RALEIGH | Three Department of Correction employees were among 14 winners of the 2008 State Employees’ Awards for Excellence presented in a ceremony Oct. 20 at the Museum of History.

The awards program was created in 1982 to honor state employees for outstanding achievements. The award is the highest honor a state employee may receive for dedicated service to the state and the residents of North Carolina.

Kenneth Locklear, plant maintenance supervisor at Scotland Correctional Institution, was recognized in the safety and heroism category for donating a kidney to a friend in his home church. He learned that his friend of more than 10 years faced kidney failure related to diabetes and, after considerable testing procedures, found that his blood type matched that of Artie Stewart, the kidney recipient. Both Locklear and Stewart have made remarkable recoveries following the transplant surgery in 2007.

Eddie Poole, a sergeant in prison security, was recognized in the outstanding state government service category. As the supervisor of 23 handlers and 52 narcotics dogs, Poole was recognized for his tireless dedication to the canine and SORT operations which not only serve the Division of Prisons, but also coordinate operations with other law enforcement organizations when needed to search for missing persons and illegal narcotics.

Bhupendra Tailor, an industry director with Correction Enterprises in charge of the janitorial products plant, was honored in the innovation category. He offered innovative solutions in altering formulation of janitorial products used by the Division of Prisons to meet American Correctional Association requirements for certification. Twenty-two of 33 janitorial products had to be reformulated and two new products developed to replace the use of chlorine bleach in the kitchen and health care areas.

Secretary Theodis Beck presented the awards to the DOC winners.

WILMINGTON | Correction Enterprises (CE) employee Sharon Jones may become nationally honored for “superior performance and supervisory excellence.”

Jones, upon the recommendation of CE Director Karen Brown, was chosen from among seven candidates as the Staff Award winner for the Southeastern Correctional Industries Association (SECIA). The group presented the award to Jones at a banquet in Wilmington on Oct. 21, recognizing her as one “who has made a significant and sustained contribution to a correctional industries program.”

The Staff Award is presented to employees who are in director or administrator positions.

As assistant manager of CE’s Scotland Sewing Plant, Jones manages five supervisor II’s and develops work schedules for inmates and employees to meet production demand. She ensures that adequate training and supervision are provided.

Family fighting child’s expensive, rare condition

Employees are reaching out to the family of Julie Thomas, a probation/parole officer in Asheville.

Last summer, Walter, one of her two children, was diagnosed with opsoclonus myoclonus syndrome (OMS) after the young boy suddenly lost his ability to talk, walk or feed himself. OMS is an extremely rare neurological disorder that affects as few as 1 in 10 million people per year.

The cost of his care and treatment is estimated $35,000 a year. He sees doctors in Illinois and at the Bowman Gray Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Additionally, because his treatment involves suppression of his immune system.

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VANCEBORO | Craven Correctional Institution is the state’s largest medium custody prison processing center with 712 beds and is near Vanceboro.

Convicted felons from North Carolina jails enter the system by first going through one of the state’s processing centers. During the three- to four-week period, they are held at Craven Correctional Institution, and new admissions are tested, evaluated and interviewed to determine assignments to prisons, jobs and programs.

Larry Dail is the superintendent. His management team consists of Faye Daniels, assistant superintendent for custody/operations II; Errol Reddick, assistant superintendent for programs II; Nancy Smith, administrative officer III; and Laura Switzer, administrative secretary II.

Each month, more than 500 inmates are processed through Craven CI. The $24.3 million prison, dedicated in 1996, employs approximately 350 people.

Craven CI is very active in Cognitive Behavior Intervention (CBI) training for inmates and has numerous signs throughout the prison to remind staff and inmates that they are responsible for their own conduct.

Inmates at Craven CI have educational opportunities offered by Craven Community College. Classes include horticulture, GED and veterinary assistant. Craven CI also has an active “New Leash on Life” program. Two inmates have earned Master Trainer certificates, three have Department of Labor certificates, and two have Professional Trainer certificates because of their involvement in the “Leash” program.

