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## Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

# CEA-Wisconsin Training Day Returns to the Osthoff Resort

The CEA-Wisconsin Board of Directors is pleased to again host the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake on Monday, May 6, 2019. This year the CEA-Wisconsin Board is offering a registration rate of a low, low FREE for CEA Members and \$65 for non-members.

The Conference Planning Committee again hopes to provide a wide array of workshops focusing on literacy, county jails, juveniles, library services, professional standards, and other areas to make this Training Day an excellent professional development opportunity. Complete workshop descriptions will be published in the March/April issue of this newsletter and will be posted on the [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) website in March.

The Wisconsin Correctional Teacher of the Year will be honored at the Training Day and a silent auction will be held.

Make plans to join the correctional educators representing state adult and juvenile institutions, county jails and detention centers, Wisconsin technical colleges and local literacy organizations at the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day.

### Call for Presentations

You can help to make this a great Training Day by offering to present a workshop. A Call for Presentations has already been emailed to many of you and is available on the [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) website.

The sessions will last 75 minutes. The deadline for proposal submissions is February 21, 2019. Completed Call for Presentations forms are to be sent to Emily Propson at [Emily.Propson@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Emily.Propson@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

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## Registration

The CEA-Wisconsin Training Day Registration Form has also already been emailed to many of you and is available on the [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) website.

The Training Day registration deadline is May 1, 2019. The completed form along with payment should be sent to:

Tim Malchow - CEA Treasurer  
 c/o Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution  
 PO Box 31  
 Plymouth, WI 53073-0031

## Osthoff Resort Lodging

In past years, some Training Day participants elected to arrive early and enjoy the beautiful Osthoff Resort. The Osthoff Resort is a AAA Four-Diamond resort that offers a casual atmosphere within its elegant surroundings.

Guests can enjoy some of the resort’s amenities and recreational activities including: an indoor pool, two whirlpools and saunas, a fitness center, an arcade, tennis courts, Aspira Spa, Golf at Quit Qui Oc Golf Club, Lola's on the Lake Restaurant & Lounge, Otto's Restaurant, Elkhart Inn Restaurant, the Elk Room Lounge, hiking and biking.

The Osthoff Resort has agreed to offer rooms at state rates for May 5 & 6. All rooms have beautiful lakeside or woodland views. Accommodations can be made by calling 1-800-876-3399 and asking for the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin block of rooms. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit. Individual guests must present their own proof of tax exempt status or are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 12.5%). The guest room rates are \$82 single and \$102 double.

The deadline for hotel reservations is April 12, 2019.

**Register today for a great professional development experience for correctional educators! Hope to see you at the Osthoff!**

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# Call for Nominations

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

- ✓ **Juvenile Facilities Member**
- ✓ **Local Education Agency Member**
- ✓ **Jail/Detention Center Member**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**

Any CEA-Wisconsin member is eligible to run for office. All officers and board members serve two-year terms. Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2019**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2019 Executive Board Meeting.

Nominations are to be sent to:

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## Michael Wahl Honored at Marathon County Jail Ceremony



CEA-Wisconsin Board Member Peggy Kaiser surprises Michael Wahl with the CEA-Wisconsin Friend of Correctional Education Award at the December Graduation Ceremony in the Marathon County Jail. Mike was honored for his decade long dedication as facilitator of the Parenting group at the Marathon County Jail.

# COABE Launches Corrections Initiatives

The Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) represents the system of 55,000 adult educators in the United States. Its roll of active members continues to grow, with more than 23,000 active members and close to 40,000 educators registering annually for special events.

The Coalition on Adult Basic Education is organized to advance national and international adult education and literacy opportunities for all persons. The purposes of COABE are:

- To promote adult education and literacy programs, including Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Family Literacy, Skills Development, Workforce Development, and other state, federal, and private programs which assist undereducated and/or disadvantaged adults to function effectively
- To provide leadership in advancing the education of adults in the lifelong learning process by unifying the profession, developing human resources, encouraging and using research, communicating with the members and the public, offering other member services, and otherwise advancing adult education, and literacy
- To advocate the development and dissemination of publications, research, methods, and materials, resources, and programs in adult education and literacy
- To conduct and/or sponsor professional development conferences and activities that provide a forum to provide staff development and advance adult education and literacy

With more than 2.1 million adults being incarcerated in the U.S. and more than 700,000 of them leaving federal and state prisons each year and reentering into the community, COABE believes that educating these individuals is a major concern for everyone.

Unfortunately, many offenders are ill-equipped to break the cycle of catch and release because of the lack of education and workforce skills needed to succeed in the labor market and the cognitive skills needed to address the challenges of reentry. COABE cites facts that show 40% of federal and state prisoners lack a high school credential and many returning citizens struggle to find employment upon their release. Of the men and women who receive adult education when incarcerated, there is a 43% better chance of those individuals not recidivating.

COABE believes that education and skill training inside and then continuing outside the prison walls holds the key to not only stemming the tide of recidivism but in changing the generations that follow.

