



# Weekly Views

Indiana Department of Correction

March 20, 2015



On Saturday, March 14, 2015, the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted an Open House for the custodians and caregivers of the children of the men incarcerated at the facility. The children of residents who have completed the Family Education Department's (FED) Inside Out Dads Program get dropped off by the custodians, who are not permitted to accompany them on grounds. The open house was an opportunity for custodial parents who drop their children off at the facility for special visitation to witness first-hand the types of activities, programs, and fun made available to the children in a safe environment when

they visit. Custodial parents and caregivers watched a presentation that included an overview of the facility, the CVC programs, and past events hosted by the FED. They were also given a tour of the facility, and had the opportunity to participate in the remainder of the special visit between the dads and their children.



The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) hosted an Oakland City University Recognition Ceremony this week in the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel. The students recognized in the graduation earned certificates in Business Technology (30), Cosmetology (5), Culinary Arts (46), High School Equivalency Diploma (19), and Problem Solving (54). There were a total of 154 students recognized. The graduates, their family and friends, shared tasty appetizers and desserts prepared by the Culinary Art's Class in the Jerome Brewer Recreation Center. See picture attached of the graduating culinary class at the cognition.

WESTVILLE - Textbooks, a teacher and lessons on faith and love. Mike Tichenor's weekly parenting class is active with dad's scribbling down ideas and shouting out answers. No two answers are the same but all of these parents have one thing in common: They're serving time at Westville Correctional facility in Westville Indiana. Michael Felker of Lake Station, Indiana is serving time on a six year sentence for attempted robbery. The 34-year-old father of three says there's no better time to be a



better dad. "Most of my life I've been relaxing and doing whatever I wanted and, like he was saying today, put in positive things and you're going to get something good back," he says. "I'm tired of what I've been getting out of life." For more on this story click [here!](#)



Camp Summit employees were joined by State Senator Jim Arnold and State Representative Tom Dermody for their quarterly Staff Recall last Friday. Several employees were recognized for their years of State Service and for outstanding performance. **YEARS**

**of SERVICE** : 10: Christian Bryce, Laura Gorbonosenko, Eduardo Lozano and John McCullum; 15: Patches Culpeper and Robert Post; 20 : Rich Cubberley 25: Chad Cornett Lt. Commander Joe Farley and Youth Service Instructor Lawrence Remkus received Commendations for Outstanding Service for the preceding Quarter. Senator Jim Arnold and Representative Tom Dermody were recognized for their continued support of the students and staff. They also provided an update to employees on the current legislative session. (Photo: CS employees with CAB members Senator Jim Arnold and State Representative Tom Dermody.)

**ICJA Save the Dates: The Northern Region Conference is scheduled for May 14 in Plymouth, IN, and the Southern Region Conference for May 28 in Madison, IN. For more information, visit their website at [www.indianacorrectionalassociation.org](http://www.indianacorrectionalassociation.org)**

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