Administration
Michael Easley
Governor
Keith Acree
Director of Public Affairs

Spotlight
Craven Correctional Institution

Institution Management
From left, Nancy Smith, administrative officer III; Faye Daniels, assistant superintendent for custody/operations II; Larry Dail, superintendent IV; Laura Switzer, administrative secretary II; and Errol Reddick, assistant superintendent for programs II.

Administrative Services
Above, from left, Lori Davis, dental assistant; Jim Franklin, personnel assistant IV; Lori Jones, accounting technician I; and Sandra Taylor, accounting clerk IV. Below, Paul Watson and Tina Ratliff, correctional officers (Mailroom); and Charlene Townsend, training specialist II.

Maintenance Staff
Above, James Roach, correctional officer; Ricky Baker, HVAC Mechanic; and Alan Murray, maintenance mechanic IV. Below, Ricky Lail, facility maintenance supervisor; Thad Jones, plumber II; and Joel French, maintenance mechanic IV.

Rose Rooks, correctional officer (Visitation).

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Diagnostic Center

Left photo, Dennis Kitchin, case analyst; Lois Savon, senior case analyst; James Raiford and David McCarthy, case analysts; and Vanessa Murrell, senior case analyst.

Above, Karen Myron, Lorrie Vause, Iantha Chaplin, Barbara Molk and Keishawna Green, case analysts. Left, Brenda Spear, office assistant IV; Shaunda Smith, processing assistant III; Stephen Jacobs, Diagnostic Center director; and Rosemarie Roper, processing assistant III. Below, Desiree Green, Sharon Whitford, Linda Hollowell and Charmin Anderson, admissions technicians.

Below, Michelle James, Melissa Wilson, Ruby Prayer and Gary Neely, admissions technicians.

Programs

Above, from left, Tadeusz Spiewak, Carol Waters, Sherry Smith and Tonya Dawson, case managers. Right middle, Audrey Fields, processing assistant IV; Larrie Dombos, programs director I; and Michelle Rich, processing assistant III. Right, Betty Whitford, transfer coordinator; John Pierce, volunteer chaplain; and Jacqueline Robinson, office assistant IV.

Right photo, from left, Marie Wiggins, office assistant III; Phyllis Dombos, personnel technician I; Nancy Smith, administrative officer III; Sonny Williams, technology support technician; and Shelia Banks, administrative assistant I.

Psychological Services

Above, from left, Bonnie Bright, behavioral specialist I; Carrie Tucker, psychological services coordinator; David Walters, behavioral specialist I; and Misty Hardison, processing assistant III.

Below, Michelle James, Melissa Wilson, Ruby Prayer and Gary Neely, admissions technicians.

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**Medical Staff**
Upper left photo, James Batts, dental assistant; Simbarashe Jaravaza, dentist II; and Natalie Benjamin, dental hygienist I. Lower left, Cynthia Davis, health care assistant II; Toni Bolden, registered nurse; Louise Glasgow, lead nurse (RN) and Coreen Singleton, health care assistant II. Upper right photo, Terri Jamieson, licensed nurse; Richard Walters, physician extender; Sharon Johnson, health care assistant II; James Engleman, physician III; and Mary Neuman, travel nurse (RN). Lower right, left photo, Diane Watley, medical records assistant III; right photo, Frances Lewis and Billy Sawyer, correctional officers.

**Support Services**
Above left, Lt. Daniel Everett and Capt. Joe Solano. Above, Ingrume Lockey, lieutenant; John O’Neal, sergeant; Patricia Nobles, processing assistant III; James Howard, correctional officer (STG) and Kevin Lee, captain. Left, Mark Rinker, Allie Smith, Roscoe Linton and Dorothy Buck, correctional officers; and Gregory Goins, sergeant; Below, Christopher Dail and Anthony Ozmore, correctional officers; Robert Banks, lead officer; and Karen Chosewood and Ronald Gladson, correctional officers.