Acting on these beliefs and partnering with CEA Past President Peggy Kaiser and current CEA President Susan Lockwood Roberts, COABE has established three initiatives to help adult educators who are working with incarcerated and recently released students: 1) adding a Corrections Strand of workshops to its Annual Conference, 2) forming a Behind and Beyond the Walls (Prison Literacy) Advisory Board, and 3) publishing a special Prison Literacy Edition of the *COABE Journal*.

## COABE Annual Conference Corrections Strand

Each year COABE hosts a large national conference of adult educators. The 2019 COABE Conference will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 31 - April 3, 2019 at the Marriott New Orleans. More than 2,000 conferees will attend. The program will include 32 strands – comprised of more than 350 breakout sessions – that will provide valuable, state-of-the-art training for adult educators.

One of the strands will be a Corrections Strand comprised of 18 sessions. Two of these sessions will be presented by Wisconsin CEA members.

CEA-Wisconsin Board members Mary Davies, Moraine Park Technical College and Peggy Kaiser, Wisconsin Department of Corrections will present a workshop “Partnering to Provide Quality Education – The Wisconsin Technical College System and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.” 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 will detail the educational programs available in state institutions and how WTCS and DOC work together to deliver quality programming.

Peggy Kaiser will also team with fellow National Correctional Education Association Board member Susan Lockwood Roberts to present a session "Accreditation for your Correctional Education Program." This session will provide an overview of Accreditation from the Correctional Education Association, including the process, the advantages of having an accredited program, and updates for the key areas of Administration, Personnel, Students and Program. Guidance from this workshop will benefit staff and organizations considering Accreditation or preparing for an Audit of Adult, Juvenile and Jail Correctional Education Programs.

### **Other Corrections Strand workshops at the COABE Conference include:**

- **From The Courtroom to the Classroom to the Boardroom: A Pathway to Reentry Success**  
Presenter: Jeffrey Abramowitz (Pennsylvania)
- **Inmates Using the Internet: Learning, Testing and Re-Entering with Living Wages**  
Presenters: Devin Broome, Clay Mixon, Andrea Buttross, John Easley, Todd Marshall (Louisiana)
- **Poverty-Informed Curriculum and Program Design for Criminal Justice-Involved Youth**  
Presenter: Kimberly Brown (Washington DC)
- **What Does PIAAC Tell Us About Incarcerated Adults' Skills and Participation in Education?**  
Presenters: Katie Herz, Elizabeth Tighe, Margaret Patterson, Lionel Smith (New York)
- **Correctional Education: An Integration of Andragogy, Counseling and Therapy**  
Presenter: Herman Lee (Illinois)
- **Special Education in a Correctional Education Classroom**  
Presenter: Susan Lockwood Roberts (Indiana)
- **Digital Delivery of Post-Secondary Education in Prisons (Pell Experimental Sites Initiative)**  
Presenter: Todd Marshall (Ohio)
- **Skilling Up Inmates for High Demand Jobs**  
Presenters: Konnie McCollum, Paula Clark, Molly Dodge, Mandi Logsdon (Indiana)
- **Inmates Teaching Inmates - Developing and Enhancing Soft Skills in a Prison Setting**  
Presenters: Susan McKee, Clint Massey (California)
- **Criminal Justice and Adult Education: Unmasking the Potential for Incarcerated Immigrants and Basic Skills Learners**  
Presenters: Margaret Patterson, Janet Isserlis (Virginia)
- **Education Behind the Walls**  
Presenters: Amy Riker, Jeffrey Abramowitz, Clay Mixon, Devin Broom, Sarah Blocker (Illinois)
- **Former Inmates Establishing a Financial Foundation**  
Presenter: Mary "Jeannette" Schultz (Colorado)

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- **Reentry Education Framework and Online Tool Kit**  
Presenter: Juliana Taymans (Washington DC)
- **Professional Learning Communities in A Correctional Setting: The Administrator's Role**  
Presenters: Marian Thacher, Shannon Swain, Sudie Whalen (California)
- **Re-Entry Populations: Educational and Career Solutions for Success**  
Presenters: Elaine Voigt, Patty Murgolo (Nevada)
- **Unmasking Human Potential in Prison: Tutor & Intern Development Behind Bars**  
Presenter: Lauren Zavrel (Washington)

## **Behind and Beyond the Walls Advisory Board**

In addition to the Corrections Strand at its annual conference, COABE is also forming a Behind and Beyond the Walls (Prison Literacy) Advisory Board. COABE, in partnership with our newly appointed Prison Literacy Committee Chair, Jeff Abramowitz, will be finalizing the selection of the candidates that will serve on the new Behind and Beyond the Walls Prison Literacy Advisory Board. Final selections will be announced shortly.

## **Prison Literacy Edition of the *COABE Journal***

COABE is also planning a special Prison Literacy Edition of the *COABE Journal*, slated to be published in March 2019. It will include articles that focus on this relevant topic of prison literacy and prison education written by adult educators who have experience working with adults in prison and jail education programs.

## **Consider Becoming Involved in COABE's Initiatives**

For more information on COABE's correctional initiatives and registration materials for the COABE Annual Conference go to [www.coabe.org](http://www.coabe.org).

