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## Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

### WCTC Educators Give Jail Students a Positive Experience

On April 25, 2013, Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) held its annual Recognition Ceremony in the Waukesha County Jail. Students were recognized for the completing the following accomplishments:

- GED/HSED
- Partial GED/HSED
- Careers/Employability
- TNT-Trash Negative Thinking for a Positive Future (Cognitive Restructuring Program)
- Literacy Circle
- Computer Basics
- English as a Second Language
- Basic Skills Improvement
- Waukesha Public Schools High School Diploma
- Waukesha Public Schools Competency Based High School Diploma

During the 2012-13 fiscal year, WCTC helped 12 incarcerated individuals earn their GED or HSED, with four of those students graduating with honors. Additionally, 26 individuals have partially completed their GED or HSED. Thus far this fiscal year, 243 students have been registered with 13 students graduating and 29 partially completing their GED or HSED.

Programming at the Waukesha County Jail is provided by at team of WCTC educators:

- Linda Galko – Lead Instructor
- Carm Hansen – Classroom Instructor
- Lynn Spangler – ESL and GED in Spanish Instructor
- Carrie Campanelli – Basic Computer Instructor
- Judy King – GED Math Instructor
- Sofia Majid-Swanton – WCTC Counselor
- Melissa Tocco – Career Specialist, WCTC Workforce Dev. Center

### Literacy Council Partnership

In addition to Adult Basic Education and GED/HSED instruction, WCTC has a long standing partnership with the Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha, both on campus and at the jail. WCTC, the students and the jail all benefit from having the volunteers come during classes.

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Literacy Council volunteer Ted Dahl has been a tutor in the English as a Second Language Program since July of 2003. He has had well over 100 different students attending his sessions. He works on conversation, reading and writing. Trained by the Literacy Council, Ted and keeps close records of the hours he logs with each student. He was doing ESL classes before there was even an ESL program at the jail. Now he is part of a comprehensive program and offers a valuable addition to the lower level language classes.

Another long-time volunteer is Sue Willemen. She enjoys holding conversation classes for the more advanced students in the ESL program. After Sue retired as a teacher she wanted to stay active in the field of education. Volunteering at the jail offers her the opportunity to do that.

Since the ESL and the GED in Spanish programs started in August 2011 until present, there have been over 50 ESL and GED in Spanish students registered and over 4,000 hours of classroom participation.

**Careers/Employability and Self Improvement Classes**

Guidance Counselor Sofia Majid-Swanton provides workshops including Ten Ways to Shine as a New WCTC Student, Self Concept: An Examination of Self and Others, Multi-Cultural Awareness, and Stress Management. These workshops address the critical life skills that are important for students and employees to have to be successful.

Sofia also provides a workshop called College Bound. During this workshop, she meets with students to do comprehensive program counseling and provide them with updated information on further studies at WCTC. She also provides students with information on community resources to assist in removing any barriers while they transition out of the jail and into their communities.

The WCTC educators find that students at the Waukesha County Jail are very positive, motivated, and ready to start with a new lease on their lives. Many jail students continue their connection with WCTC after they leave the Waukesha County Jail. Their experiences at the jail help them feel comfortable and give them a positive experience as they reenter the community and navigate through college.

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# Congratulations to the New CEA Vice President!



The national CEA office has announced that Peggy Meyers has been elected to be the new CEA Vice President. Peggy will join President-Elect Morris Dews, Jr. (Virginia), Secretary Susan Nell (Ohio) and Treasurer Jeana Ely (Oklahoma) on the Executive Board.

Peggy has been a member of CEA since 1996. She has been on the CEA-Wisconsin State Chapter Board since 1998 holding the office of State Chapter President from 2002-2005. Peggy is the CEA Region III Director and held the Assistant Director position prior to being elected Director in 2009. Along with assisting the Wisconsin State Chapter with their annual training day, Peggy was also the over-site chair to the 67th Annual CEA Conference, the chairperson for the 64th Annual CEA Conference, and chairperson for the 2006 Region III Conference.

Peggy currently works for the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) as the Education Consultant for Adult Basic Education. One of her duties is to monitor Adult Education and Family Literacy Act funded jail programs as well as work closely with the Department of Corrections (DOC) State Director. Prior to her job at WTCS, Peggy worked 18 years for the Wisconsin DOC with nine of those years teaching at Columbia Correctional Institution and Fox Lake Correctional Institution.

Peggy holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Curriculum and Supervision, receiving both from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She was the 2007 recipient for the Wisconsin Literacy Advocate of the Year award and 2007 Virginia Hart Award, which recognizes outstanding women in state government.

## Paper or Electronic?

The large attendance at the 2013 CEA-Wisconsin Training Day has been a boost to CEA-W membership. A benefit of membership is receiving the CEA-Wisconsin and Parenting Connection newsletters. Members have a choice of being sent the newsletters via email or being mailed paper copies.

Do you like the feel and smell of paper or are you comfortable with doing all of your reading electronically? To CEA-Wisconsin, the most important thing is that our members are able to conveniently access the information we make available.

