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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

FLCI Is Home to Academic and Vocational Opportunities

Fox Lake Correctional Institution is home to Lake View School. The school offers opportunities for academic needs as well as ten different career and technical education offerings. The focus is on growth and successful reentry into society's workforce.

The education department is comprised of:

Chris Eplett - Education Director
Dave Prochnow - Teacher Supervisor
LaVonne Fleury - Guidance Counselor
Becky Dombrock - Office Operations Associate
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Rose Krutzik - ABE/GED Reading and Math
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John Michels - MPTC Communications
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Lorraine Mund - ABE/GED Reading and Math
Aaron Ehley - ABE Reading and Math
Jeffrey Downing - ABE Reading and Math
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Roberta Hoffman - ABE/GED Reading/ GED Social Studies
Bob Kimball – Cabinetmaking and Millwork
Nick Gardner – Masonry
Jayson Schmidt – Custodial Services
Don Hoebbel – Computer Assisted Drafting
Rich Heider – Machine Tool
Matt Ipsen – Culinary Assistant
Jim Kirchbaum – Motorcycle, Marine, & Outdoor Power Equipment
Tom Schwabe – Horticulture
Brain Gove – Production Welding
Ray Davis – Production Welding
Larry Sorenson – Auto Technician
Linda Harmsen – Moraine Park Technical College
Officer John Bender
Officer Scott Montrov
Officer Ben Henning

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FLCI, since January of 2017, has had 57 completed GED's and many more partial completions. The 10 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs have produced 109 Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) diplomas and 17 certificates in the same time frame. In addition to student credentials, the CTE programs at FLCI produce a vast number of items for community and DOC donations, as well as a host of projects and services for the institution.

Every inmate with an education need attends an orientation specific to the school and those with vocational needs are given a tour of the programs to help them decide which program meets their needs and goals. Finally each inmate has a one to one meeting with Ms. Fleury, the Guidance Counselor. The focus from the start is assist inmates with release planning and future employment. Recently, Don Hoebbel and Matt Ipsen voluntarily began an activity to do mock interviews and resume building with program graduates. Students have responded positively to the opportunity and experience, and we are expanding to more programs.

Moraine Park Technical College has been a partner with Fox Lake Correctional since 1973. From that time to the present, 5885 certificates and diplomas have been awarded. MPTC and FLCI instructors work together to review and update program curriculum and instructors are invited to attend regularly scheduled advisory meetings to consult with local industry and businesses, as well as MPTC deans and instructors. This developing and growing partnership extended into academic offerings in 2015 as the result of a grant project with MPTC, Fox Lake Correctional and Kettle Moraine Correctional. All students in ABE and GED reading and math classes are now registered with MPTC. The grant project provided the institutions with Smart Boards, books, and other supplies. Due to being fully staffed, we have had the opportunity for team teaching and experimenting with a GED boot camp where inmates have the opportunity to attend full time school and address all GED test areas as a closed section.



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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

The Fox Lake Education Department provides other services to the institution outside of the classroom. Teachers are in a rotation to serve as inmate advocates during the disciplinary process. Thinking for a Change, Crisis Negotiations, Peer Support, Security Threat Groups, and Workplace Enhancement are among other committees and activities that staff have taken on in addition to teaching duties.

by: Dave Prochnow, FLCI

CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship Will Help a Member Pursue a Leadership Role

Since CEA-Wisconsin began its scholarship program in 2001, 22 scholarships have been awarded, with ten of them going to CEA-Wisconsin members and twelve to children of CEA-Wisconsin members.

The CEA-W Board is pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Jill Jaber. Jill is currently employed as Corrections Manager for Moraine Park Technical College where she acts as liaison between MPTC and the Department of Corrections in order to offer inmates HSED, GED, and vocational courses.

Jill says that in this role and her previous position as a teacher at the Wisconsin Resource Center, "I have witnessed many educational successes. At the same time, I see numerous opportunities for advancement in the areas of reentry training through certificate and degree-bearing education for the inmate population."

With this in mind, Jill has chosen to enroll in the Educational Leadership and Policy Master's Degree Program at UW-Oshkosh. She believes that earning this degree will provide her with an opportunity to advance her role in making decisions to build upon the education provided to inmates.

With Wisconsin experiencing a record low unemployment rate, many employers are having difficulties finding trained workers. Jill believes this is the perfect time to focus on the inmate population as a source of qualified employees.

