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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

Michael Wahl Honored for Decade of Volunteering

Since 1989, the Wisconsin Chapter of the Correctional Education Association has shown its appreciation to individuals and organizations who have helped to improve educational opportunities for offenders in Wisconsin correctional facilities by honoring them with the Friend of Correctional Education Award. Since the award was founded, the contributions of 90 individuals and organizations have been recognized by the CEA-Wisconsin Board.

This year, CEA-Wisconsin is again recognizing one of these volunteers with the Friends of Correctional Education Award. Those receiving this award may be volunteers who have contributed time and effort to an education program, community agency employees who have presented special workshops, business people who have donated funds or materials to make programs more effective, or advocates of correctional education. Certificates for these Friends of Correctional Education Award winners are presented at special ceremonies held at the facilities involved.

The 2018 Friend of Correctional Education Award winner is Michael Wahl, one of the key volunteers at the Marathon County Jail.

Mike began at the Marathon County Jail over a decade ago with little warning. The Parenting group facilitator at the time had an unexpected medical issue, leaving Mike to carry on the torch. As he tells the story, he was not excited about coming to the jail, but once inside he immediately knew it was his calling and has been genuinely committed to his work with the students at the facility ever since.

Mike has been to jail almost every Wednesday since he first joined the team. The only time he did not hold group was on Christmas about five years ago when he did report to the jail, but was told by the officers that the jail wasn't holding programming on the holiday. The Marathon County Jail staff knows he will be there every week — holiday or not!

Mike's work at the Marathon County Jail began when he realized that many inmates incarcerated in the jails were parents and needed to develop more positive parenting skills. Finding a parenting curriculum that works in a county jail was Mike's challenge. Mike settled on the idea of establishing a Dad's Coaching Clinic at the jail.

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In an era where fathers aren't necessarily seen as positive role models, Mike seeks to help dads acquire the skills necessary to move from mediocrity to extraordinary in their role as fathers. He uses examples of how Hall of Fame coaches went through strategic preparation in order to be successful coaches. Mike shows that the same goes for successful dads — they must go through a preparation phase in order to establish a successful plan for raising their family.

In the Dad's Coaching Clinic program, Mike discusses the many roles a man has and how he is honor bound to be the role model for his children and family. The program's goal is to help dads become great dads by sharing with them the tools and skills essential for building an incredible family. The Dad's Coaching Clinic gives students pointers through practical, how-to steps and principles that are illustrated from the lives of famous coaches. In the program, Mike teaches men tips to enable them to build strong and lasting bonds with their wives and children — creating a rich legacy for generations to come.

The group meets once a week for 1 to 1½ hours. Depending on the group size and amount of discussion, the inmates can complete the course in 5 to 7 weeks. Because the population is constantly changing at the jail, Mike instructs the course on a continuing rotation. He starts at the beginning and goes through the course, then shows the movie *Courageous* which depicts the main characters using many of the tips in Dad's Coaching Clinic. Then he starts the course over again. This way, if an inmate comes to the class after the first tip and if he is able to attend long enough, he will complete the entire course.

Since Mike took over instructing the class in March 2008, over 750 inmates have attended at least 1 class and over 250 inmates completed the course.

The Marathon County Jail Dad's Coaching Clinic is sponsored by the Christian Assembly, but Mike has sought out donors and put in a great deal of his own money to be able to provide all the materials needed for his program at no cost to the jail.

On behalf of the entire Marathon County Jail staff, Ronda Zastrow nominated Michael Wahl for the Friends of Correctional Education Award citing, "You won't find a more dedicated volunteer."

In December, CEA-Wisconsin Board Member Peggy Kaiser will be attending the Graduation Ceremony at the Marathon County Jail to present Michael Wahl his award.

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Correctional Education Association – Wisconsin 2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Purpose:

The Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin (CEA-W), in cooperation with the International Correctional Education Association, has established the TEACHER OF THE YEAR award to recognize outstanding educational contributions by a teacher in a correctional facility.

