

# RIDOC Happenings

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Upcoming & Recent Events & News of Interest to the RIDOC Community

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## Note of Sadness

Condolences go out to John Rogers and family on the passing of his sister, Mary Tarro, on May 11th.

## Spring 2009 Media Day

Members of the press have been invited to attend Spring 2009 Media Day on **Thursday, June 4th, from 9 a.m. - noon**. They will meet with Director Wall and PIO Zeckhausen and will tour Max, Donald Price, and Minimum Security.

## Attention Supervisors!

Civilian 1st line supervisors are reminded that *Effectively Supervising a Multigenerational Workforce in Corrections* will be offered on **Thursday, June 4th, from 9 a.m. - noon in the Admin-A Conference Room (2nd Floor)**. Presenters will include Deputy Warden Cindy Drake, Supervisor of C.O. Training Marc Moreau, and Human Resources Analyst Paul Gutowski. Space is limited. Please RSVP by **June 1st** to Paul.Gutowski@doc.ri.gov.

## Zero Fatalities Project Continues

The **Zero Fatalities Project** continues to receive positive feedback from attendees. Every Wednesday morning session between now and the 17th of June is booked. Coventry and East Greenwich have sent the most attendees to date. Bill Lyons, a teacher in Coventry who brought his classes last year and again this year, writes, "It is with deep appreciation that I write this letter of thanks for providing me and my students of Coventry High School a life-changing opportunity. The **Zero Fatalities Project** was well planned and professionally delivered. My students were moved to tears by the speakers and made a suitable connection to the program and the Senior Prom the very next day. Congratulations to everyone who had a hand in the project. I cannot wait to be a part of next year's program."

## Final Numbers for CO Recruitment Period, Class 78

A total of **2,697** men and women applied to be Correctional Officers during the recruitment period for Class 78. Thirty-seven percent of those applicants were minorities and 25% were women.

## PO Thanks Colleagues

Probation & Parole Officer Miriam Murphy thanks all of her colleagues in Probation & Parole and other units who helped her family reach its goal of raising \$7,398 to send her son, Demetrius, to Ability Camp. Your generosity means so much!

## Max CO Wins Body Building Competition

Congratulations to CO Ron LoBianco who recently placed 1st in his division in the Body Language Natural Professional Association's (BLNPA) annual competition. A press release about LoBianco is posted on the Department's website.

## RISD Architectural Students Design Transitional Housing for Ex Offenders

Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Architecture Professor Dan Hewett contacted Tracey Zeckhausen early in the spring semester about bringing his students to tour Max and Moran Medium and to attend the SCORE Program as preparation for their project - designing a transitional life/work space for ex-offenders in an abandoned building in downtown Pawtucket. Zeckhausen was invited to attend their final presentations on Tuesday. Prof. Hewett was very grateful to the RIDOC for affording his students the opportunity to see the prisons first hand and to speak with inmates and staff about what they perceive as the most critical issues for transitioning offenders.

## Brown Students Preparing Documentary on BELLS Program

The *Brown Education Lecture Link Series (BELLS)* program, which brings Brown professors to the Moran facility to give lectures to inmate students related to a common theme, will continue in the fall. The program's coordinator, Arthur Matuszewski, along with students involved in the Brown-sponsored Space in Prison for the Arts & Creative Expression (SPACE) Program, have been working on a documentary designed to generate more involvement and interest on the part of faculty and administrators at Brown. Filming of BELLS and SPACE sessions and interviews with Director Wall and Assistant Director Richman have been completed, and the final DVD will be available soon.

## NEADS Program Featured in Senior Journal Episode

The Prison Pup Partnership Program is featured in a recent episode of *Senior Journal*, a cable TV program whose host, Libbie Arron, took a strong interest in the program. A copy will soon be available and can be borrowed from Tracey Zeckhausen if anyone is interested.



## PHOTO GALLERY

### AWARD-WINNING C.O.



C.O. Ron LoBianco (above) on duty at Max recently placed 1st in his division at the BLNPA competition.

### ZFP CONTINUES



Deputy Wardens Kaszyk and Leach debrief with Assistant Attorney General Jay Sullivan after a recent Zero Fatalities Project presentation.

### ART INSTRUCTION



Volunteer art instructor Marietta Cleasby was the subject of a front page Providence Journal article last week on art instruction at the ACI and the annual inmate art exhibit which is on display in the DOA Rotunda through the end of the month. Below, two of the works on display.



### EDUCATION CEREMONIES



The Education Unit will hold recognition ceremonies in all of the facilities beginning June 10th.

"Never  
for the sake of  
peace and quiet'  
deny your  
convictions."

Dag Hammarskjold,  
U.N. Secretary-General  
(1905 - 1961)

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