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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

CEA President Participates in Australasian CEA Conference

In early October, I had the opportunity to attend the 13th Biennial Australasian Corrections Education Association (ACEA) Conference in Canberra, Australia. Three correctional education associations represented by North America, Europe and Australia, came together at the conference to discuss common issues and how our organizations can better collaborate in the future.



Ray Chavez, ACEA President; Annet Bakker, EPEA Chair; Peggy Meyers, CEA President

The conference kicked-off with keynote speaker Jan-Erik Sandlie, Deputy Director General in the Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Service (NCS). Jan-Erik shared how NCS focuses on punishment that works which leads to lesser crime and a safer society. NCS moved to a 2-year, prison officer training that includes courses in psychology, sociology, criminology law, ethics and conflict management. The potential officers receive a salary during this training, which is at no cost. If the prison officer extends into a third year, they are awarded a bachelor's degree in corrections. NCS believes officers with a comprehensive training experience leads to a more positive work environment and a better understanding of assimilating offenders.

The philosophy of NCS is to treat sentenced offenders the same as people on the outside — treat them with respect and keep their support systems nearby. In other words, family isn't hours away but close enough to visit on a regular, if not daily, basis. In supporting the philosophy, electronic monitoring is sentenced for most low risk offenders. In 2007, Norway's recidivism rate was 20% and Sweden's was 30%. Obviously, it is working!

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CCI's Bluffview School Provides Opportunities to Develop Skills

Bluffview School is the name of the education program at Columbia Correctional Institution. The mission of Bluffview School is to provide all students the opportunity to develop educational and/or vocational skills consistent with identified needs that enable them to become productive members of the institution, as well as society upon release.

Education Department is comprised of:

- Kevin Grahn - Education Director
- Tawni Stenberg - Office Operations Associate
- Victoria Troemel - Librarian
- Todd Blankenship - Vocational Print Technology Instructor
- Maria Boettcher - ESL/ABE Instructor
- Bob Horstmann - ABE Instructor (Science, Math)
- Robert Kean - Custodial Services Instructor
- Jeffery Monfort - ABE Instructor (RLA)
- Ruth Mui - ABE Instructor (Math)
- Brian Quamme - Building Services Instructor
- Pam Schmidt - SPED/ABE Instructor
- Jen Simpson - SPED/ABE Instructor
- Officer Rich Ellett
- Sergeant Brian Makuski

The CCI school currently has a total of 109 students enrolled in educational programming with 73 of these being full-time students, 18 enrolled part-time, and 18 that are volunteers. The school operates on a six period day with 50 minute classes. Instructors have a prep period from 7:45-8:45am and at the end of the day from 3:30-4:30pm.

As of December 1 in 2017, CCI has administered 265 GED/GED Ready exams. This number is up from 148 in 2016. This year CCI has had 14 HSED/GED graduates. Across all content areas the pass rate for the GED is at 83%. (continued on page 3)

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It is our hope that this newsletter will be used to communicate information concerning activities, special events, new directions and policies of CEA-Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Articles for publication may be submitted to the CEA-W News Review Editor Jerry Bednarowski at: jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com

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The CCI Education Department has implemented several policy and procedural changes to improve the educational experience for its students. An example of this is a recent change to enrollment procedures. The enrollment process now includes inmate interviews by a panel of three education staff where motivation, conduct, and other factors are considered.

CCI currently has three vocational programs (Building Service, Print Technology, and Custodial Services) with a proposal submitted to start a Bakery program. Students in these programs gain valuable job skills that will prepare them for employment upon release or for various institution jobs.

Building Services is a 28 credit Technical Diploma accredited through Madison College. Students in the program also utilize the skills they gained to manufacture various woodworking products that are donated to local charities like the Lions Club and Rape Crisis Center. These items are usually auctioned off and the funds are used to help meet the charities' missions.

Print Technology program is accredited through Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Graduates earn a 27 credit Technical Diploma in Print Technology. Highlights of this program include a six week internship where students are exposed to pre-press, print, bindery and distribution operations in Badger State Industries.

