Jail Break Two!

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) together with the Corrections Education Association–Wisconsin is excited to announce Jail Break Two! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend Jail Break Two on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Pine Ridge Lodge, Highway 73, Wautoma, Wisconsin. This beautiful centrally located lodge will play host to a full day of educational activities designed with jail literacy in mind.

Consider bringing a group from your site. Anyone interested in jail educational programming is welcome to attend; so invite your Deans, Correctional Officer Partner’s, Jail Administrators to join you in the exciting opportunity.

New this year, a Jail Break Two - Night Owl Special! If interested, participants can register to arrive on Thursday April 23, 2008. The first 20 interested participants will tour the Waushara County Jail with George Peterman, Waushara County Jail Administrator, and Laurie Jarvis, Fox Valley Technical College Jail Literacy Instructor. Following the tour, a Pizza Party will be held at Christiano’s Pizza, featuring a meet and greet and round table discussion. The donation for the pizza is $10.00.

Jail Instructor Training Day
Friday April 24, 2009

The Jail Instructor Training Day will feature speaker Joseph J. Marchese, of J.J. Marchese & Associates, Inc. who will present a workshop on Surviving Crisis Situations. Mr. Marchese has over 38 years of experience in the field of Criminal Justice. He retired from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in December of 2006 as Deputy Director of Criminal Justice. Mr. Marchese is a nationally recognized consultant who specializes in the areas of emergency preparedness planning, correctional hostage negotiations, tactical team management, terrorist/gang management, school violence prevention/response, leadership/supervisory development and training systems management. He has provided training to numerous criminal justice agencies and associations in over 40 US States.

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The most important duty for each and every correctional staff member is to make sure they return home safely at the end of their work day. A crisis situation in a correctional facility such as a hostage incident or jail riot is one of the most critical situations that any staff member might face. For this reason it is important that staff be trained in facility safety and survival skills and in particular on how to survive a crisis/hostage situations. This session will provide participants with information that will give them an understanding of the dynamics of a jail crisis and provide them with some methods and techniques they can use to enhance their survival skills in such a situation.

Plenty of time for networking will be given at lunch with an electrifying session held in the afternoon. Rich Norenberg will present a workshop on Recognizing Mental Illness and Strategies that Encourage Student Cooperation and Learning. Rich is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Teacher and Social Worker. He facilitates Relapse Prevention, Understanding Mental Illness, and Follow Your Dreams classes at the Wisconsin Resource Center.

Workshop participants will be provided an overview of Depression, Schizophrenia and Bi-Polar Disorders, as well as typical behaviors associated with these illnesses. Participants will be introduced to strategies and techniques used to connect with, understand and effectively instruct students with mental health issues. Expressing empathy, awareness of non-verbal communication, patience and individual instruction will be emphasized. Helping students to develop and maintain a Relapse Prevention Plan will also be discussed.

Jail Instructor Training Day registration information can be found on the WTCS website, www.wtcsystem.edu. Registration deadline is Friday, April 3, 2009.

To join CEA go to:
www.ceanational.org
Jail Instructor Training Day - Jail Break Two!
April 23-24, 2009
Pine Ridge Lodge
Highway 73
Wautoma, WI

Thursday, April 23, 2009 - Night Owl-Special Sneak Peek

6:00 - 7:00  Tour Waushara County Jail
- First 15-20 registrants will be able to tour Waushara County Jail with George Peterman, Waushara County Jail Administrator

7:30 - 9:30  Pizza Party – Christiano’s
- Welcome to Waushara County - Sheriff Dave Peterson
- Meet and Greet

Friday, April 24, 2009 - Jail Instructor Training Day

8:00 - 8:30  Registration
8:30 - 8:45  Welcome and General Announcements
8:45 - 10:00  General Session 1 Part One - *Surviving Crisis Situations*. Presenter: Joseph Marchese, Emergency Planning Consultant
10:00 - 10:15  Break
11:45 - 1:00  Networking Lunch - Round Table Discussion Groups
1:15 - 2:30  General Session 2 - *Recognizing Mental Illness and Strategies that Encourage Student Cooperation and Learning*. Presenter: Rich Norenberg, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Teacher and Social Worker
2:30 – 3:30  Open Mike, Wrap Up and Adjourn

Saturday, April 25, 2009

JAIL BREAK Marathon – Benefiting Waushara County Crime Stoppers.

The Pine Ridge has 10 guest rooms at the state rate. More information on the variety of rooms available may be found at [www.pineridgeofwautoma.com](http://www.pineridgeofwautoma.com). If you would like to stay the night or extend your stay for a weekend getaway, contact the Pine Ridge at 920-787-5519 or 866-870-4868.