**Spotlight**

**Instruction**
Carolyn Schoch, horticulture instructor, and Haywood Humphrey, GED instructor, both from Craven Community College.

**Food Service**
Back row, Conell Chapman, food service manager I; and Demetrius Hines, food service officer. Front, Sandra Gaddy, food service officer.

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William Jefferson, correctional officer (Yards and Grounds).
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Operations 1B

Warehouse Staff
From left, Chiquita Gill, correctional officer (canteen supervisor); Michael Moyo, correctional officer; Kevin Haag, sergeant; and Sean Stewart, correctional officer.

Correctional Officers
From left, Eric Carter (Operations 1B), Carleen Smith (Support Services), Ethel Godley (Support Services), Keith Williams, (Armorer) and Harry Dobson (Operations 1B).

Segregation 1B
Above, from left, Glenda Brown, correctional officer; Hal Pilgreen, captain; and Kyle White, correctional officer. Right, back, Joseph Payne, correctional officer. Middle row, Thomas Mullinix, sergeant; and Peter LaBarbera, correctional officer. Front row, David Beamon and Connie Godwin, correctional officers.
DCC District 4B has new manager

JACKSONVILLE | Thurman Turner will be managing in Community Corrections of Onslow County, which is Judicial District 4B.

Succeeding the retired Mike Morton, Turner manages the activities of 38 probation/parole officers, who supervise approximately 1,700 offenders.

Previously chief probation/parole officer in Pender County, the new judicial district manager began his career with the Department of Correction in the Division of Prisons in 1990. After moving to Community Corrections in 1995 in Northampton County, Turner rose through the ranks to chief probation/parole officer. In 2003 in Duplin County and in 2006 in Pender County.

Turner has a political science degree from Elizabeth City State University, and has earned the N.C. Criminal Justice Standard Award.

His wife, Tonya, is an attorney, and they have two sons, Isaac, age 3, and Desmond, 19.

A Burgaw resident, Turner is active in his church and fraternity and serves on several local boards and committees. His other interests outside his work are family time, weightlifting and running.

OSDT graduates correctional instructors

The Office of Staff Development and Training conducted its second General Instructor Course graduation ceremony on October 3 at the OSDT Central Region Training Complex. The two-week course provides criminal justice professionals a fundamental background in instruction. Each instructor candidate is required to research, develop, and deliver an 80-minute lesson plan as part of meeting course requirements. Candidates must successfully pass the state-administered written exam as well as demonstrate competency in all skill areas in order to be eligible for certification as a criminal justice instructor. The Department of Correction has more than 775 active instructors. Stephanie Freeman, OSDT curriculum manager, is the school director responsible for instructor training. Graduates shown are, from left, front row, Tina Kamer, Helen Reynolds, Deborah Christon and Eva McCrary. Back row, Shaun Nordan, Jason Nicholson, Harold Quick, Johnny Walters, Harold Belk, Tony Smith, Billy Robbins, Ronald Tarlton and Robert Walker.

Another ‘Apple’ for Morrison CI

For the third consecutive year, 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 2007-2008 annual fund. The recognition means that every teacher on the school’s faculty has 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-eight schools in North Carolina achieved the “Golden Apple Status” in 2007-2008. The NCCAT Director Mary McDuffie, said “This is a worthy achievement and we thank you for affirming so strongly, through your gifts, the value of your NCCAT experiences.” Morrison CI staff cited for their support by NCCAT were, from left and holding framed certificates, Nancy Boling, school counselor; Martin Wase, education director; and Stanley Ingram, training specialist. Flanking them are J.C. Huggins, left, administrator; and Greg Parsons, assistant superintendent for programs.

Davidson CI officer helps crash victims

As he does daily in his job at Davidson Correctional Center, Officer Paul Grant demonstrated his commitment to serving citizens when he helped care for victims of a car crash on Oct. 13 in China Grove.