CCI's other vocational program is Custodial Services. Graduates of this program earn a certificate through Madison College. The amount of time to complete this program is shorter than the other two vocational offerings at CCI and the required TABE score is lower. This offers opportunities to inmates at lower math and reading levels. Graduates of this program are employed throughout the institution. Due to staff vacancies and program reaccreditation, there have been only three graduates (2 Printing, 1 Building Services) thus far in 2017. This number anticipated to be much higher moving forward as all of CCI's vocational programs are now fully staffed.

Aside from their instructional duties, teachers at CCI help out the department and institution in many other ways. Staff in the education department have numerous additional duties and are active inside and outside of the institution. Pam Schmidt is a recent addition to the CEA-Wisconsin Board representing maximum/minimum sites. Jeffery Monfort is an active alderperson on the common council for the City of Portage. Todd Blankenship is on the Incident Management Team. Ruth Mui heads up the correspondence course requests. Brian Quamme oversees many community service projects in his Building Services program. Bob Horstmann is on the EMCC committee and co-facilitates Anger Management groups. Jen Simpson is involved with the Wisconsin Literacy Council and assists with CCI school enrollment. Tawni Stenberg takes the lead in GED test administration and is also responsible for inmate copying where she processes 3,000-4,000 pages of copies per month. Maria Boettcher is responsible for all TABE testing in the institution and co-facilitates an Anger Management group. Robert Kean is rather new to the institution, but has already been working with Madison College to better align the Custodial Services program and is working to add in a class focusing on entrepreneurship.

In addition to what is listed above, it is also important to note that last year several of the teachers from CCI volunteered to assist in a local officer recruitment. They attended various job fairs around central Wisconsin and assisted our Human Resources departments with various tasks. Their efforts led to a successful recruitment effort. CCI was able to fill critical officer and sergeant positions due to their collective efforts.

Education Director Kevin Grahn believes, "There are a lot of positive initiatives going on at our institution and in our department. I look forward to the challenges and growth that 2018 will bring."

by: Kevin Grahn, CCI Education Director

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School of Second Chances: Marathon County Jail & NTC Partnership Changes Lives, Builds Workforce

On Thursday, December 14, 2017, I was invited to give the keynote address at a local commencement and recognition ceremony. I arrived a few minutes early to find my seat and to review my remarks one last time. As I scanned the crowd, the proud soon-to-be graduates smiled, talking with those nearby as they eagerly awaited the start of the ceremony.

The commencement address, delivered by Michael Washington, was articulate and inspiring, challenging those in the room to have the courage to pursue new opportunities and not be deterred by their mistakes along the way.

The ceremony concluded with North Central Technical College (NTC) President Lori Weyers highlighting the gravity of their collective achievements and expressing how proud she was of each of them.

On its face, this commencement seems no different than any other graduation ceremony you might attend, but there's one thing that set it apart . . . **This graduation was held in the Marathon County Jail — and *all* of the graduates were INMATES.**

You might be surprised to learn that our jail has partnered with local groups to provide educational and vocational programming to inmates for over 30 years. Today — with the help of NTC, the Job Center, Greater Wisconsin Christian Services, the Christian Assembly, and many others — the Marathon County Jail is able to offer 97 hours of programming each and every week, at no cost to the student, in the following areas:

- **Adult Basic Education** (high school diploma, GED/HSED)
- **Careers/Employability Skills**
- **College Coursework**
- **Vocational Training** (college level courses in virtual welding, welding blueprints, and machine tool)
- **Academic Advising Services** (giving students the opportunity to discuss their post-secondary education and career plans)
- **Parenting & Personal Health Education** (including Dad's Coaching Clinic)
- ...and many more!

So, what do these programs really mean for inmates?

We often talk about the importance of a second chance, and these programs certainly can be just that. Many of our inmates come into the jail with limited education, job skills, and employment history.

The reality is that virtually 100% of the individuals in the Marathon County Jail will be released back into our community.