Overflow rooms at the state rate or lower are available at either the Super 8 or Americinn in Wautoma. To reserve a room contact: Super 8 Wautoma, [www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com), 920-787-4811 or Americinn-Wautoma, [www.americinn.com](http://www.americinn.com), 920-787-5050.
2008 Was an Exciting Year at Taycheedah

Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac is the maximum/medium institution for females who are incarcerated in Wisconsin. The institution had an average population of 761 inmates in Fiscal Year 2008.

Inmates who have academic or vocational needs attend Ridgewood School at Taycheedah. The school served an average of 198 full/part time students during Fiscal Year 2008. 141 of the students worked at improving their basic reading and math levels or at obtaining their GED/HSED. The institution also offers the following Moraine Park Technical College certified vocational programs: Building Maintenance and Construction, Dental Laboratory Technician and Office Software Applications. In addition, eligible inmates can earn college transfer credits from Milwaukee Area Technical College through the Incarcerated Youth Offender Program (IYOP).

2008 was an exciting year at Taycheedah. In January, the Department of Corrections rolled out its Reentry Initiative. While social workers oversee many of the components, four teachers cover the Employment, Wellness, Financial Literacy, and Personal Development modules. Gary Grueter, Education Director, supervises the Education modules.

On March 4th, 1st Lady Jessica Doyle visited TCI in conjunction with “Read Across America.” She spoke to the inmates about the importance of motivating people of all ages to read.

In April, the institution held a “Memory Walk” during Restorative Justice/Victim Awareness Week. Inmates were invited to walk in the footsteps of the victims’ to see the impact that crime had on other lives.

In June, Taycheedah showcased inmates’ artwork. About 40 inmates created 50 pieces of artwork ranging from poems and writings to dream catchers and needle work. A committee then selected 15 items to be displayed at the Beaver Dam Area Art Association’s Inmate Art Fair from late June to mid August.

While the world celebrated the achievements of its finest athletes at the 2008 Olympics at Beijing, Ridgewood School held its first Academic Olympics during the week of August 11-15th. Close to 150 inmates competed in over 50 different events. An award ceremony was held to recognize their achievements and certificates were presented.

Taycheedah held its First Annual Resource Fair on September 17th. Representatives from 30 community agencies provided resource information to approximately 200 inmates set to release within the next few years.

Taycheedah also has participated in the Department’s Incarcerated Youth Offender Program (IYOP) since its pilot phase.

Fifty-six students obtained their GED/HSED at Ridgewood School during Fiscal Year 2008. In addition, 22 students graduated from one of the three Moraine Park Technical College vocational programs at the institution. Eighteen students earned 87 credits in 32 IYOP classes during Fiscal Year 2008.

by: Sue Ciske, TCI

Learn All About CEA-Wisconsin at: www.ceawisconsin.org
Promote Your Program: Get Recognition for What You Are Already Doing!

Some the best advice I ever received was from the Honorable Judge John B. Murphy. He bluntly stated: "If they have no knowledge of it, how are they going to care about it?" Now I invite you to fill in who your “they” is and what your “it” is. Visualize this for a moment; ponder the concept. Factor in the ripple effect. Motivating, yes? Yes!

- Take your advisory committee seriously. If you don’t have an advisory committee, create one.
- Remember projects aren’t funded; people are! Put a face on your project! Put a face on your program! Recall Sharon Abel’s example: I am LTC. I am the Jail.
- Get “out there!” Educate the public - Rotary luncheons, Kiwanis breakfasts, the Chamber of Commerce, no limit to the possibilities!
- Research! Ask questions of everyone – policy makers, employers, and students.
- Admit ignorance, and in turn get recognition for what you do know.
- Publish your research in professional journals and newsletters.
- Write articles about what you do. Give presentations at conferences. Discuss what you do. No one knows what you do better than you do.
- Meet the press, look for photo opportunities, encourage radio and television spots.
- Invite the public “in” to see your program.
- Nominate your co-workers for awards.
- Take an inventory of what you are doing and go from there! Use what you’ve got and take it a step or two further.
- Follow up and follow through.
- Say “Thank you!”

Getting recognition results in getting recognition for making others look good, and soon you will find yourself getting recognition for getting recognition. It’s a wild ride but positive publicity and community pride are all along the way. Enjoy!

Feel free to contact Sharon Abel at sharon.abel@gotoltc.edu regarding this or most any topic.

by: Sharon Abel, Lakeshore Technical College
Sheboygan County, like other counties in Wisconsin, needs to address literacy of all kinds – reading, mathematics, written and oral communications, computer skills, and, yes, financial, family, health, and civics literacy. Based on data from the last several years, the average number of inmates participating in Lakeshore Technical College’s Adult Basic Education for the Incarcerated Project is 193 per year. A little over 50% enter the program without a high school credential. Of the approximate 100 individuals pursuing the GED/HSED during any one year, generally 25 to 30 will identify it as an achievable goal within the academic year. Of those entering the program without a high school credential as many as 90% will enter the program with less than a 9th grade ability in reading, mathematics, or both. The depth of need is exacerbated by the prevalence of limited English proficiency and learning disabilities.

Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) partners with Sheboygan County Sheriff’s Department and the State of Wisconsin to provide on-site basic education services for adults incarcerated in the Sheboygan County Detention Center (DC/Jail). These services include, but are not limited to, General Educational Development Certificate/High School Equivalency Diploma (GED/HSED), basic skills review, college preparation, and employment preparation. LTC provides a full-time instructor and equips the Detention Center classroom with textbooks, office supplies, and fourteen computers. LTC provides basic education to inmates of Sheboygan County in both zero to eight and nine to twelve grade levels. The program provides both instructor-directed and computer-assisted instruction during day and evening hours. Participation in the program is voluntary. Each participant sets individualized education and employment goals at registration and regularly evaluates progress towards those goals with the help of the instructor. Most common goals include upgrade academic skills, obtain high school equivalency, prepare for college, and obtain employment.

Objectives of LTC’s Adult Basic Education for the Incarcerated Project include, but are not limited to, the following. Adult learners with support of instructional staff are expected to:

- Enter to learn
- Go forth to serve
- Assess their own attitudes, skills, knowledge
- Set measurable goals
- Evaluate their own progress towards the pursuit of chosen goals
- Participate in fundamental literacy programming such as career exploration, computer skills, reading, vocabulary, mathematics, written and verbal communication, parenting, health, civics, and personal finances
- Improve literacy levels/grade equivalencies
- Pass GED/HSED tests
- Earn General Educational Development Certificates (GED) and High School Equivalency Diplomas (HSED)
- Participate in the full cap and gown ceremony right along side other students at the school-wide GED/HSED Graduation ceremony held each June at the main campus in Cleveland, Wisconsin
- Prepare for and/or enroll in post-secondary education
- Obtain, retain, and upgrade employment
- Take responsibility for own actions and decisions
- Be respectful
- Be resourceful
- Peer-tutor in class and in the pods
- Behave responsibly and stay out of jail!
The program is open to any inmate requesting to attend unless there are disciplinary or safety and security issues. Jail Administration denies only a small percentage of requests. When time and space provide, virtually everyone is allowed the privilege to attend educational programming. Thus, on any given day the diversity in the Sheboygan County Detention Center classroom includes, but is not limited to diversity of: age, gender, physical and cognitive ability, medical condition, race, ethnicity, criminal record, socioeconomic status and background, employment status and history, educational level, religion, gang involvement, alcohol/drug use, and sexual orientation. Inmates also vary by custody level, escape risk, danger risk, legal status, and expected length of stay.

Length of participation in Lakeshore Technical College’s Sheboygan County Incarcerated Project is based on length of stay and ranges from less than one week to over a year, a two to five month average. As long as behavior meets the classroom Conduct Code and the Detention Center/Jail Rules and the inmate is making progress toward identified goals, the recognized duration of programming for said inmate is from point of registration to release or transfer. However, LTC Instructor Sharon Abel has made it a practice to follow up with her former students and remain an approachable resource for inmates/students post-release. She can be reached by e-mail sharon.abel@gotoltc.edu or voice mail 920.693.1747.

by: Sharon Abel, Lakeshore Technical College

Careers Conference 2009:
From Inspiration to Application
January 26-28, 2009 --- Madison, Wisconsin

Concurrent and Roundtable session descriptions and registration information are now available on the www.cew.wisc.edu/careersconf website.

"The premier conference on all aspects of career development" is hosted by the Center on Education and Work, part of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It is one of the most comprehensive events of its kind, featuring top quality professional development including:

- More than 150 practitioner sessions
- Seven outstanding featured speaker sessions
- Ten pre-conference professional development workshops
- Off-site tours to workplaces and model career centers
- Interactive sessions on the latest career development trends
- Hands-on technology sessions
- Panels by experts focusing on key topics
- Networking opportunities galore
- Program and classroom ideas you can use
- Best practices and exemplary programs

Plan now to attend Careers Conference 2009!

Focus of Journal’s Special Issue Announced

Each June, the Journal of Correctional Education publishes a “Special Topics” issue. This issue enables the Journal and CEA Leadership to focus on an issue of special importance to the field of correctional education and to invite research and writing on the topic. The topic for the June 2009 Journal of Correctional Education will be “Jail and Community Correction Initiatives in Correctional Education”.

Wisconsin jail and detention center teachers are encouraged to submit articles on the educational initiatives at their county facilities. Instructions for the submission of articles can be found on the inside back cover of the Journal of Correctional Education or at www.ashland.edu/correctionaled.
You’re Invited to Iowa and the Region III & IV CEA Conference

The Region III & IV CEA Conference will be held May 6-8, 2009 in Ames, Iowa at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. The Call for Papers is out now.

