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Greetings from Stanley!

Stanley Correctional Institution (SCI) is a medium-security, adult-male facility. Construction of this facility began in 1998 as a joint venture between Dominion Company and the city of Stanley. The institution was built on 100 acres of open field just south of Stanley and Highway 29. The school at SCI began classes on February 10, 2003 and was appropriately named *Windy Meadows School*. The Education staff has been busy setting up classrooms, getting organized, developing curriculum and ordering supplies. Never a dull moment!

The SCI education staff will facilitate a variety of educational programs including GED/HSED, Cognitive Interventions Program, life skills, employability skills, parenting, and basic computer classes. The vocational programs, which should begin this spring at SCI, will be Custodial Services, Building Maintenance and Care, and Graphics/Screen Printing. All programs will be diploma programs and certified through Chippewa Valley Technical College.

Six academic teachers, one librarian, and three teacher assistants make up the core of our department. **Diane Birch** has a BS in Elementary Education. She comes to SCI after teaching 6 ½ years at Jackson Correctional Institution and 2 ½ years at Flambeau Correctional Center. Diane teaches employability skills, health, parenting, and reading.

Darlene Crandall earned a BS in Art Education & Special Education with an emphasis in reading. She comes to SCI after working 25 years at Wisconsin Northern Center for the Developmentally Disabled. Darlene teaches ESL, literacy reading and math, living skills, and will coordinate the tutors.

Joanne Curry has a BS in Creative Writing. She came to SCI after teaching two years at OSCI and four years in a public school. Joanne teaches reading and writing and is our CGIP facilitator. She will also teach communications once vocational programming is activated.

Lori Koenig earned a BS in Elementary Education and comes to SCI from JCI after being the school Program Assistant for one year and then a teacher for four years. She teaches basic computer skills, science, social studies, math and civics.

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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's CEA-Wisconsin Teacher of the Year, Jim Wimberger. Jim is a teacher at Waupun Correctional Institution and supervises the Project Craftsman, Toy Maker and Carver Program at Waupun Correctional. Jim will attend the combined Region I & III conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 28-30, where he will compete for Region III Teacher of the Year. As President of CEAW, I will attend the conference and represent our chapter on the TOY interview panel. I think I can speak for the entire CEAW chapter in wishing Jim GOOD LUCK!

Teacher of the Year is a wonderful way for all educators to acknowledge the excellent teachers employed in the Department of Corrections. CEAW puts a call out for nominations in the November newsletter, with the Board of Directors reviewing applicants and making the selection at the January meeting. A teacher can only win the Teacher of the Year once but that doesn't mean we can't nominate an individual again. Every year, CEAW Board of Directors receives numerous candidates with excellent qualifications. Unfortunately, only one candidate can be selected. Don't forget the finalists the next year! Nominate them again! I am sure we can all think of one person that should be nominated for Teacher of the Year. Make sure you submit their name for 2004!

By: Peggy Meyers, SCI

Teacher Training Day Cancelled

Due to budget restrictions, the Department-wide Teacher Training Day scheduled for April 28, 2003 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells has been cancelled.

The Teacher Training Committee will be meeting this month to discuss options for re-scheduling the event. CEAW hopes to continue working with the Teacher Training Committee to co-sponsor future training opportunities.



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Do you know of someone who has been noteworthy in their support of Correctional Education?

This person may be a volunteer who contributes time and effort to an education program, a community agency employee who has presented special workshops, a business person who has donated funds or materials to make programs more effective, or an advocate of correctional education in some way. If such person has contributed to your institution's education program, submit his/her name to the Correctional Education Association for the "Friend of Wisconsin Correctional Education Award." Nominees cannot be employed by the Department of Corrections.

Friends of Correctional Education Entry Form

Name: _____

Contribution to Correctional Education:

Nominator's Name: _____

Institution: _____

Deadline: May 1, 2003

Hurry!

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Teacher of the Year Banquet at the magnificent Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

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Motivating and inspiring speakers

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Presentation proposals are due no later than April 8, 2003

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Mike Wall is the newest member of our team. He came to SCI from Chippewa Valley Technical College where he was an adjunct faculty member teaching a variety of subjects. Mike will be the lead math instructor at SCI.

Barbara Wulfers has a BS in Secondary Education, English and an MS in Education. For the last 20 years, Barb has had a variety of experiences in both teaching and business. At SCI, she will teach Communications, College Success, Human Relations, and writing.

Dorothy Holzmann is SCI's Librarian. She has worked over 15 years in public libraries in the Eau Claire area.

SCI has three teacher assistants in their staff. **Stacey Birch** has a BS in Journalism and Mass Communication with an emphasis on English. She transferred to SCI from JCI as the school Program Assistant. She took the teacher assistant position in January. Stacey is the TABE examiner, alternate GED examiner and monitors the computer lab.

Laurie Prochnow has a BA in Elementary Education, LD and DD. She comes to SCI with 1 ½ years experience teaching at the Taylor County Jail, which she continues to do two evenings a week. Laurie has been given the challenge of developing SCI's Corrections Learning Network program, as well as assist in various classrooms. Laurie will also assist with tutor training.

Andy Nicolet earned his BS in Human Development and Family studies from UW-Stout. He currently assists the librarian and oversees the small libraries on each unit. Andy is also assigned to various classrooms to assist the teachers.

The *Windy Meadows* staff is looking enthusiastically toward the new adventures that await at SCI as well as towards the many exciting and challenging years that lie ahead.

By Barbara Wulfers, SCI

Make Learners Owners

Incorporating learner ownership into lessons provides a way to involve learners to a greater degree. Teachers can acknowledge student contributions by attaching the student's name to an idea, concept, or rule.