For those willing to put in the hard work, these instructional programs can be nothing short of life-changing for them. Here's what inmate James Hesser shared about his experience:

"Typically speaking, you don't generally hear jail and earth-shattering opportunity for success in the same sentence, or even in the same paragraph. However, I can honestly say I am incredibly grateful for [these programs] and the privilege I was given. Though getting arrested was a critical blow to an already delicate and broken situation, I can honestly say that without that happening, I probably would have never found this amazing opportunity for not just a job, but a career with a

good, reputable company. [These programs] are excellent opportunit[ies] for anybody that is willing to work towards a better life and strive to improve themselves.”

Robert Coble, also incarcerated, explained the following:

“We learn and understand that change doesn’t happen overnight, but with patience and hard work, we can change and better ourselves. . . . And when I think I have it all figured out, there is always another bump in the road. But over the months that I have attended Breaking Barriers, I have learned that I can overcome any obstacle that may come up and not to give up. . . . I encourage everyone to utilize these programs to better yourself and make your future a brighter one.”

You also might be surprised to learn . . . **Local employers are some of these programs’ biggest supporters!**

Dedicated jail staff, Program Director Ronda Zastrow, and Huber Officer Justin Forster work closely with students to link them with local businesses after they complete their coursework, setting students down the path to long-term employment.

One local employer commented: *“The individuals from the jail are some of our most consistent and successful employees!”*

While the image of a sheriff attending an inmate commencement might seem foreign to many, Marathon County Sheriff Scott Parks tries not to miss a graduation ceremony, believing:

“We can’t lose sight of the fact that these inmates are members of our community. The criminal justice system is more than punishment, it’s also about rehabilitation. A lot of the people who come through our jail need some help getting back on the right track. To the extent that my staff and I can help do that, we are happy to do it. Success for me is having someone leave our facility in a better place than when they came in and having the skills and tools to make better decisions so they don’t re-enter the system.”

NTC President Dr. Lori Weyers sees the college’s partnership with the jail in much the same way:

“At NTC, we believe that education is a great equalizer. By providing opportunities for individuals in jail or recently out of incarceration, we are helping individuals better their lives while positively contributing to a skilled workforce for local employers. Through the attainment of skills, our jail program graduates are able to build their confidence, which sets them on a path towards success upon their release.”

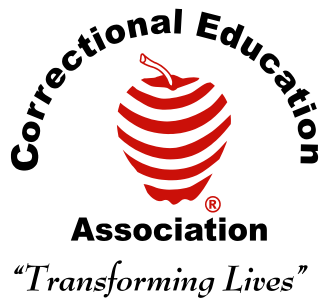
In the last year, more than 150 jail inmates have been recognized through the various programs offered by Marathon County. And, while the successes of the program may sometimes be difficult to capture, I found the sentiment of one of the student participants, Austin Yelkin, particularly inspiring. When I asked what he learned from the various programs he had taken part in, Austin referenced the following quote from prominent American philosopher William James: *“The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes.”*

If you’re interested in learning more about community programs at the Marathon County Jail, volunteering your time to work in any of our offerings, or to supply donations of reading material or teaching aids, please email Program Director Ronda Zastrow at ronda.zastrow@co.marathon.wi.us.

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CEA International Leadership Forum

March 18-20, 2018

The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club

Madison, WI

The Wisconsin Chapter of CEA is pleased to host the 2018 CEA International Leadership Forum on March 18-20, 2018 at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club. The International Forum Planning Committee is busy constructing a wide array workshops focusing on vocational education, basic literacy instruction, HSED/GED preparation, math instruction, financial literacy, special education, juvenile programming, county jail programming, library services, technology in the classroom, professional development, reentry resources, brief intervention tools, workforce readiness and other areas. Also featured will be vendor displays and a silent auction. The Wisconsin Correctional Teacher of the Year will also be honored.

Complete workshop descriptions and the International Forum registration form will soon be posted soon on the www.ceawisconsin.org website. Click on "Conference Details"

Keynote Speaker

The CEA International Leadership Forum Planning Committee has contracted with Dr. Earl Suttle be the Keynote Speaker for the March Forum. Dr. Suttle is a motivational keynote speaker and consultant, who has dedicated his career to motivating leaders in education, government, business, healthcare and athletics.