Grant was among the first to arrive at the scene where a pickup truck had slammed to the side of a small car. Realizing the truck driver was OK, Grant found that in the small car was an infant strapped into a safety seat that had been thrown onto the floor.

The infant had a minor cut on its forehead, and the car driver, a female, was disoriented but appeared not badly injured. However, the car’s driver was later flown to a Charlotte hospital for treatment of internal injuries.

Grant tended the infant until emergency medical technicians arrived, and he loaned them his own child safety seat to transport the infant to a nearby hospital for an examination. The infant’s mother later returned the seat to Grant.

“Mr. Grant took the time to render assistance to the people involved in this accident while others hesitated to do so,” said Davidson CC Assistant Superintendent James W. Lewis Jr.

Obituaries

July
Charles Lyons, correctional officer, Morrison CI, 14 years/4 months

August
Jesse Moore, food service manager I, Pender CI, 10 years/10 months

September
Sandra Barnes, correctional officer, Pasquotank CI, 12 years/8 months
Kathy Herrick, correctional officer, Pasquotank CI, 2 years/1 month
Edward Hilliard, correctional officer, Duplin CI, 5 years/5 months

October
David Loftis, correctional officer, Polk CI, 1 month
Marven Marshall, correctional officer, Anson CC, 19 years/3 months
Dwight Watson, correctional officer, Orange CC, 20 years/6 months
Eddie Dalton, correctional officer, Rutherford CC, 10 years/2 months
James Moody, sergeant, Warren CI, 12 years/10 months
Carl Propst, correctional officer, Anson CC, 20 years/6 months

Professional certification

Dr. Rawinder J. Singh of N.C. Correctional Institution for Women has earned professional certification in correctional health care. To earn the distinction, Dr. Singh demonstrated mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in correctional health care. The certification is highly regarded as a symbol of accomplishment and self-improvement.
**Movin’ On Up**

### April
- **Karon Waters**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 2, Unit A
- **Rosanna White**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 7, Unit A

### August
- **Michael Dean**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 7, Unit B

### September
- **James Adams**, assistant unit manager, Eastern CI
- **Patricia Alston**, sergeant, Umstead CC
- **Salena Bartee**, food service officer, N.C. CIW
- **David Baychuk**, food service officer, Lanesboro CI
- **Kenneth Beacham**, sergeant, Gates CC
- **Eriq Boyd**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 3A, Unit C
- **Daniel Brame**, sergeant, Warren CI
- **Marion Chenetz**, medical records manager I, Central Prison
- **Ginger Chinnis**, administrative services manager, DCC Central Administration
- **Marion Dance**, sergeant, Bertie CI
- **Darius Deese**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 26, Unit E
- **Terrence Eason**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 14, Unit F
- **Juaniita Ellis**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 27A, Unit A
- **Sandra Foster**, lieutenant, Central Prison
- **Sandra Franklin**, nurse (m) lead, Duplin CI
- **Michael Gibbs**, sergeant, Pamlico CI
- **Norma Goins**, unit manager, Southern CI
- **Michael Graham**, sergeant, Morrison CI
- **Sharon Graham**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 10, Unit J
- **Andrienne Grice**, probation/parole surveillance officer, DCC District 21, Unit B
- **Robyn Griffin**, personnel assistant V, Personnel, Raleigh
- **Harry Ivey**, lieutenant, Central Prison
- **Brandolyn Jones**, sergeant, Polk CI
- **Celeste Kelly**, assistant judicial district manager II, DCC District 14
- **Erika Konrad**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 14, Unit E
- **Julie Lee**, processing assistant IV, Office of Staff Development & Training, Lenoir
- **Kelly Lewis**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 19B, Unit F
- **Cathleen Little**, chief probation/parole officer, DCC District 20A, Unit F
- **Charlie Locklear**, correctional programs supervisor, Lumberton CI
- **Jessica Lunsford**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 7, Unit A
- **Felecia Maddox**, assistant unit manager, Foothills CI
- **Dennis Marshall**, assistant unit manager, Lanesboro CI
- **Janet Martin**, administrative secretary I, Bertie CI
- **Donna Marie Mewhorter**, nurse (m) supervisor I, Johnston CI
- **Thomas Mullinix**, sergeant, Craven CI
- **Jacqueline Murphy**, assistant judicial district manager II, DCC District 10
- **Shawn Owens**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 18, Unit J