CEA-Wisconsin members are encouraged to consider submitting a presentation proposal for the 2020 COABE Annual Conference. A reminder will be published in this newsletter in the fall of 2019. If a CEA-Wisconsin member's proposal is accepted by the COABE Conference Planning committee, he/she may apply for a CEA-Wisconsin Professional Development Grant. If the CEA-Wisconsin Board approves the grant request, the applicant is eligible to receive of up to \$500 to help defray expenses to attend the 2020 COABE Conference.

# **Minimum-Security Inmates Earn Certificates in High-Demand Occupation**

Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and Department Secretary Cathy Jess joined Madison College President Jack E. Daniels, family, and friends to congratulate 15 Wisconsin Correctional Center System inmates graduating from Madison College's Industrial Maintenance certificate program.

The Industrial Maintenance certificate program is a 12-week, 11-credit program which provides basic instruction during which students learned to read technical drawings, schematics, and diagrams; perform electrical/mechanical assembly and disassembly; assist in the repair and calibration of components; and apply basic knowledge of electricity and industrial controls and basic fluid powers. With this credential, inmates are qualified for entry-level positions in industrial and mechanical maintenance.

"I am a strong supporter of programs like Madison College's Industrial Maintenance certificate that provide inmates with training and a credential in high-demand fields that they can use once they're

released from the correctional system,” said Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. “These graduations represent not only the completion of a program, but a tangible accomplishment that these inmates can carry with them after their release.”

The inmates, who are from Oregon Correctional Center and Thompson Correctional Center, are part of the Department’s efforts to prepare inmates for work after they release into the community. Over the last few years, the Department has partnered with the Department of Workforce Development as well as workforce development boards and technical colleges throughout Wisconsin to host short-term intensive academies which provide training in high-demand fields with vacant positions.

“We believe that inmates should have access to quality education and training so they can find a good paying job after they’re released,” said Secretary Cathy Jess. “This isn’t just a financial investment, but an investment in hope and opportunity for the future of these inmates and everyone currently in our facilities. Our goal is for these inmates to begin a career and live successful lives in the community.”

More than 94% of inmates who have completed these academies have found employment after returning to the community. With Wisconsin’s unemployment under 3% for the last nine months and more people working in Wisconsin than ever before, employers need skilled workers to fill open positions. These academies provide the skills inmates need to find a good-paying job.

“Today’s graduation ceremony reflects Madison College’s mission to provide open access to quality higher education,” shared Madison College President Dr. Jack E. Daniels III. “That means access for all, including individuals such as today’s graduates who deserve a second chance and have worked hard to gain the skills that will make them employable, contributing members of our community.”

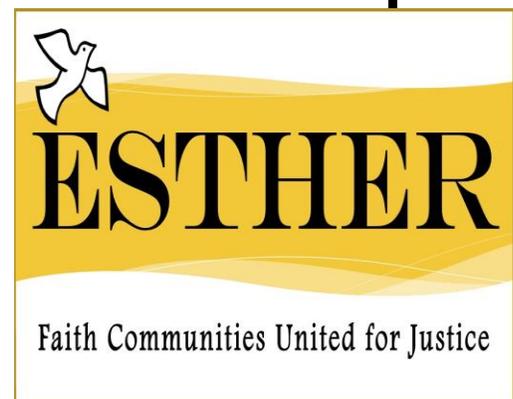
The Department has also purchased a mobile lab which provides instruction in CNC machining and purchased two additional mobile labs which will provide instruction in welding and industrial maintenance beginning in 2019.

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## WRC and KMCI Donate to ESTHER Banquet

For the past three year’s, teacher Ken VanMieghem and his students at the Wisconsin Resource Center have provided an exhibit of artwork for ESTHER’s Annual Banquet. The artwork became part of a silent auction to support ESTHER’s projects. This year, Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution teacher James Tietz and his students joined in the effort by donating handmade knitted and crocheted items.

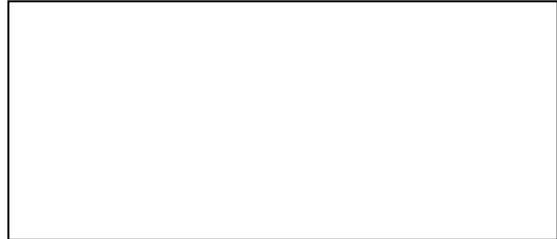
At this year’s November 4, 2018 Silent Auction, the donated artwork raised \$310 and the knitted and crocheted items raised \$110 to support ESTHER’s efforts. Over the past four years, the inmate-created items have raised almost \$1500 in bids.



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**

It's the New Year and we are planning and looking forward to the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day coming in May. We hope to have more news and information forthcoming and we hope it will be good news to all as you make your plans to attend.

The CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest Selection Committee is busy pouring over the entries and making selections for this year's booklet. Thank you to the committee for your dedication and efforts. In addition, we will be reviewing nominations for this year's CEA-Wisconsin "Teacher of the Year". Good luck to all those who may have been nominated.

I thought I would leave you with a quote I thought appropriate for what our members do day in and day out in honor of MLK Day.

*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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