Dr. Suttle is the Founder and Chairman of Leadership Success International, LLC, an international training and consulting company based in Atlanta, Georgia, that specializes in working with organizations to increase their productivity through developing their people. He is an Attitude Adjustment Advisor whose thought-provoking keynote will encourage International Forum attendees to not only to excel at everything they do, but to enjoy the process.

Dr. Suttle has strong roots in Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Milwaukee Lincoln High School where he was a member of the Milwaukee Lincoln Comets Wisconsin State Champion basketball team. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Master of Science Degree in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in Rehabilitation Counseling from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Suttle began his professional life as an elementary school teacher and guidance counselor and particularly enjoys his workshops in the educational field. He went on to receive a Ph.D. in Addiction Studies from the International University for Graduate Studies.

In addition to being a dynamic and entertaining keynote speaker, Dr. Suttle is a best-selling author, having co-authored of five books with Dr. John Hubbard:

- *Earl's Pearls on Enjoying Excellence*
- *Preparing for and Managing High-Risk Situations in the Lives of College Athletes*
- *Preparing for and Managing High-Risk Situations in the Lives of Professional Athletes*
- *Great Life Choices for Teens (Who Want to Make a Difference)*
- *From Stressed to Blessed*

He has also produced a number of CDs and DVDs on leadership and professional and personal development.

The following workshop proposals have been submitted and may present a session at the 2018 CEA International Leadership Forum:

An Integrative Approach to Guiding the Adult and Juvenile Offender toward Recovery
Ashland University and the PELL ESI Program
Beyond "Just Books": Programming from the Prison Library
BITS - Basic Computer Skills Course
Building a Career Using Gig - Work and Transferable Skills
Building 21st Century Entrepreneurs from a Re-Entry Population
Cognitive Skills and Correctional Education Programs: Insights from 2012/2014 U.S. PIAAC Data
Competency Based Education: High School Equivalency Diploma
Comprehensive Correctional Education: The Illinois Way
Course Creation
Developing Soft Skills in a Prison Setting
DYNAMIC DUO: Recreational Therapists + Educators = Enriching Experiences
Educational Programs: Vocational Training
Engaging Reluctant Learners: Creating Relevant, Inclusive Classrooms in Confined Settings that Transform Institutional Culture
"Fake Class" to First Class: Turnaround Efforts at a Detention School Program
Financial Literacy Tools to Empower Individuals Before and After Reentry
Foundations for a Lifetime of Freedom
From Public Schools to Prison Schools
How to Help Students Transition from Correctional Education Back to Their Communities
Improving Educational Outcomes for Incarcerated Youth
Infusing Career Pathways into Jail Reentry Education
Maximizing Digital Open Education Resources in the Corrections Classroom - Rachel Use
Non-Linear Strategic Teaching and Certification Strategies for Accelerated Work Force Development
Partnerships between Universities and Corrections
Peer Tutoring . . . What's the Big Deal?
Personal Safety and Hostage Survival
Postsecondary Offerings at the Marathon County Jail
Poverty, Hidden Rules, and Other Barriers to Success
Research-Based Correctional Educational Programming is the Key to Gainful Employment
Riot Reality and Lessons Learned: An Inside Out Perspective
Security Threat Groups (Gangs)
Sensory Tools for Positive Reentry Preparation
Social Media and Internet Safety
Special Education in a Correctional Setting: Roundtable Discussion
State Directors Sponsored Technology Update Workshops Featuring Georgia, Illinois, Washington, Wisconsin, Ohio, Florida, and the Oregon Youth Authority
Supplementary Learning Tools to Help GED Students Prepare and Pass the Test!
TABE 11/12 Updates and Previews
Teaching Music in the Institution
The EARN Project - Explore and Redirection Now
The Expanding and Developing ABE Collaboration between the DOC and MPTC
TI-30XS Multiview Calculator
Using a Citrix Virtual Solution in a Correctional Setting
Using Orton Gillingham Methodology to Teach Phonology and Morphology to Inmates
Vicarious Trauma
Visual Thinking 101: Understanding the Academic Challenges of the Visual Thinker
Walk a Mile in the Shoes of Another
Wisconsin DOC - Faculty Quality Assurance Standards
Workforce Training Partnerships: Moving from Incarceration to a Career

