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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

"Friends" Contributions Significant to Correctional Education Programs

For the 21st consecutive year, the Wisconsin Chapter of the Correctional Education Association is showing its appreciation to individuals and organizations who have helped to improve educational opportunities for offenders in Wisconsin correctional facilities. Since the Friends of Correctional Education Award was founded, the contributions of 80 individuals and organizations have been honored by the CEA-W Board.

This year, CEA-W is again recognizing some of these volunteers with the Friends of Correctional Education award. Those receiving this award may be volunteers who have contributed time and effort to an education program, community agency employees who have presented special workshops, business people who have donated funds or materials to make programs more effective, or advocates of correctional education.

Certificates for these Friends of Correctional Education award winners will be presented at special ceremonies held at the institutions involved. The 2009 award winners of the Friends of Correctional Education Award are:

Sue Gaede, Grady Gutknecht, Mary Ann Jensen, and Mary Ripp

For five years, Black River Correctional Center (BRCC) has been honored to have Sue Gaede, Grady Gutknecht, Mary Ann Jensen, and Mary Ripp tutor inmates in reading, language, and math. These community volunteers give 1½ hours of one-to-one instruction weekly. Their instruction has helped over 80 inmates pass GED/HSED tests, improve reading scores, and upgrade math skills. In addition, they follow up their instruction by attending their inmate's graduation ceremony.

In the summer of 2007, BRCC education staff were grateful that these volunteers were willing to expand their tutoring time because the BRCC teaching staff was temporarily reduced to two teachers for 90+ inmates. During that time, the tutors agreed to double their tutoring time and the number of students instructed. This was immensely helpful to the BRCC education staff.

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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:

Executive Officers

**President-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer**

Executive Board Members

**Maximum Security Representative
Medium Security Representative
State Agency Representative
At-Large Representative/Newsletter Editor**

Any CEAW 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 are to be sent to:

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Fox Valley Technical College/Waushara County Jail
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Nominations must be received by **February 1, 2010**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2010 Executive Board Meeting

Executive Officers		<p>The CEA-W News Review is published by the members of the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin Chapter. The opinions herein are entirely those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the executive officers, the Department of Corrections, or the body as a whole.</p> <p>It is our hope that this newsletter will be used to communicate information concerning activities, special events, new directions and policies of CEA-W and DOC.</p> <p>Articles for publication may be submitted to the CEA-W News Review Editor Jerry Bednarowski at:</p> <p>W6443 Old Highway Road Menasha, WI 54952 920-734-5902 jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com</p>
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Sue Gaede, Grady Gutknecht, Mary Ann Jensen, and Mary Ripp were nominated by Black River Correctional Center SPED/HSED/GED teacher Linda Heller.

Elizabeth Harlow and Oregon Cablevision

As an Oregon Cable Television representative and Community Connections volunteer, Elizabeth Harlow has manned and spearheaded the Read-to-Me Program at Oakhill Correctional Institution (OCI) for the past five years.

Videotapes are donated by Oregon Cablevision. Liz tapes inmate fathers reading donated books to their children. The videotapes (or CDs) and books are then sent home to the children by their fathers. The men at OCI are very appreciative of this program and rely on it to help bridge emotional and sometimes physical distances from their children. "As OCI is a minimum institution, the re-entry benefits of this program are felt within months rather than years," states Jack Rice, Education Director. "Her dedication to the men and their children has been exemplary."

OCI now tapes weekly and staff are looking to increase the frequency during the Holiday season. Currently there are six volunteers working with the Read-to-Me project.

Elizabeth Harlow and Oregon Cablevision were nominated by OCI Education Director Jack Rice.

Marion Held

Marion Held is a retired Librarian who is a volunteer with the Friends of the Library organization.

For the past few years Marion has continued to supply the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF) with donated books for the institution library. Without these donated books, it would be a struggle to continue to run a library at MSDF.

Marion Held was nominated by Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility teacher Cheri Wontor.

Kelly Webb and Assist Survivors Treatment Outreach Prevention

Kelly Webb, an Assist Survivors Treatment Outreach Prevention (ASTOP) educator, comes to each HSED Health group at Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI) to give a presentation on sexual abuse as part of the unit on relationships. The presentation now meets for three class hours because students have repeatedly requested an extended presentation.

Kelly talks about sexual abuse, its effects, current laws, and protective behaviors. The information is relevant to the students and their children. It is both protective and proactive. Because so many TCI inmates have been sexually abused, the topic is particularly relevant. For some students this presentation ignites the healing process. For others, it starts the process of forgiveness of their abuser. For all, it teaches tools to share with their children about how to better protect themselves and how to seek help in the case of sexual abuse. The inmate students learn to understand how their bodies are giving them information that is helpful in making decisions.