If you prefer to have paper copies of our CEA-Wisconsin or Parenting Connection newsletters, we are happy to mail them to you. If you would prefer not to be burdened with a paper copy and only want an electronic copy, we will email you the newsletters.

If you haven't told us your preference, please see Jerry Bednarowski at the CEA-W Training Day or email him at [jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com](mailto:jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com) to let him know – paper or electronic? Either way, give him the mailing address or email address to which you would like the newsletters sent.

# 2013 Friends of Correctional Education Award

**Do you know someone who has been noteworthy  
in their support of correctional education?**

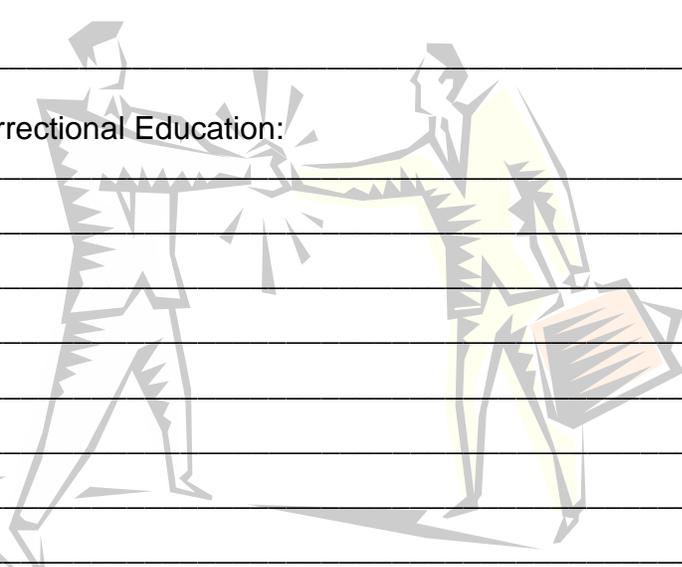
This person may be a volunteer who contributes time and effort to an education program, a community agency employee who has presented special workshops, a business person who has donated funds or materials to make programs more effective, or an advocate of correctional education in some way. If such person has contributed to your facility's education program, submit his/her name to the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin for the "Friends of Correctional Education Award."

Nominees cannot be employed by the Department of Corrections, Department of Health and Family Services, or a county jail.

## Friends of Correctional Education Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution to Correctional Education: \_\_\_\_\_



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Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: July 1, 2013**

Submit your entry to:

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CEA-Wisconsin Awards Committee  
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center  
21425A Spring Street, Union Grove, WI 53182  
Phone: 262-878-6000 x5017  
Email: [margaret.done@wisconsin.gov](mailto:margaret.done@wisconsin.gov)

# CEA-Wisconsin 2013 Scholarship Program

Again this year CEA-Wisconsin is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships. One scholarship will go to a CEA-W member and the other will go to a family member of a CEA-W member.

**Purpose:** The CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship Award Program is designed to assist CEA-W members or their spouses/dependents that are pursuing a degree at an accredited university or technical college.

**Scholarships Details:** Each year, CEA-Wisconsin endows two scholarships of \$500 each. One scholarship will be awarded to a CEA-W member who is furthering his/her education in the education or library services field. The other scholarship will go to a family member of a CEA-W member who is pursuing a university or technical college degree in any field. The recipients must provide verification of enrollment in an accredited university or technical college.

## Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a current CEA-W member, member's spouse, or member's dependent.
- Applicant must be pursuing (full or part time) a graduate, undergraduate, or technical degree at an accredited university or technical college.
- Applicant must be entering his/her freshman, sophomore, junior, senior year, or graduate school. First year students must have been officially accepted by the college/university they plan to attend.
- Past winners are not eligible.

**Application:** Applicants must complete the application form that can be found on the [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) website, provide all required attachments, and submit the entire package to the address below no later than July 1, 2013. Incomplete application packages will not be accepted for consideration.

**Selection:** The scholarship recipients will be selected by the CEA-Wisconsin Board. Criteria for selection will include academic record, financial need, as well as school, community, or association activities. Recipients will be notified in writing.

## For more information contact:



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## Changes to CEA-Wisconsin Board

Three appointments have been made by the CEA-Wisconsin Board to fill vacancies. Oshkosh Correctional Institution Education Director Dave Hines who was an At-Large member on the Board was appointed Medium Security Representative.

The Juvenile Representative position was filled by Pandora Lobacz, a teacher at Lincoln Hills School (LHS). Pandora has worked in juvenile corrections for almost her entire career, both at Ethan Allen School from 1993 to 2000 and now at LHS since October 2003. In between, she spent one semester in the public school system at Greenwood School District developing their Emotional/Behavioral Special Education high school program. Pandora then spent two semesters working at their alternative school developing and working at that school until a position at LHS opened up in 2002.

As an Emotional/Behavioral Disability teacher, Pandora has taught all of the subject areas including HSED Preparation. She is also an Art Therapist. Currently, Pandora works as an English (team teaching), art, and SPED resource teacher at LHS.