Lodging Information

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club, 1 W. Dayton St, Madison, WI 53703 for Forum attendees at special group rates. Call the hotel at (800) 356-8293 by February 17, 2018 and mention you're with the CEA Leadership Forum to receive the conference rates.

Rooms are available at the following rates:

- Attendees: \$115/night single, \$135/night double
- Rooms in the Governor's Club: \$194/night
- Wisconsin attendees: \$82/night single, \$122/night double (must present a state ID at check-in)
- Parking: \$5/day; \$10/night
- All guest rooms are subject to a 14.5% room tax unless proper tax exemption documentation is supplied and approved prior to arrival

*** Note --- State employees must contact Peggy Meyers at peggy.meyers@wtcsystem.edu to make reservations at the special state rate.

CEA International Leadership Forum Registration

To register for the CEA International Leadership Forum, go to the national CEA website at www.ceanational.org and click on "Conferences" and "Upcoming Events."

Register today for a great professional development experience for correctional educators! Hope to see you at the CEA International Forum!

Volunteer at the CEA Leadership Forum

The Correctional Education Association would like to invite you to be a part of our International CEA Leadership Forum as a session facilitator. The conference will be held on March 18-20, 2018 at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin.

Benefits of facilitating a workshop session at CEA:

- Meeting and greeting some fantastic people
- Getting the best seat in the workshop
- Knowing that you are contributing to the professionalism of your peers
- Communicating and collaborating with others

Job Duties:

1. Obtain your facilitator packet during registration.
2. Attempt to arrive about 10 minutes early to your assigned workshop.
3. Ask the presenter about himself/herself, if they want to be introduced, and if they will need any assistance during the workshop.
4. Pass out the evaluation forms as people come in.
5. Monitor the amount of participants in the room for crowding and close the door when needed.
6. Introduce the presenter if requested.
7. Monitor the time and give prompts to presenter when there is little time remaining.
8. Collect the evaluation sheets.
9. Tear off the carbon copy and give the original to the presenter.
10. Return the carbon copy to the envelope and return back to the registration table.

If you are interested in volunteering, email Tim Malchow at Timothy.Malchow@wisconsin.gov.

New Online Course Offered at UW-Stout

UW-STOUT CTE-396/596, 2 cr.

Foundations of Correctional Education

FIRST TIME OFFERING: Specifically created by a correctional educator for correctional educators.

Spring Semester 2018, Online

Credits can count towards a Bachelors or Masters in Career and Technical Education

UW-Stout is proud to announce a new course being offered for the first time this Spring. *Foundations of Correctional Education* has been specifically created by a correctional educator for correctional educators. It will focus on the unique setting of correctional education and how to minimize its negative impact on correctional educators as well as exploring the history of correctional education, its current issues and future trends.

Foundations of Correctional Education (CTE-396/596) is a dual enrollment online course that starts on January 22, 2018. The credits can count towards a Bachelors or Masters in Career and Technical Education. You can also take it as a stand-alone course as a non-degree seeking student.

This course is being offered in direct response to recent research recommendations and specific customer demands. According to research conducted by Dr. Laura Reisinger, "Not only is there a lack of training available to and designed for correctional educators, but also a lack of direct involvement in planning such training." Coupled with her 13 years of teaching in county jails and her specific research findings, Laura is uniquely positioned to not only develop this course but also teach it.