Jill contends that providing quality education with real opportunity for employment has multiple benefits including:

- Recidivism rates are proven to be reduced by inmate education
- Reentry training and education gives inmates hope for success
- Acquiring gainful employment upon release provides inmates opportunities to become successful members of their communities
- Employers have access to a previously untapped pool of qualified workers
- Ex-offenders become tax-paying citizens

Upon receiving the CEA-Wisconsin scholarship, Jill expressed her thanks. "I am very excited to pursue my master's degree and look forward to using my education to build relationships between the Wisconsin Technical College System and the Department of Corrections. There is great potential for continued education and training in the Wisconsin prison system. I'm eager to learn the leadership skills that will aid me in influencing this field."

The CEA-Wisconsin Board wishes Jill Jaber good luck as she continues her studies and hopes this scholarship will help her reach her goals.

The CEA-W Scholarship Award Program is designed to assist a CEA-W member who is furthering his/her education in the education or library services field or a member's spouse or dependent who is pursuing a university or technical college degree in any field.

The 2019 CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship will be announced in the May/June 2019 issue of this newsletter. CEA-Wisconsin members or their spouses or dependents are encouraged to apply.

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.

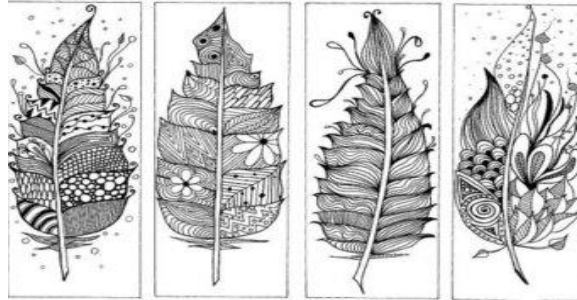
HURRY!!! Mail or email your nomination letter by **January 7, 2018** to:

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CEA-Wisconsin 2019 Creativity Contest

Are you a Writer? An Artist?
Submit your original artwork or creative writing by Dec. 7, 2018
Winning entries will be published.

Contact Nancy Alderton in the Oshkosh Corr. Inst. Education Dept.
for more information Nancy.Alderton@wisconsin.gov



Once again, CEA-Wisconsin invites incarcerated writers and artists to submit their works for the sixteenth annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest. Each year CEA-Wisconsin publishes original prose, poetry, and ink drawings from Wisconsin's jail, prison, and juvenile facility populations. All levels of writers and artists are encouraged to offer submissions. Authors and artists whose works are selected will each receive two free copies of the booklet when it is published in May.

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. Submissions are accepted until December 7, 2018. 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.

Members of the Creativity Contest Committee are:

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The booklets are typeset by inmates at Oshkosh Correctional Institution and printed by inmates at Columbia Correctional Institution. This publication reflects the professional commitment of CEA-Wisconsin members to promote literacy. Each person who is a CEA-Wisconsin member as of January 1 gets a free copy of the booklet.

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.

Creativity Contest Rules and Submission Release Form are on Pages 6-7

CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest Rules

1. Entries are limited to writers who are incarcerated in prisons, juvenile facilities, and county jails located in Wisconsin. People in alternative correctional programs such as bracelet monitoring, probation, and parole are not eligible.
2. **All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Plagiarism, copying someone else's work and claiming it as your own, is against the law and will disqualify you from the contest!**
3. Artwork must be black ink/dark pencil on white paper and allow for at least a one-inch margin around a standard 8.5 x 11" page. Wider and darker lines allow for better reproduction. Photocopies are allowed, but the teacher or representative must see the original work at the time of submission.
4. Writing is judged on voice, organization, and creativity. Any form of writing is acceptable: poems, essays, short stories, letters, etc. Writing can be as short as one paragraph, but should not exceed 1,000 words.
5. Entries must be typed, using a standard font such as Times New Roman (10 point or larger), double-spaced, with a maximum of 2 pages. Entries longer than two typed pages will not be considered.
6. Only one submission for each category, art and writing, will be accepted from each entrant.
7. CEA-Wisconsin reserves the right to publish excerpts of submitted entries.
8. The enclosed release form must accompany the entry. The instructor is responsible for explaining that the work will undergo the usual editing process which any publication undergoes. All writing technicalities (punctuation, grammar) will be corrected. Instructors are advised not to correct students' work. Assistance in writing should include suggestions for expanding ideas, development of themes, and organization. Over-correcting by instructors interferes with the voice of the writer. Entries may be reviewed locally by the Education Director or by DOC Central Office for appropriateness and security consideration as needs and policies dictate.
9. Entries must be signed by the local Education Department contact person and received at the address on the release form by December 7, 2018. **No submissions will be returned.** Writers whose work is not accepted will not be notified.
10. The writer should include an address where he/she can be contacted in May 2019. Booklets will be sent to the institutional address in care of the Education Contact Person, as listed on the form, for distribution to the winners. Winners will receive two (2) copies of the publication in May 2019.
11. Writers retain copyright to their work. CEA-Wisconsin has first publication rights and rights to the collection of work. No payment for published work will be provided.
12. An electronic version of the completed booklet will be posted online on the CEA-Wisconsin website. Entrants may refuse this exposure by checking the Opt Out box in Section D of the submission form.
13. Students may have their essays published anonymously. The release form, however, must contain the student's real name and signature. This information will be used by contest coordinator only and kept confidential. Write "anonymous" or use initials (no pseudonyms, please) on the writing or drawing submitted, and staple the two together.
14. Illegible submission forms or entries may be disqualified.

Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin SUBMISSIONS RELEASE FORM "Creativity Contest 2019"



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I hereby give CEA-Wisconsin permission to publish the following work(s) in print, if selected for the contest publication, and to post them on the www.ceawisconsin.org website. **These works are my original, unpublished writings and/or artwork.** I understand that the selections may be minimally edited. I further understand that after publication and posting on the website, all rights will return to me; however, original works will not be returned. The titles of the works submitted (maximum two) are listed below:

A. Title(s): *May submit only one (1) in each category.*

Writing: _____

Art: _____

B. CEA-Wisconsin will send each person whose work was selected two copies of the book. Please print clearly your full name and mailing address as of May 2019. Illegible submission forms may result in disqualified entries.

(Full Name)

(Inmate Number)

(Mailing address – Street Address)

(Institution where currently residing)

(Mailing address -- City, State, Zip)

Check here if this is a juvenile facility.

C. On the line below, please print the way you would like your name to appear in the book if selected. You may only use your institution name, first name with last initial, initials only, or anonymous. No aliases.

(PRINT your name, initials, or anonymous)

D. Sign and date. By signing I verify that these works are my original, unpublished writings and/or artwork.

By checking this box, I OPT OUT of having my work published online:

(Signature)

(Date)

E. Education Department Contact Person. (For correctional facilities and county jails, the contact person will be responsible for distributing booklets to winning authors.)

Please circle one: **Jr/Sr High School (DJC)** **ABE** **Intermediate** **HSED** **Post High School**

(Signature)

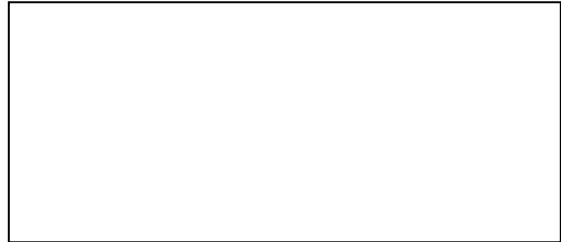
(Facility)

(Print Name)

(Contact Info -- Phone or Email)

NOTE: This form must accompany all submissions. Incomplete or incorrect submissions forms may disqualify the entry. Submissions must be sent to Nancy Alderton, OSCI, by December 7, 2018.

Emily Propson, CEA-Wisconsin President-Elect
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President's Message

Summer's over and CEA-Wisconsin is busy again. I am just getting settled in as the new president and have a lot to learn, so please have patience, particularly with the "President's Message".

We had our last meeting in July at Fox Lake Correctional Institution and shared a lunch with the Education staff at FLCI. It went very well. CEA-Wisconsin tries to schedule meetings at DOC institutions or county jails that provide educational programming. We look forward to meeting as many of our members as possible.

This year's Leadership Forum ***March Toward Excellence*** is in the rear view mirror and we are already working on next year's programming. In addition, the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest is just about to get under way and I would like to thank all of those on the committee who put it all together. See the announcement in this issue.

We at CEA-Wisconsin look forward to serving all of you and welcome any questions or comments. Thank all of you for what you do and we will continue to support you. Here's to a wonderful fall.

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