winters helped qualifying students receive supplemental reading and math instruction. Dr. Dahiya coordinated the UNC-CH correspondence course program and assisted teachers with all areas of certification and licensure. Although these programs and services will continue to be offered, the faces behind them have changed. Ms. Winters has moved on to continue her career in a new position as a student advisor for St. Augustine's College. Dr. Dahiya has retired to be home with her beloved husband and plans to spend more time visiting her grandchildren. We, at Educational Services, wish both of these consummate professionals the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.



Above, Dr. Swarn Dayiha receives the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her years of dedicated service to the state.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT NOW ONLINE

The 2002 Educational Services' Annual Report is now online. A bound version has also been distributed to all DOP facilities, community colleges, and other partner organizations supporting correctional education throughout the North Carolina Division of Prisons.

### JOBSTART COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIST UPDATE NOW UNDERWAY

Educational Services has begun updating the Job- Start Community Resource List. An updated version will be distributed to all facilities in early 2004. If you know of any updates, deletions, or additions to the current county-by-county listing, please email them to Melissa Champion at [cmr16@doc.state.nc.us](mailto:cmr16@doc.state.nc.us).

### ELVIERA GRZYB AND STEVE MOODY ATTEND INSTITUTE

Elviera Grzyb, Morrison CI Education Director, and Western YI Education Director, Dr. Steve Moody attended the National Institute for Correctional Education Summer Academy at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, August 3-9, 2003 in Indiana, Pennsylvania. The mission of NICE is to "provide support and service to the community of correctional educators in order to enhance their ability to create positive and effective learning environments." Correctional administrators from Hawaii, California, Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Missouri, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and New York spent an intensive week learning correctional education history and developing research projects for their individual correctional schools for on-site planning, implementation, and evaluation of outcomes.

### FOUNTAIN SPONSORS ESSAY CONTEST

Fountain Correctional Center for Women held an essay contest in August. There were a total of ten participants and three grand prize winners. Inmates had to express themselves on the "role of personal responsibility in improving the quality of life in our communities today." Ms. Lori Winstead, English instructor at Fountain, chose winners based on clear expression of ideas, correct usage of grammar, and consistency. The winners were awarded basic English dictionaries, paper, pencils, and erasers. Ms. Winstead views the contest as a way of getting inmates to focus on their roles in the community and looks forward to having more writing contests in the future.

#### In other news from Fountain:

- September was Literacy Month, and the North Carolina Community College System kicked off a three-year statewide campaign to increase literacy in all counties. The campaign is appropriately titled, "The Race 4 Literacy." The educational department at FCCW, in conjunction with Edgecombe Community College, will be planning various activities to incorporate instructor/ student communications and involvement in the campaign. Community volunteers are needed to support "The Race 4 Literacy" campaign. Interested individuals may call the North Carolina Literacy Resource Center at 1-800-553-5967.

### ETHICS & CHOICES AT BLACK MOUNTAIN CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN

In "Ethics and Choices: Decision- Making for Career and Life," HRD Instructor, Elizabeth Saunders, works with female inmates to help them become productive citizens who make better choices. According to Saunders, "It [the class] brings a whole new level to their lives...One woman told me how she faced an ethical dilemma and how she solved it using what she had learned in the class." Enrollment is open to all inmates, although some are required to attend. For more information about this class, contact Black Mountain Correctional Center for Women or A-B Tech.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TRANSITION SYMPOSIUM HELD

Transitional services took center stage at the *Spotlight on Transition* Symposium. Educational Services sponsored the two-day event in Asheboro on October 9-10, 2003. The symposium began with Mr. Boyd Bennett offering opening remarks. Sophia Feaster, social worker from the Piedmont Region Mental Health office, and Rebecca Sauter, Project Re-entry Program Manager, provided the keynote address. Presenters from over twelve agencies and programs showcased a variety of services available to inmates in the area of transition. Presenters included representatives from Correction Enterprises, Vocational Rehabilitation, Transition Aftercare Network, and the NC Community College System. Over sixty DOP teachers and Programs' staff from the youth facilities and the Youth Offender Grant sites attended. Participants commented that the symposium was a worthwhile effort to educate staff on the services available as well as the importance of continued efforts to improve transition services. Educational Services hopes that this symposium will be the starting point for future planning and evaluation of the transitional services we offer.