Subsequently, Dr. Matt Simoneau was emailed by Mandy Johnson, (Education Director – FQAS, Office of Student Success, Wisconsin Technical College System) on behalf of Margaret Carpenter (Department of Corrections Education Director). It stated: "UW-Platteville & UW-Stout are the main college partners WTCS faculty work with to obtain undergrad/graduate degrees. Both of these colleges have reviewed and approved the WTCS FQAS Competency courses provided through WTCS. Both are open to working with WTCS faculty and Department of Corrections faculty to enroll them in programs at their colleges and provide transcribed credit for the competency courses taken through the System Office. Both colleges have great contacts available to discuss details with you and the DOC to create an efficient and successful process for DOC instructors moving forward."

For more information contact Dr. Matt Simoneau, Program Director for Career and Technical Education and Training (CTET) at 715.232.1600 or simoneaum@uwstout.edu. Click this link to register: <https://www.uwstout.edu/regrec/Stout-Online-Registration.cfm>.

Now available at www.ceawisconsin.org:
The updated *Directory of Education Programs in Wisconsin's County Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers*

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CEA President Participates in Australasian CEA Conference

Annet Bakker, Chair of the European Prison Education Association (EPEA), shared the Association's strategic plan, which includes four key elements; 1) promoting education in prison, 2) providing value for members, 3) developing and growing as an organization, and 4) structure of the organization. (I believe EPEA mirrors CEA in their strategic philosophies!) EPEA focuses on five special interest groups — university involvement in prison education; juvenile prisoners; women in prisons; foreign nationals in prison; and long-term prisoners. Foreign nationals make up 44% of the prison population, which isn't hard to believe considering there are 50 European countries with the smallest country being 0.77 square miles (Monaco) and the smallest U.S. state being 1045 square miles (Rhode Island).

Annet shared information on The National Day of Education in Prison, which is held every October 13. Educational activities obtain a new resonance for correctional institutions on that day, highlighting the importance of society's involvement in correctional education. This is one event the three associations wish to collaborate on in the future.

During my keynote presentation, I spoke about our association and shared the similarities between the organizations. I also did some comparisons amongst the countries. The United States is vastly different than Norway. Their crime is going down, sentences are shorter, prisons are smaller and there is no overcrowding. Norway's prison population is only 4500. I believe the change in their philosophy plays a big part in this.

The population in Australia is 24,168,303 with a prison population of 40,577, which means they incarcerate approximately 208 people per 100,000. The population in the United States is 323,000,000 with a prison population of 2.3 million, which means we incarcerate 716 people per 100,000. Australia is seeing a rapid increase in the number of women going to prison, which the United States experienced in the 1980's. Along with the women's population increasing so is the Aboriginal Australians. So, knowing all of this, what can make a difference? Of course, everyone was in agreement that the answer is education (including NCS educating their prison officers). The 2013 RAND Corporation study was mentioned often and the importance of future studies similar to this one. The three associations hope to work together in the future in order to collaborate on such studies.

The other commonality for all the countries was getting and permitting technology in correctional settings. We all know the Internet is becoming more and more the venue on accessing educational materials and platforms. Getting past the security concerns and issues was a common thread among the countries.

Collaborating internationally is where we want to go. My hope is to continue reaching out to ACEA and EPEA in order to strengthen correctional education.

With a new year, let's think positively and move progressively! *Happy New Year!*

by: Peggy Meyers, CEA President

Fair Shake is Doing Fine . . . Thank You

Sue Kastensen, Fair Shake Founder and Director, has announced that thanks to generous donations, Fair Shake not only ended 2017 in the black, but has ensured that the website will continue to be available through January of 2019!

The Fair Shake website is used by 1800 visitors each month (on average) and the software (the mirror-image of the website) is used by countless incarcerated people in approximately 100 institutions

(countless because people move between institutions). Donations are the only financial support that allows Fair Shake to serve the 600,000+ people who come home from prison each year, in addition to the reentry stakeholders.

The Fair Shake donor group is comprised of 83 incarcerated donors and 42 non-incarcerated donors and Sue, donating the time and the space to hold the reentry community center together! So that website users and Fair Shake donors can more fully understand Fair Shake's approach, Sue has decided to start a donor newsletter.