Who Is Eligible:

To be eligible, the teacher must:

- spend at least 51% of his/her work time in classroom instruction
- have taught in correctional facilities a minimum of two years
- have demonstrated leadership qualities and be active in promoting improvements in correctional education
- have demonstrated devotion to the teaching profession as evidenced by a willingness to work beyond his/her job description
- have been an active member of CEA for the past one year

Teachers who were nominated previous years, but were not selected as the CEA-WISCONSIN TEACHER OF THE YEAR may be re-nominated. CEA-W Board members are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination Process:

Anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be from a colleague, a supervisor, or the teacher him or herself.

The nomination deadline is **January 7, 2019**.

Qualities To Be Considered:

- Teaching excellence
- Classroom and program innovation
- Professional development activities
- Ability to serve as a representative for correctional education in the state of Wisconsin

Awards:

The CEA-Wisconsin TEACHER OF THE YEAR will receive a plaque attesting to his or her achievement. He/she will receive a \$250 stipend and will be furnished expenses to compete against winners from five other Region III States at the **2019 Leadership Forum/Region 3 & 4 Conference and Training Event April 7- 9, 2019 in Sandusky, Ohio**. If the Wisconsin Teacher of the Year is selected as the Region III Teacher of the Year, he/she will be furnished expenses to attend the 74th Correctional Education Association International Conference & Training Event to be held next summer.

HURRY!!! Mail or email your nomination letter by **January 7, 2018** to:

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New Report Pinpoints Where and Why Youth Are Held in Jails

A new report, *Getting to Zero: A 50 State Study of Strategies to Remove Youth From Adult Jails*, released on August 28, 2018 analyzes national data sets and state laws to provide concrete policy change recommendations to remove youth from adult jails across the country.

Although the number of youth in adult jails has declined over 50 percent since a recent peak in 2010, between 32,000 and 60,000 youth are estimated to enter adult jails every year.

Getting to Zero analyzes three nationwide datasets – the Bureau of Justice Statistics’ Census of Jails and Annual Survey of Jails and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Census of Juvenile Residential Placements – to examine how youth currently housed in adult jails can be safely housed in juvenile facilities. It also summarizes the major legal developments applicable to youth housed in adult jails and provides specific examples from jurisdictions across the country that have made substantial progress toward removing youth from adult jails.

Study author Neelum Arya explains, “For the first time we have data to show exactly where youth are incarcerated in adult jails in America, the legal analysis to explain why it happens, and examples of what policymakers can do to remove youth from jails altogether.”

According to the report, the analysis of the 2013 Census of Jails data shows that almost 90% of youth housed in adult jails were held in just fifteen states: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The majority of children appear to be incarcerated in adult jails due to juvenile court jurisdiction laws which require all 17-year-olds to be prosecuted in the adult system, automatic transfer laws which require youth under certain circumstances to be prosecuted as adults, and state jail laws which require youth prosecuted as adults be held in adult facilities pre-trial.

The report also provides an overview of positive changes that have taken place and identifies specific strategies states can use to remove youth from adult jails. Since 2009, 20 States and the District of Columbia have passed laws which have limited the admissions to, or removed youth from, adult jails.

The single most significant strategy in the effort to remove youth from adult jails cited by the report is “Raise the Age” legislation. More than half (54%) of the youth incarcerated in adult jails can be removed as part of the implementation of this legislation in nine states. Louisiana, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, and South Carolina are in the process of implementation. Georgia, Michigan, Texas, and Wisconsin still need to pass this type of law.

The report recommends that every State which currently allows youth to be housed in adult jails should consider updating their jail law to ensure youth are only housed in adult jails in the rarest of instances. There are several states – notably Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin – where the text of the state jail law requires that youth must be held in an adult jail under certain circumstances. If these 5 states were to change course and go from *requiring* to *prohibiting* housing youth in adult jails, the number of youth incarcerated in adult jails would drop by 21%.

In addition to state-level reforms, the report recommends that city and county officials pass specific ordinances and develop internal county policies to include presumptions that youth tried as adults are detained in juvenile facilities. Although large urban jails holding large numbers of youth dominate the conversations about youth in adult jails, most counties and jails hold few youth at a time which the report

shows could be accommodated in other juvenile facilities. If counties which held less than 9 youth at a time found other placements for these youth, the number of youth incarcerated in adult jails would drop by 33%.