**Russell Smith, from Pender Correctional Institution, shares information about Pender's Day Training Program with symposium participants.**

## LUMBERTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ADDS NEW PROGRAMS

The Programs Department at Lumberton has added two new programs: Job Start II and Human Resources Development. Job Start II is a prison- to- work transition project designed to assist participants in securing and retaining employment upon reentering the community. Areas of planning, preparation, and implementation include: assessing work skills and barriers to employment, creating an employment portfolio, developing and pursuing individual job search plans, preparing to interview successfully, confirming personal arrangements for housing, transportation, and other job- related needs, and knowing how to stay on the job. Mr. John Crowder is the instructor, and the class is held every Wednesday from 2:00-5:00 PM. Job Start II is a pilot program and is only offered at 10 prisons across the state. Lumberton has also added Human Resources Development, which is also a required component for Job Start II. HRD is a ten- week course offered through the local community college that focuses on skills assessment, employability skills training, and career development counseling.

## ADDITIONS AT FoothILLS

Foothills recently made several additions to its educational programming. The ESL Inmate Tutor program began in educational classes as well as on the units, along with a new CBI Choices and Changes class. Through Western Piedmont Community College, new part-time upholstery and carpentry sections, along with a new employability skills program started. An incentive party for students was also held based on grades and behavior.

Foothills welcomed new additions to its education staff as well. Pam Buchanan is the new Processing Assistant, replacing Linda Allman who moved to personnel. Ronald Hick is the new science teacher, William "Bob" Banks is the new Language Arts teacher, and Donna Ross is the new ESP teacher.

### In other news from Foothills:

- The Education Department at Foothills completed and submitted its Annual Report to CEA.
- A retirement reception was held for Assistant Superintendent of Programs, Charles Harris.
- Education staff attended a two-day ESL workshop focusing on LEP students in the regular classroom.
- Ann Washington, ESP teacher, successfully presented on transition services at CEA conference in Oklahoma in July.

## MORRISON MINIMUM CUSTODY MOVES

Morrison CI Minimum Custody School for the youth began academic classes and a computer lab class on June 11, 2003 in the Hayes Building, which was recently renovated to accommodate GED preparation classes, an evening college class, and a computer lab class. The Morrison staff extends its sincere appreciation to C/O Ronald Brigman and Sergeant Allan Wooster for coordinating the mammoth movement of classroom equipment, furniture, supplies, and textbooks from Sandhills Youth Center and for organizing and supervising the tasks of painting and cleaning in preparation for opening the new school. The school is off to a good start and will continue to expand in the months to come.

### In other news from Morrison:

- A total of 118 vocational certificates were distributed for the summer 2003 vocational cycle completion of computer, basic electronic servicing, masonry, and upholstery classes.
- Morrison CI Minimum Custody School and Morrison CI Medium Custody School recognized the anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Mr. Cleveland Graham, Title I Reading teacher, played taps while inmates and staff stood in quiet resolution in honor of the lives lost.
- Deborah Williams, ESP teacher, attended the NC Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders Conference on September 4-5, 2003. The conference was for professionals who work with students with emotional and behavioral disorders.
- On July 16-18, 2003, Cleveland Graham, Title I teacher, attended the Basic Skills and Family Literary Conference in New Bern, NC.

## FACILITIES ANNOUNCE GED COMPLETION RATES

**Durham Correctional Center** is proud to announce that four inmates received GED certificates in May. More GED success is reported from **Rutherford Correctional Center** where, from the first of January through the end of August 2003, the day and night GED classes enrolled 71 students. During that same period, 28 students earned their GED certificates in cooperation with Isothermal Community College in Spindale. Day classes are held on weekdays and night classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. **Craven Correctional Institution** currently runs two GED classes and has graduated twelve inmates this calendar year.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In 2002 a total of 1,273 GED certificates were awarded throughout the North Carolina Division of Prisons system. This total represents 15% of all GED certificates awarded in the state of NC. For more information about enrollment and completion rates for prison education programs, see the 2002 Educational Services Annual Report.