Kelly, a former policewoman, relates to and understands TCI students. As a result, she is able to keep their attention for three hours of learning. Kelly brings the newest information and research on the topic. She is always enthusiastic in her effort to fit TCI into her schedule and in her presentation to the students.

Before Kelly, another educator from ASTOP came to TCI for several years. ASTOP and its employees have made a significant contribution to TCI and its education program.

Kelly Webb and Assist Survivors Treatment Outreach Prevention were nominated by Taycheedah Correctional Institution teacher Pat Lanari.

CEA-Wisconsin Scholarships Help Students Pursue Their Goals

For the tenth year CEA-Wisconsin is awarding scholarships to its members. This year, CEA-W is awarding two \$500 scholarships. The CEAW Scholarship Award Program is designed to assist CEA-W members or their spouses or dependents who are pursuing university or technical college degrees.

This year's scholarships go to the dependents of two CEA-Wisconsin members. They are Mara Jarvis and Taylor Meyers.

Mara Jarvis

Mara is the daughter of Laurie Jarvis who is a Fox Valley Technical College teacher working at the Waushara County Jail.

Mara has begun her sophomore year at Winona State University. Her major is still undecided.

As Mara put it, "My educational goals change all the time. Some days I want to perform on the stages of Broadway and some days I want to be the person people come to talk to about their problems so I can help them."

One thing that never changes about Mara's educational goals is her drive to do her best in her classes. Her hope is, "What I learn in college will change the world, whether it is entertaining people or listening to their problems."

Taylor Meyers

Taylor is the daughter of Peggy Meyers, Education Director of Adult Basic Education for the Wisconsin Technical College System.

Taylor is a sophomore at Chippewa Valley Technical College. She is enrolled in general studies with the goal of transferring to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and enrolling in their Elementary Education program.

After majoring in Marketing at UW-Milwaukee for one year, Taylor did some self-reflection and "remembered way back when I was little, I always said I wanted to be a teacher."

Taylor has a passion for working with kids, especially younger ones. She feels, "Teaching kindergarten or 1st grade would be so fulfilling and rewarding. I connect very easy with kids. I am creative and have a lot of patience when dealing with them."

The CEA-Wisconsin Board is pleased to name Mara Jarvis and Taylor Meyers the winners of this year's \$500 scholarships. We hope these scholarships help Mara and Taylor reach their goals.

Save these dates:

April 8-9, 2010 - Region III & IV CEA Conference - Bloomington, MN

May 3, 2010 - CEA-Wisconsin State Conference - Elkhart Lake, WI

July 5-7, 2010 - International CEA Conference - Little Rock, AR

Correctional Education Association 2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Purpose:

The Correctional Education Association of 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-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR may be re-nominated.

Nomination Process:

Other than the members of the CEA-W Board, anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be a colleague or the teacher him or herself. The nomination deadline is **January 1, 2010**.

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-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR will receive a plaque attesting to his or her achievement. He/she will be furnished expenses to compete against winners from five other Midwestern States at the Region III & IV CEA Conference to be held in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 8-9, 2010.

HURRY!!! Phone, fax, or mail your nomination by **January 1, 2010** to:

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CEA-Wisconsin Showcase Award

Would you like to present a workshop on your program, classroom activities, or special area of interest? The Wisconsin chapter of the Correctional Education Association would like to help.

The CEA-W Executive Board is offering a \$250 grant to help defray the professional expenses for a CEA-W member to present a workshop at the Region III & IV CEA Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 8-9, 2010, the CEA-Wisconsin State Conference in Elkhart Lake on May 3, the International CEA Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 5-7, the Wisconsin GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference in Fall 2010, or some other professional education or correctional conference.

Your presentation may be on an existing program that has been effective, a new innovative program, creative classroom activities, unique instructional methods, or a special project.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be an active CEA member, submit a proposal outlining the workshop you wish to present, and submit a statement of support from your supervisor.

Your proposal should include:

- ❖ Title of presentation
- ❖ Intended audience
- ❖ Presentation description (200 words or less)

The CEA-W Board will review the proposals received and select the proposal to receive the \$250 grant.