The vacant At-Large position was filled by Willa MacKenzie. Willa has taught for 26 years in a variety of settings. For the past six years, she has been employed by Western Technical College as an Adult Basic Education/ GED/ HSED instructor at the LaCrosse County Jail. Prior to her employment at the jail, Willa worked as an elementary education teacher in the Freeport Catholic Schools, a K-8 teacher at Dobson Montessori School, an elementary education teacher in the Mesa Public Schools, and a GOAL/ELL teacher at Western Technical College.

During her time at the LaCrosse County Jail, Willa has expanded the curriculum beyond the traditional Adult Basic Education and GED/HSED subject matter to offer opportunities that appeal to a variety of interests at different ability levels, including Employment, Personal Finance, and Hero's Journey classes. She also has started a jail newsletter. Earlier this year, Willa was named the 2013 CEA-Wisconsin Teacher of the Year.

The CEA-W Board is looking forward to taking advantage of Pandora's and Willa's years of experience and vision for juvenile corrections and jail education.

## CEA Announces New Course

Stephen Steurer, CEA Executive Director has announced a new course for two graduate credits or CEUs called *CEA Course: Implementing GED 2014 in Correctional Education - Professional Development Opportunity*.

Working under a National Institute of Corrections grant CEA, Ashland University video and audio-taped the recent national GED 2014 train the trainer event in Indianapolis in February, 2013. The course utilizes official GED training materials, organizing them into a complete graduate school credit course.

This online course is an introduction and exploration of the content and format of the 2014 GED test. Focusing on the Common Core elements of the GED tests, this course will provide useful toolkits for Math, English, Language, Science and Social Studies, along with other current resources for GED program educators to utilize with students. To register go to: <http://ceanational.org/prodev.htm> or contact John Dowdell at [jdowdell@ashland.edu](mailto:jdowdell@ashland.edu) or call 419-289-5732.

**Price for 2 graduate credits: \$356.**

**Price for CEUs: \$200**

**Technology fee: \$30 for both CEUs and graduate credit**

# Offender Reentry: Barriers and Solutions

Community Action Consulting and Fair Shake have announced a series of workshops to be held throughout Wisconsin. The workshops are designed to give you the tools you need to help ex-offenders make a successful transition into the community from jail or prison.

The workshop will be presented by Steven Pierce, owner of Community Action Consulting, LLC. It is sponsored by Fair Shake, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated people into society. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Fair Shake.

Steve has 25 years of leadership experience in the non-profit sector. He has considerable experience in facilitating reentry planning groups and counseling inmates in prisons and jails. In 2012 he took over the reentry consulting business of Art Besse & Associates. He is also a GED Instructor at the Jefferson County Jail, a SMART Recovery Facilitator, and is working on completing his certification as a Substance Abuse Counselor

## Workshop Locations:

✓Green Bay	Friday May 31	Brown County Library, 515 Pine Street
✓Milwaukee	Friday June 21	UMOS Corp. Headquarters, 2701 S. Chase Ave., Bldg. B
✓Racine	Friday July 12	Living Light Community Center, 740 College Avenue
✓La Crosse	Friday Sept. 13	Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street
✓Madison	Friday Sept. 20	Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street
✓Beloit	Friday Oct. 4	Community Action Pathways, 20 Eclipse Center, 600 Henry
✓Sheboygan	Friday Oct. 18	Site Details to be Announced

## Who Should Attend:

- ✓Counselors, social workers, job developers, correctional educators, volunteers, mentors and others assisting ex-offenders
- ✓People of faith involved with jail or prison ministries
- ✓Citizens interested in reform of prisons and reentry

## Agenda:

1. What Works in Reentry and Assisting Ex-Offenders to Make a Successful Transition
2. Ways to Increase Motivation for Change & Desistance from Crime
3. Suggestions for Improving the Employment of Ex-Offenders
4. Collateral Consequences of and Remedies for Having a Criminal Record in Wisconsin

## Cost:

\$99.00 per person for workshop -includes handouts, snacks and beverages.

## Contact:

Steven Pierce, Phone:(920) 988-6944, E-mail:[communityactionconsulting@charter.net](mailto:communityactionconsulting@charter.net).

## Lighting the Path to Reentry 68th CEA International Conference and Training Event June 30 – July 3, 2013 Renaissance Hotel – Cleveland, Ohio

CEA-Ohio is excited to host the 68th CEA International Conference "Lighting the Path to Reentry," June 30 – July 3, 2013 at the Renaissance Hotel in beautiful downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The conference planning committee has been working diligently to provide its participants with quality professional development opportunities. One of the major highlights of this year's conference will focus on GED Testing 2014. CEA has collaborated with the National Institute of Corrections to provide exceptional training for our attendees. They are in the early planning stages so be sure to visit our website [www.ceanational.org](http://www.ceanational.org) for future updates and registration information.

# President's Message

I just returned from the CEA Region III and Region IV conference in Mason City Iowa. The conference sessions were very good and I returned to work with ideas and materials to share with my co-workers. Trainings and conferences can be an excellent opportunity to learn new teaching strategies, share ideas and connect with others who work in our field.

I hope you will feel refreshed and energized after attending the "Embracing Change" training days in Madison. We are very fortunate to have so many presenters willing to share their ideas with us, and to learn about the 2014 GED. Thank you to all the presenters for sharing their ideas and talents with us.

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