For the full *Getting to Zero: A 50 State Study of Strategies to Remove Youth From Adult Jails* report visit: www.GettingToZero.us.

Last Call for CEA-Wisconsin 2019 Creativity Contest Entries

The deadline for CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest submissions is quickly approaching. Entries of Submit of original artwork or creative writing must be submitted by December 7, 2018

For the sixteen consecutive years, CEA-Wisconsin has invited incarcerated writers and artists to submit their works for the annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest booklet. Inmates from Wisconsin's jail, prison, and juvenile facilities are encouraged to submit original prose, poetry, and ink drawings.

Authors and artists whose works are selected will each receive two free copies of the booklet when it is published in May. Each person who is a CEA-Wisconsin member as of January 1, 2019 will get a free copy of the booklet.

Encourage your learners to express themselves in drawings (black ink on 8½ by 11 white paper) and writings up to 1000 words including poems, letters, essays, and short stories. Winners are selected from all levels, so urge beginning writers to give it a try.

Please ask entrants to read the contest rules and legibly fill out the submission form. Entries can be sent to Nancy Alderton at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution address on the submission form. If you have any questions, contact Nancy in the Oshkosh Correctional Institution Education Department for more information at Nancy.Alderton@wisconsin.gov

This publication reflects the professional commitment of CEA-Wisconsin members to promote literacy. If you want to join the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest committee, contact Nancy Alderton at nancy.alderton@wisconsin.gov. Committee members' duties include meeting as a group to review and select the writings and artwork for publication.

Go to the www.ceawisconsin.org website and click on CEA-W Creativity Contest for the Creativity Contest Rules and Submission Release Form.

County Jail Directory Updated

The annual update of the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin's *Directory of Education Programs in Wisconsin's County Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers* has been completed. Teachers, program directors and volunteers working in jails and detention centers have submitted information on their county's education programs for the *Directory*. CEA-Wisconsin hopes this *Directory* will enable teachers and volunteers to contact their colleagues working in other facilities to ask questions, share ideas, and pool resources. The updated *Directory* has been emailed to each person listed in it and has been posted on the www.ceawisconsin.org website.

If you are not listed in the *Directory* and would like to be included, or if know of other teachers or volunteers who could be included, contact Jerry Bednarowski at jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com. Also contact Jerry with any corrections, questions, or suggestions.

CEA-Wisconsin Names New Webmaster

CEA Region 3 is in the process of establishing a new website which will enable CEA-Wisconsin to have a sub-site on the Region 3 website. The new Region 3 website offers the opportunity for CEA-Wisconsin's sub-site to be re-designed to be more technologically up-to-date and have more offerings, blogs, cloud based storage, and updated graphics.

Since the CEA-Wisconsin website came into existence 18 years ago, Randy Kowalsky, a teacher at the Jackson Correctional Institution, has been responsible for the development and maintenance of the website. Randy's creativity and hard work has resulted in CEA-Wisconsin having the most comprehensive website of any CEA state chapter.

Now that Region 3 is in the process of establishing a new website, Randy and the CEA-Wisconsin Board feel that this is an ideal time for a new webmaster to take over the responsibility of managing the CEA-Wisconsin website. Randy has generously offered to help facilitate the transition by giving advice and ideas to the new webmaster.

An email soliciting applicants for the webmaster position was sent to all CEA-Wisconsin members. The applicants were sent a brief application questionnaire. Based on the applicants' responses, the CEA-Wisconsin Board offered the webmaster position to Chisim Metternich, a teacher at the Wisconsin Resource Center.

As the new Webmaster, Chisim will be responsible for managing the content of the CEA-Wisconsin's entire internet presence. He will also perform day-to-day site maintenance, set standards for design, perform navigation and browser compatibility, perform quality-control for third party content, and maintain and develop small web applications.

Chisim has experience with FrontPage and Dreamweaver, programs that have evolved into Microsoft SharePoint for FrontPage and part of Adobe's publishing suite for Dreamweaver, respectively. Over the last few years, he has spent time analyzing, comparing, and utilizing a variety of open source programs and applications.