### October
- **Frankie Parker**, processing assistant IV, Central Prison
- **Vivian Parker**, lieutenant, Pender CI
- **Henry Parks**, substance abuse program supervisor I - certified, Wayne CC
- **Randall Polechko**, sergeant, Mountain View CI
- **James Purgeon**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 17A, Unit A
- **Christopher Rich**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 28, Unit B
- **Vickie Roane**, nurse (m) lead, Alexander CI
- **Beverly Sanders**, Correction, Correction supervisor IV, Duplencing, Raleigh
- **Charles Sanders**, captain, Polk CI
- **Jerome Shaw**, food service officer, Avery-Mitchell CI
- **Brady Sood**, probation/parole officer I, DCC District 22, Unit D
- **Richard Spradlin**, maintenance mechanic V, Odum CI
- **Jessie Starr**, lead correctional officer, Caswell CC
- **John Stogner**, HVAC mechanic, Morrison CI
- **Kristie Stone**, unit manager, Southern CI
- **Robert Trask**, assistant superintendent / programs I, McCain CH
- **William Turvaville**, assistant unit manager, Alexander CI
- **Paul Watts**, surveillance officer, DCC District 13, Unit B
- **Schonda Wiggins**, correctional officer, Wake CI
- **James Williams**, sergeant, Warren CI

### July
- **Greer Futrell**, sergeant, Gates CC, 19 years/1 month
- **Relmon Storms**, correctional officer, Lumberton CI, 7 years/5 months

### August
- **Ray Bobbitt**, deputy prison warden I, N.C. CIW, 28 years/7 months

### September
- **John Abernethy**, correctional officer, Alexander CI, 5 years
- **Plummer Baskerville**, correctional officer, N.C. CIW, 32 years/4 months
- **Mattie Canady**, licensed practical nurse, Central Prison, 20 years/1 month
- **Reginald Clark**, lead correctional officer, Albemarle CI, 29 years
- **Kathleen Derrickson**, nurse (m) supervisor III, Central Prison, 24 years/1 month
- **Glenda Disher**, administrative secretary III, DOP Piedmont Region Office, 24 years
- **Glenn Edwards**, maintenance mechanic V, Correction Enterprises, Sampson Laundry, 27 years/5 months
- **Clayton Gould**, school educator I, N.C. CIW, 5 years/2 months
- **Carol Graham**, intensive case officer, DCC District 10, 21 years/11 months
- **William Halley**, correctional officer, Cabarrus CI, 22 years/9 months
- **Tommy Richardson**, Correction Enterprises manager II, Sign Reclamation Plant, 18 years/7 months
- **Patrick Smith**, training specialist II, Odom CI, 27 years/4 months
- **Lawrence Solomon**, administrator I, Caledonia CI, 31 years

### October
- **Marcia Brainard**, food service officer, Sampson CI, 5 years/11 months
- **Margaret Campbell**, office assistant V, DOC Administration, 20 years/3 months
- **Mary Catoe**, correctional officer, Piedmont CI, 5 years
- **McCoy Harrelson**, food service officer, Caswell CC, 29 years
- **Kaye Hinton**, health assistant, Central Prison, 29 years/11 months
- **Linda Hodge**, probation/parole officer II, DCC District 26, 29 years/7 months
- **Kathryn Horne**, administrative officer I, Craggly CI, 30 years/2 months
- **Sherrill Jordan**, captain, Albemarle CI, 28 years/7 months
- **Ellis Langdon**, captain, Harnett CI, 27 years/5 months
- **Debbie Lee**, licensed practical nurse, Neuse CI, 18 years
- **Donald Looney**, correctional officer, Neuse CI, 27 years/8 months
- **James Midyette**, correctional officer, Craven CI, 11 years/1 month
- **James Morton**, judicial district manager I, DCC District 4B, 30 years/2 months
- **Robert Odom**, correctional officer, Nash CI, 20 years/3 months
- **Arthur Whetstine**, correctional officer, Foothills CI, 5 years/1 month
North Piedmont Correctional Center for Women reached out to the Lexington community in September, inviting local leaders to “A Day In Prison.”