For example, if a student named Jones correctly describes how to move the decimal point when changing a percent into a decimal, I will then refer to this as "The Jones Technique." If a student named Brown accurately states a grammar rule, it can be dubbed "The Brown Rule," and so on.

Such a practice can blend a little levity into what be otherwise boring, but it also lends the instructor another way to motivate and recognize learners. It further reinforces the idea that learners themselves offer a valuable source of knowledge. Too often, students believe knowledge emanates from books and authorities like teachers, overlooking and underestimating their own capabilities and experiences.

By Ray Schlesinger, WCI

Pro Literacy American-Wisconsin Institutions

Literacy Volunteers of America-Wisconsin Institutions is now officially ProLiteracy America-Wisconsin Institutions. The name change was made to easily identify our affiliate with the newly formed ProLiteracy Worldwide, created when Literacy Volunteers of America and Laubach Literacy merged into one organization last fall.

A quarterly board meeting was held at Taycheedah Correctional Institution on February 17, 2003. We were pleased to have Ken Calhoun from Redgranite Correctional Institution and Darlene Crandell and Laurie Prochnow from Stanley Correctional attend our meeting and get a feel for what we are about.

ProLiteracy America-Wisconsin Institutions is made up of fourteen institutions around the State of Wisconsin. Member institutions are Columbia Correctional, Oshkosh Correctional, Jackson Correctional, Oakhill Correctional, Fox Lake Correctional, Green Bay Correctional, Waupun Correctional, Racine Correctional, Redgranite Correctional, the Wisconsin Resource Center, Racine Youthful Offender Correctional, Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center, Taycheedah Correctional and Black River Correctional.

For more information on joining our affiliate, please contact Patsy Reese at REECC (patsy.reese@doc.state.wi.us) or Betty Yost at OSCI (elizabeth.yost@doc.state.wi.us)

By Mary Stierna, WRC

Creative Writing Initiative Contest



CEA-W will again be sponsoring a Creative Writing Initiative Contest for incarcerated individuals. The planning meeting for this year's contest will be held at the Wisconsin Resource Center on Friday, March 21, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. We will be revising the contest rules and release forms, and laying out a timeline for the contest.

Last year's contest was a huge success, with over 200 entries from correctional facilities and county jails throughout Wisconsin. The resulting book, "Reflections" with 54 selected entries was distributed in December to contest winners and libraries. We were impressed with the talented submissions we received last year and we are excited about our fourth contest this year.

Committee members are Pete Garetson from FLCI, Libby Kraft from WRC, Linda Lentz from the Burke Center, Elaine Miler from LHS, Lisa Packard from RCI, Conrad Reedy from KMCI, Amanda Rogstad from JCI, Ray Schlesinger from WCI, and Mary Stierna from WRC.

For more information about the writing contest, or to join the committee, please contact any of these committee members.

By Mary Stierna, WRC

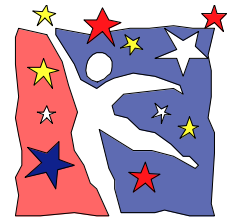


Check Out Our Website

For information on CEAW and a Directory of Wisconsin correctional educators check out CEAW's website at: www.ceawisconsin.org

If you would like to contribute information for the Directory or add other items to our website contact Mike Breszee at his new email address: mbreszee@charter.net

Celebrating Abilities-Embracing Differences



Celebrating Abilities-Embracing Differences was the theme for the annual DHFS/DOC Special Education Conference held on February 27 at Gruenhagen Conference Center in Oshkosh.

The conference attended by over one-hundred teachers and administrators began with a keynote address presented by Lili Garfunkel, Juvenile Justice Project Specialist at the Pacer Center in Minneapolis. Lili presented a look at the challenges that face the families and communities of youth with disabilities who are returning to them from corrections. She stressed that a comprehensive collaborative approach is needed which includes a comprehensive assessment, consequences that are realistic and disability-specific, consistent supervision and monitoring, and a meaningful aftercare plan.

After the keynote address attendees were given seven choices of sectional presentations to participate in during two sectional periods with a tasty lunch in between. Presenters included:

- Dave Smith Ph.D, Manos, Smith and Associates, speaking on Unique Conflicts and Challenges Facing Special Educators in Institution Settings
- Tom Fischer Ph.D., UW-O, addressing Behavioral Interventions in the Classroom
- Sheila Hansen, ESL teacher at GBCI, talking on English as a Second Language
- Jill Gierach and Michelle Weingarten, WATI consultants, presenting Every Move Counts, an assessment and intervention program for communication
- Steve Gilles DPI and John Triphan, CESA 3, discussing Planning for Successful Transitions to the Community and Post Secondary Opportunities
- Robert Enghagen, DPI, and Tom Hefferon, WTCS , describing the HSED 509 Program and what WTCS has to offer for accommodations and GED testing
- Stan Stojkovic Ph.D UW-Milwaukee, discussing Maintaining a Professional Image in Difficult Times.

Dayle Upham, Ph.D., UW-Stevens Point, presented the closing session. The presentation was titled "What It Is Like To Grow Up With Learning Disabilities". Dr. Upham spoke of the educational failures and emotional difficulties of growing up with this disability. The format was a true story shared by Dr. Upham.

The reaction to the day can best be summed up by the comments of participant Daniel Holzman, Teacher Supervisor from Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, " The DHFS/DOC Conference Celebrating Abilities, Embracing Differences was very good. We made good contacts, discovered new ideas and strategies, and found inspiration from the guest speakers. It was well organized. The facility was good. Workshops were easy to find. The refreshments and lunch were great. "The day was well paced and fruitful. Most of all, the presenters were top-notch."

The Department of Health and Family Services and the Department of Corrections expressed their appreciation to the following individuals who volunteered their time and talent to the plan this conference.

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Submitted by Mary K. Knox, WRC

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