Chisim hopes to take advantage of the website's retooling and use it as an opportunity to extend CEA-Wisconsin's brand and presence with correctional educator's in Wisconsin. He envisions the website as a platform open to members and to non-members to showcase correctional educators' projects, programs, and successes.

Chisim sees the transformation of the website occurring in stages: (1) update and modernize the layout and appearance of the website, (2) build-on added functionality, and (3) remain lean and flexible to adapt the website to the needs and changing interests of the community and the membership.

The CEA-Wisconsin Board is looking forward to working with Chisim to re-energize our website to better serve the needs of correctional educators.

CEA Combines Forum and Conference

CEA's Leadership Forum along with Region 3 & 4 CEA Conference and Training Event will be in Sandusky, Ohio from April 7-9, 2019 at the Kalahari Convention Center.

Do you have a great idea for a workshop session? Visit our website and submit your workshop proposal today! To do so visit the www.ceanational.org website.

If you have any questions or concerns, Please contact Kiara Wilson at 443-459-3080.

Correctional Education Represented at Common Ground Conference

The 2018 WTCS Common Ground Conference held on October 23-25 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake was the Wisconsin Technical College System's effort to bring together General Education, General College and Adult Basic Education faculty, staff and administrators into one common conference. By combining efforts with the General College and ABE teams, WTCS hopes to expand the offerings and bring in national speakers and trainers to enhance the conference experience for attendees.

The Common Ground Conference replaces the General Education Faculty Conference that was typically held in April.

Among two-dozen sessions presented at the conference were two relating to correctional education:

Department of Corrections Competency Based Education Program (5.09)

Presenter: David Prochnow, Teacher Supervisor Fox Lake Correctional Institution

The Department of Corrections (DOC) has created a portfolio centered competency-based education program as an alternative to computer-based GED testing. Commonly called the 5.09, this program has been designed for those inmates who possess the knowledge and ability to attain a high school equivalency degree, but struggle with the timed testing required to complete traditional testing. This session covered entrance requirements, routes to competency completion, and exit requirements of the DOC offering

WTCS & DOC Partnering to Provide Quality Education in Corrections

Presenters: Mary Davies, Moraine Park Technical College, Peggy Kaiser, Department of Corrections, and Jerry Bednarowski, Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin

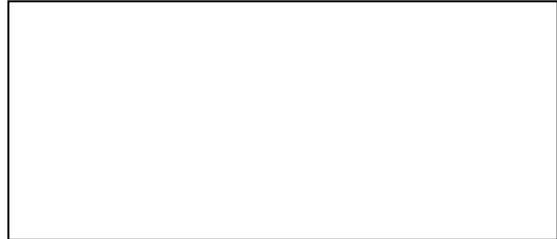
In 1972, the idea of VTAE (now WTCS) accreditation of vocational programs in Wisconsin correctional institutions was born. Since then the WTCS/DOC partnership has grown to include academic and re-entry programs and teacher accreditation. This workshop detailed the educational programs available in state institutions and how WTCS and DOC work together to deliver quality programming.

If you would like to present a session on your prison or county jail education program at next year's Common Ground Conference, the Call for Proposals will be published in the July/August 2019 issue of this newsletter.



Presenters Mary Davies, Jerry Bednarowski and Peggy Kaiser at the Common Ground Conference

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President's Message

It's November and the snow was falling over the weekend and I'm wondering where all the time is going. I am still getting used to my role as President of CEA-Wisconsin and am grateful for the opportunity and your continued patience.

CEA-Wisconsin is very busy with on revamping our website, planning for next spring's Training Day, as well as updating our Constitution and bylaws, updating a County Jail Directory, and the list goes on. We welcome input on these topics as well as any others that our current and new members may have. Please feel free to contact us at any time with your thoughts and suggestions.

Since my predecessors have always left you with a quote, here is one I found that I think is more than pertinent to what you do . . . keep up the good work and we will continue working for you!

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life"

Plato

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Mark Your Calendar

CEA-Wisconsin Training Day

Monday, May 6, 2019