Wednesday’s speaker will be Terry Sallis, a Transitional Support Specialist from Spectrum Resources in Newton, Iowa. He has his own success story having experienced incarceration when younger. Friday’s speaker is Dan Gable of Iowa City. He has been an Olympic Gold Medalist and coach of the University of Iowa 9-time National Champion wrestling team and U.S. Olympic team. CEA National President Denise Justice will also be a featured speaker.

The Teacher of the Year Luncheon will be on Thursday. Thursday evening will have a karaoke night with "Just Push Play". Very nearby is the Reiman Gardens with a Butterfly House. Ames is also home to Iowa State University.

Make plans to attend the Region III & IV CEA Conference for the professional opportunities and networking. Stay for some fun and relaxation.

Reservations can be made at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center by phoning 800-367-2637. For more information, contact Carol Magoon at cmagoon@dhs.state.ia.us.

by: Carol Magoon, CEA-iowa

Call for Presenters

The Call for Presenters for the 64th Annual CEA Conference in Madison, Wisconsin on July 19-21, 2009 is now available on the www.ceanational.org website. All presenters must register for the conference. Full and one-day registrations are available. The deadline for presentation proposals is Wednesday, April 15. Address all inquiries to Barbara Wulfers, Program Chair, at barbara.wulfers@wisconsin.gov.

The conference will be held at the Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53703. For reservations phone 800-356-8293 or 608-257-6000.
Correctional Education Association
2009 Leadership Forum
March 27-30, 2009 ~ Annapolis, MD

The theme of CEA’s 2009 Leadership Forum is *Education is Change for the Future*. This year the focus of the Forum will be education as a tool for reducing incarceration and recidivism. The goal of our annual spring event is to get more participation in the Alliance Strategic Plan, which will provide leadership, direction, and research-driven services to advance education for students in juvenile and adult corrections.

Topic and Presenters:
- **Tom Blomberg** – Keynote to talk about implementing the Alliance, the latest research on juvenile and adult corrections and the value of education to society in costs reduction and reducing future crime.
- **Dottie Wodraska and Susan McKee** - Presenting the Alliance Strategic Plan and obtaining more participant input.
- **John Linton** – Higher Education Act state plans for post secondary grants for adult offenders.
- **Tracy Eisenhower** – National Institute for Correctional Education (NICE) clearinghouse activities.
- **Penny Richardson & Cindy Borden** - Post Secondary Education Research Institute for Education Sciences four-year random study on impact of post secondary education.
- **George Pesta** – No Child Left Behind research.
- **Simon Gonsoulin** – NDTAC and its transition toolbox for youth.
- **Ned Laughlin** - Possible CJCA participation and presentation.
- **Anne Charles** - CEA Transforming Lives Network Update and training for prospective sites.
- **John Nally & Susan Lockwood** - Education and Employment
- **Quality Assurance Panel** - Tom O’Rourke of GA, FL, Peter Leone and/or Sheri Meisel of Maryland

Conference registration and hotel information can be found on the [www.ceanational.org](http://www.ceanational.org) website.

**Call for Nominations**

During March, the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election for Executive Board Members. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

- ✓ **Minimum Security**
- ✓ **Juvenile Facilities**
- ✓ **Local Education Agency**
- ✓ **Community Corrections**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**

Any CEAW member is eligible to run for office. Nominees must represent the area of the office for which they are running. All officers and board members serve two-year terms. Nominations are to be sent to:

**Conrad Reedy**
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Email: conrad.reedy@wisconsin.gov

Nominations must be received by **February 2, 2009**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2009 Executive Board Meeting.
I sat down with new calendars today, recording important dates for 2009 both personally and professionally. As I flipped through the old calendars I was able to relive some wonderful memories and milestones from 2008. I had the opportunity to travel to Minnesota for the Region III and IV conference with our 2008 Teacher of the Year Linda Eberle and then President DeNeal Erickson. We had a great time. I also attended the annual conference in Denver and traveled with my son and a friend of his. Both experiences were wonderful! But the new calendars definitely hold promise for a great year to come. New memories will be created and new milestones reached. We will be selecting a new Teacher of the Year shortly, and that individual will attend the CEA Region III and IV conference in Ames, Iowa May 5-9. The big event for 2009 will be the Annual CEA Conference being held in Madison on July 19-22. Watch this newsletter and our website for updates! I hope every CEA member in Wisconsin has the opportunity to attend the Madison conference. As you plan out the New Year, mark your calendars for the July dates and plan on attending. It promises to be a great conference, dedicated, like you, to correctional education.

Happy New Year,
Mary Stierna

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