Pictured above are recent GED graduates from Craven Correctional Institution.

## SUMMER GRADUATIONS HELD

**Albermarle Correctional Institution:** On August 8, 2003 the Educational Department of Albermarle Correctional Institution in partnership with Stanly Community College held a recognition ceremony for students earning academic certificates in the following areas: Programming with Visual Basics (10), Small Business management (15), Heat Pump Technology/HVAC (7), Low Voltage Wiring (10), GED (6), ESL (31), Father Read (12). The Basic Computer, Human Resource Development, and Web Page Design classes are continuous and average a total of 10 graduates for each class every 4 to 10 weeks. Job- Start II officially started on August 20, 2003 with a total of six students.

**Cleveland Correctional Center:** On July 31, 2003 Cleveland Correctional Institution held the graduation for the Comprehensive Education Program (CEP). The graduation theme was "Education is the Key to Success." It was a pleasure to see thirteen graduates step forward to receive a well-earned diploma from Cleveland Community College. The ceremony began with Superintendent Eddie Ross introducing Chaplain Richard Shores, who gave the invocation. Reverend Joey Miller, Field Director, NC Prison Ministries, was the commencement speaker. CEP Education

director, Mr. Robert Putnam presented diplomas to the CEP graduates. Mr. Mark McSwain provided the graduates with some encouraging remarks, and Mr. Ross closed the ceremony by thanking everyone for their support and attendance. Guests included several community volunteers and the Cleveland Community College Board of Trustees. Following the ceremony, all guests and graduates were served a luncheon in the facility dining hall.

**Craven Correctional Institution:** On May 27, 2003 Craven Correctional Institution, in conjunction with Craven Community College, conducted a cap and gown GED graduation for seven inmates. The inmate band played *Pomp and Circumstance* as the graduates entered the area. An inmate provided the commencement address and the Inmate Service Club donated two photographs to each graduating inmate. The Community Resource Council provided funding to pay for the graduation cake and other refreshments for the event. Inmates were allowed to have two visitors attend the ceremony.

**Eastern Correctional Institution:** Eastern Correctional Institution held its twentieth graduation ceremony on May 13, 2003. Through Lenior Community College, five students received their GED diplomas and 34 students received skill certificates in the programs of Information Systems, Culinary Technology, and Horticulture Technology. Ten students completed requirements for a diploma in Culinary Technology, Horticulture Technology, and Information Systems-Software Applications. One student received his Associate and Applied Science Degree in Culinary Technology and one student received his Associate in Applied Science Degree in Horticulture Technology. Dr. Stephen Scott, President of Lenior Community College, awarded degrees, and the graduation speaker was the Reverend Otis Hardy, pastor of the Raleigh branch of the World Church.

**Fountain Correctional Center for Women:** FCCW through Edgecombe Community College had 64 inmates to graduate between July 2002 and July 2003. The community college is excited about this number, and they anticipate even greater success during the upcoming semesters. Graduation at FCWW was held September 26, 2003 at 10:00 AM. Arthur Clark, from the NC Department of Corrections, was the guest speaker.

**Hyde Correctional Institution:** On August 18, 2003, Hyde Correctional Institution held its annual graduation exercise. Hyde exceeded its goal of 60 graduates with the following graduating numbers: GED (16), Horticulture Technology diplomas (11), Welding Technology (12), Electrical/ Electronics (11), and Graphic Arts and Imaging (10). Four graduates who had transferred from other facilities were also recognized for their completion of programs through Halifax Community College in the areas of food service technology, small engine repair, and plumbing. Hyde cites a good working relationship with Beaufort County Community College and its outstanding instructors with its success. This year's guest speaker was a former graduate of the graphic arts and imaging program at Hyde Correctional who is now successfully employed with a company where he puts his CADD skills to work every day designing homes. Following the ceremony, all graduates and guests were served light refreshments and the graduates had cap and gown pictures taken. Graduates were also presented with a 2003 graduation tassel, supplied by their instructors, a set of stationary and graduation notices, provided by the Mattamussett High School Senior Beta Club, and a free picture ticket from the Hyde Correctional Institution Quality Men's Club.