The newsletter will let donors know what their support is facilitating and help connect those who are committed to improving reentry success! In the monthly emails, Sue will share information she has learned through the 'newsletter' dialog that is shared with 950+ incarcerated readers, she will ask questions so readers can explore answers together and give updates on how Fair Shake is being utilized by institutions and much more.

Sue asks Fair Shake donors and users to contact her anytime with questions, concerns and suggestions at sue@fairshake.net. As she notes, "We're doing this together and I'm learning as I go . . ."

Region 3 & 4 CEA Conference & Training Event

April 29 - May 1, 2018

Embassy Suites - Des Moines Downtown

Call for Papers

You are invited to submit a workshop proposal for the Region IV/III CEA Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. This event is designed to present practical strategies and best practices for correctional educators. We are seeking professionals who can share their expertise and experience with other correctional educators. This is a wonderful opportunity to share information about your program, or services, with correctional professionals from across the country. All presenters must register for the conference. The deadline to submit presentation proposals is February 23, 2018. To submit a proposal, contact Abby Underberg at abby.underberg@iowa.gov.

Registration Information

Conference registration rates include: Sunday night screening of The Fort – 177 Years of Crime & Punishment at Iowa State Penitentiary, Monday Luncheon, and Tuesday Teacher of the Year Luncheon. Additional meal tickets may be purchased for an additional cost. Guests of Embassy Suites receive complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast. For a registration form, email Kerry Murray at kerry.murray@iowa.gov.

Registration Rates

By March 30		After March 30	
Members	\$165	Members	\$190
Non-Members	\$230	Non-Members	\$255
Retirees	\$150	Retirees	\$175

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Embassy Suites Downtown Des Moines for conference attendees at a special group rate of \$115 per room. Hotel parking is \$23 per night, or parking is available for \$10 per night across the street in the public parking garage.

For booking: Call the hotel at 1-800-EMBASSY (Code: CEA)
Go online at <http://group.embassysuites.com/CorrectionalEducationAssociation>

Retirement and Appointments Give CEA-Wisconsin Board a New Look

Chuck Brendel has announced his retirement from his position as Associate Dean of Economic and Workforce Development at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac and Local Education Agency Representative on the CEA-Wisconsin Board. Chuck has been with MPTC for 21 years and was responsible for developing and promoting industry training, facilitating the college's internal Quality Initiative, and serving as liaison to the five correctional institutions that MPTC serves. Chuck taught Tool & Die Making on the West Bend campus for 7 years after a 20 year career in manufacturing which included 16 years as a Journeyman Tool & Die Maker and supervisory duties for up to 40 2nd and 3rd shift production people.

In July of 2007, Chuck took over the DOC responsibilities for MPTC and was in charge of insuring that the curriculum and skills taught at the institutions were up-to-date and current with existing workforce needs and worked to improve educational opportunities in the corrections system and standardize vocational curriculum across the state. In May of 2008 Chuck joined the CEA-Wisconsin Board as the Local Education Agency Representative.

The CEA-Wisconsin Board thanks Chuck for his dedicated service and wishes him a happy retirement.

New Board Members

Local Education Agency Representative

Mary Davies has been hired by MPTC to replace Chuck in his job as Associate Dean of Economic and Workforce Development. She will also be returning to the CEA-Wisconsin Board as Local Education Agency Representative.

Mary Davies was a teacher at the Wisconsin Resource Center for 19 years. During her time at WRC, she taught a variety of academic classes, as well as Financial Literacy, Anger Management, Cognitive Interventions and Thinking for a Change. Mary was also a trainer for Thinking for a Change facilitators, and served on the Wisconsin Institutions Literacy Council.

She began working at Moraine Park Technical College in 2015 as the Corrections Manager before becoming Associate Dean of Economic and Workforce Development.

Mary has been a CEA member since 2004 and has served two terms each as CEA-Wisconsin Board President and President Elect. Mary received her Master's Degree in Education Leadership and Policy from UW-Oshkosh in 2017.

Minimum/Maximum Security Representative

To fill the Maximum/Minimum Security Board vacancy, the CEA-Wisconsin Board has appointed Pamela Schmidt who is a teacher at the Columbia Correctional Institution.