The aim of the event was to highlight the need for community involvement with providing jobs for inmates, meeting the educational needs of inmates to prepare them for life outside the facility, and providing skills training to break crime patterns.

Prison staff demonstrated and explained programs and daily activities at the facility. North Piedmont CCW Superintendent Benita Witherspoon worked with Judy Butler of the Community Resource Council in planning the event.

An estimated 30 people attended. Among those attending were Lexington Mayor Joe Bennett, City Manager John Gray, David County Sheriff David Grice and Lee Jessup of the United Way of Davidson County.

Also attending were Phyllis Comer, office assistant IV at Davidson Correctional Center, and Sarah Cobb, programs director, Division of Prisons Piedmont Region Offices.

McCain Correctional Hospital marked the 100th anniversary of the opening of the North Carolina Sanatorium and the 25th anniversary of the opening of McCain Correctional Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The ceremony featured remarks by Department of Correction officials and Betty Ray McCain, daughter-in-law of former superintendent Dr. Paul McCain. A display of historical photographs and artifacts and a video presentation showed the history. The facility opened in 1908 as the state’s first tuberculosis sanatorium in a Hoke County area known as McCain, which was part of Cumberland County at the time. The name changed to McCain Hospital in 1973 and was placed under the Department of Health and Human Services. The property was deeded over to the Division of Prisons in October 1983 and became McCain Correctional Hospital.

At the ceremony, from left, are Secretary Theodis Beck, David Osborne, DOP assistant director; Betty McCain, a former secretary of Cultural Resources; Pat Chavis, DOP South Central Region director; and Sorrell Saunders, McCain CH superintendent.

A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the dedication of the School of Barbering at Harnett Correctional Institution on Oct. 14. The building in which the school will operate was rebuilt by the Harnett CI maintenance staff. The program is a cooperative effort of the Division of Prisons and Central Carolina Community College (CCCC). Graduates of the three-phase program, which includes 1,528 hours of training, will be licensed by the North Carolina Board of Barber Examiners. From left are Pat Chavis, DOP South Central Region director; Bill Tyson, CCCC Harnett County provost; Dr. Bud Marchant, CCCC president; Joseph Hall, Harnett CI administrator; Patsy McCoy, immediate past chair of the Board of Barber Examiners; Bonnie Boyette, DOP chief of programs; Luther Gore, chairman of the Barber Board; Keith Acree, DOC Public Affairs director; and Arthur Clark, DOP education specialist, who was instrumental in coordinating establishment of the school.

Walter, from page 1

Walter will have to live in a sterile, protective bubble for at least a year.

Julie’s co-workers in the Division of Community Corrections District 28 have already held fundraisers, including a cake walk, a profit-sharing by a local restaurant and a raffle throughout Division 4.

Other employees who want to help can send donations to Joan McCurry, Debbie Cantrell at 31 College Place, Suite 10-A, Asheville, N.C. 28801. A State Employees Credit Union account has also been established to accept donations to help the family.

Sharon Jones, from page 1

to inmates, prioritizes work and plans for the effective use of equipment, personnel and space. As the regional winner, Jones will represent SECIA in the finals against nominees from the four other regions, for the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) Staff Award. The award will be presented at the NCIA conference in April 2009 in Dallas, Texas.