**Marion Correctional Institution:** Marion Correctional Institution held its 7<sup>th</sup> annual inmate graduation ceremony on August 15, 2003. Approximately 100 family, friends, and staff attended to share in the success of the 36 graduates. Certificates and diplomas were awarded for GED (11), Information Systems (11), Cabinetmaking (7), and Horticulture (7). Marion began the fall semester on August 19 with a total of 124 inmates participating in the various education programs offered. Marion would also like to welcome the new MTCC staff member, Mrs. Susie Canonico. Mrs. Canonico will be teaching the English as a Second Language class as well as math and English for the curriculum programs at Marion.

**Mt. View Correctional Institution:** On June 18, 2003 Mt. View CI and Mayland Community College held their third annual graduation ceremony. In attendance were 75 family members of graduates, 15 Mayland Community College employees, and 20 staff from Mt. View CI. Freddie Sherrell was the guest speaker. He spoke on how completing his GED changed his life and gave him options and opportunities that would not have been possible without it. Two other graduates also spoke, expressing gratitude to the instructors from Mayland and staff at Mt. View for helping them gain an education that would aid them after prison. A total of 81 inmates received certificates in Horticulture (14), Carpentry (12), Masonry (12), Information Systems (23), GED (16), and Welding (6). After the ceremony a reception was held for the graduates and their families.

**Nash Correctional Institution:** Nash Correctional Institution and Nash Community College held commencement exercises August 1, 2003 for inmates receiving degrees and continuing education certificates. Seven students received Associates in Applied Science degrees in Electronics Engineering Technology and six received Continuing Education certificates for Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning. Thirteen students were recognized for completing their GED. Sylvia Harriss from the Rocky Mount Communities in Schools program was the keynote speaker.

**Neuse Correctional Institution:** At Neuse Correctional Institution the theme is "Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved." On June 25, 2003, graduates at Neuse took a huge step toward realizing their destiny. At the ceremony held in the unit's chapel, graduates were honored for completing the following: GED (6), Computer class (13), Character Education class (13), and the night Time Computer class (13). The guest speaker, the Reverend TC West from LaGrange, NC, impressed both the inmates and the guests with his words of encouragement. Staff in attendance included Mr. John Crawford, Superintendent IV, Mr. George Richardson, Assistant Superintendent for Programs, Mr. Milton Nowell, Assistant Superintendent for Custody, Mr. Stan Taylor, Education Coordinator, and Neuse Program staff. Neuse sends a special thanks to their GED instructors, Ms. Francis Smith and Mr. Jackie Waddell, computer instructors, Mr. James McBynum and Mr. Gary Phifer, and employment readiness instructors, Mr. James McBynum and Ms. Deloris Johnson.

**Polk Youth Institution:** On June 25, 2003 Polk Youth Institution held its 2003 GED graduation. A total of 44 students received their GED certificates. Mr. Larrel Freeman was the guest speaker, and the Young Men of Vision provided music for the ceremony. Mrs. Upperman, Mr. Currie, and Mr. Jones awarded certificates.

**Southern Correctional Institution:** On May 29, 2003 Southern Correctional Institution held its annual graduation exercise with Dr. Mary P. Kirk, President of Montgomery Community College, as the guest speaker. A total of 28 students were honored with degrees that included GED (1), Associates in Applied Science (2), Culinary Technology certificates (19), and Computer Application certificates (12). Six of the 28 students completed both the Culinary Technology and Computer Applications program. Approximately 37 guests attended the ceremony.

**Wayne Correctional Center:** Wayne Correctional Center and Wayne Community College held a graduation ceremony on June 5, 2003 for the program year 2002-2003 in the recreation building at the facility. A total of 14 GED and 41 Computer Science graduates earned their degrees. Mr. Manuel Dudley, Department Chair of Human Services Technology at Wayne Community College, was the guest speaker. He is a 1990 graduate of Goldsboro High School who then attended UNC-Charlotte where he received a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in psychology. Mr. Dudley and Superintendent Carla O'Konck-Smith passed out certificates. Following the graduation, refreshments were served to all the graduates.



Above, graduates at Craven Correctional Institution were honored with a reception, following a graduation ceremony that included music by the inmate band, below.



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