Entries will be evaluated on:

- ❖ Relevance to the needs of correctional students
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Effectiveness of program or techniques
- ❖ Potential to be used in other settings
- ❖ Interest to conference attendees

The deadline for submission of your proposal is January 1, 2010. Submit your proposal to:

Holly Audley, Education Director
Southern Oaks Girls School
21425B Spring Street
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Melaine Connolly Will Be Missed

Melanie Connolly passed away on October 1 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Melanie was born in 1959, in Milwaukee. She was a graduate of Silver Lake College with a degree in secondary education. She taught math, health, science, writing, and computer skills at the Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI) since March 1987.

Jack Doruff, GBCI Education Director, commented, "For those of you who did not have the pleasure of knowing her, Melanie was an exceptionally intelligent teacher who could teach, at the highest level, a number of challenging subjects like math, computer science, science, health, and writing. She was truly gifted and was knowledgeable about so many things in life. We will miss her. . . She maintained a positive attitude and spirit throughout her long ordeal with cancer. She was such an inspiration to all in her battle with this toughest of all foes. . . It goes without saying that we will miss her presence and spirit immensely."

Appleton Art Center to Host Inmate Art Exhibit

December 11- January 16 in Kretzschmar Education Center

Appleton Art Center will be presenting the 2nd annual exhibit and silent auction of inmate artwork. The exhibition, *Re-emergence: An Inmate Art Exhibit*, will run from December 11 through January 16 featuring over 30 works of art by Wisconsin inmates. The exhibition will be on view in the art center's Kretzschmar Education Center. The exhibit is a collaborative effort between Appleton Art Center, the Wisconsin Resource Center and the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin.

A special reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Friday, December 11 from 5:00-9:00 pm. The reception will include musical entertainment by the group Acoustic Soup and refreshments. The reception will be free and open to the public.

All works of art will be included in a silent auction with proceeds benefiting Appleton Art Center's project, *ArtStart: Reaching Disadvantaged Youth*. *ArtStart* is designed to introduce undeserved youth to the arts and provide them with opportunities for participation in creative activities.

WRC provides treatment for correctional inmates with severe mental health and behavioral problems. As part of the treatment process, offenders are encouraged to participate in community service projects. Five years ago, WRC teacher Ken VanMieghem recruited some of his students to produce artwork, which could be used in fundraising events. The project enables the offenders to be involved in an activity intended to benefit the community and helps inmates restore their feelings of self-worth.

Join us on Friday, December 11 to view the artwork and socialize with other correctional educators. Or stop in during regular Appleton Art Center hours between December 11 and January 16 to make a bid and support this worthwhile project.

Check Out CEA–W's Speakers' Bureau

As announced in the last issue of this newsletter, the Correctional Education Association–Wisconsin has established a Speakers' Bureau comprised of experienced educators, librarians, administrators and other individuals working in correctional education environments to provide lectures, workshops, and guest presentations to schools, government agencies, and community organizations.

If you are a member of a community or religious organization, you are encouraged to use our Speakers' Bureau to help your group learn more about what goes on in Wisconsin prisons and jails to transform the lives of those incarcerated. If you know someone who teaches in a high school, technical college, or university; tell them about our list so they can bring the latest information and expertise about correctional education to their classrooms.

The Speakers Bureau information, including lists of topics and speakers, is now available on the www.ceawisconsin.org website.

If you would like to schedule a speaker, contact the speaker to arrange a time and date. The presentations are provided free of a speaker's fee. Travel, meal, and lodging expenses may be negotiated between the speaker and the agency hosting the presentation. Some presentations may require audiovisual equipment. Many of these speakers may also be available for individual consultation.

If you would like help selecting a speaker, you may contact CEA-Wisconsin President Mary Stierna at mary.stierna@wisconsin.gov or 920-426-4310 ext 4165 or CEA-Wisconsin Board Member Jerry Bednarowski at jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com or 920-734-5902. If you are a CEA member and would like to share your knowledge and experience by becoming a part of the CEA-W Speakers' Bureau, contact Mary or Jerry.

President's Message

Mark your calendars, CEA-Wisconsin is once again planning a one day conference for May 3, 2010 at that Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. We have had many members tell us how much they enjoyed the past one day conferences and we are very excited to be offering one again. Please consider presenting a workshop at the conference. Correctional educators love to learn from peers in the field. Whether you teach ABE, HSED, or Vocational classes or teach in a jail, we would love to hear about what you do!

Watch for the call for presenters in the January/February newsletter.

Please send in your nominations for the Teacher of the Year. We all work with many wonderful people who are deserving of the title. Take a few minutes and fill out the nomination form in the newsletter and send it in!

Mary Stierna

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