Pam Schmidt received her Bachelor's Degree in elementary and special education from Carthage College. At Marian University she earned a Masters of Education in the areas of Teacher Development and Education Administration. Pam has taught at all grade levels from kindergarten to adult education and has held the position of Education Director.

Her current teaching position is at Columbia Correctional Institution working with special education students, Special Management Unit inmates, ABE students and Restricted Housing students. Additionally, she is active on the Policy and Procedures Committee, Crisis Negotiation Team and Special Needs Committee and serves in the capacity of CBE Coordinator and ADA Coordinator for the institution.

Call for Nominations

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

Executive Officers

**President-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer**

Executive Board Members

**Maximum/Minimum Security Representative
Medium Security Representative
Education Director Representative
At-Large Representative/Newsletter Editor**

Any CEA-Wisconsin member is eligible to run for office. All Offices and Board Members serve two-year terms with the President-Elect assuming the office of President at the end of his/her term. Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2018**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2018 CEA-Wisconsin Executive Board Meeting.

Nominations are to be sent to:

**Laurie Jarvis, Adult Education Instructor
Fox Valley Technical College/Waushara County Jail
205 East Main Street, Suite 12
Wautoma, WI 54982
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Email: jarvis@fvtc.edu**

Inmate Art Displayed at ESTHER Banquet

On Sunday, November 5, 2017, CEA-Wisconsin, partnered with teacher Ken VanMieghem and his students at the Wisconsin Resource Center to provide an exhibit of artwork at ESTHER's Annual Banquet. This was the third year that inmate art was displayed at ESTHER's event. The 12 paintings became part of a silent auction, raising \$345 to support ESTHER's projects. Over the three years, the artwork raised over \$1000 in bids.

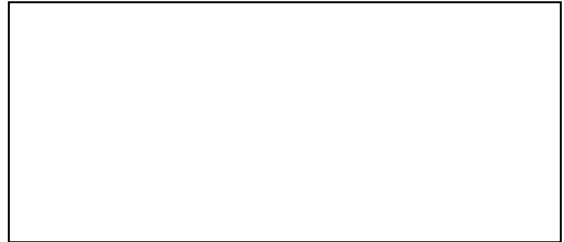
CEA-Wisconsin also had a table at the event to familiarize the 225+ people in attendance with its efforts to promote education in correctional settings.



Founded in 2004, ESTHER is a grassroots and non-profit interfaith social-justice organization. ESTHER aims to bring together people of faith and communities of faith in the Fox Valley region of Wisconsin to build community and to identify and act on issues of injustice. Faith communities covenanting with ESTHER are united based on shared values such as equality and human dignity.

ESTHER has created task forces which are action groups that plan and implement activities and events to evoke positive change for the community in the areas of Transportation, Immigration, and Prison Reform. For more information about ESTHER's activities or to become involved in one of ESTHER's task forces, go to <http://esther-foxvalley.org/>.

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President's Message

I am an avid reader; my morning routine consists of a drinking a cup of coffee and spending about half an hour with my nose in a book. My night time routine is much the same; the only difference is the beverage! Diet Coke and a chapter or two of reading completes my day. I like to read a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction. Recently, the Adult Basic Education department at Fox Valley Technical College decided to participate in a Book Read. The book chosen was *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. One of the individuals that Auggie meets during his first experience in public school is his 5th grade English teacher. Mr. Browne introduces his students to a monthly "precept." Mr. Browne's practice resonated with me because I often introduce quotes or ideas to my students at the Waushara County Jail.

Here are some of Mr. Browne's Precepts:

JANUARY - "*No man is an island, entire of itself.*" — John Donne

FEBRUARY - "*It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.*" — James Thurber

If you are looking for a book to read with your students, consider choosing *Wonder*. *Wonder* is the book that inspired the Choose Kind movement. <https://wonderthebook.com/choose-kind>

"If you have a choice between being right and being kind, choose kind." — Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

I hope to see all of you at the CEA Leadership Forum.

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