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GIFTS OF KNOWLEDGE^{DGE}

In prison--particularly a S.C. Level 3, "maximum security"--the actual options of "rehabilitation" are pretty much ... nonexistent. The whole prison-business-hustle is about warehousing for budget justification.

But, there IS a shift happening.

We lowly prisoners are being allowed to run our own humble version of a college. Here I'm the "Educational Coordinator", and I've been at it for two years, creating as many classes as possible, and with no outside help, or funds. The Character-Based Unit, CBU, is allowed to receive donations ... people can contact the Broad River Correctional Institution's Chapel Office for that, and have to specifically say they wish to help the CBU program here at BRCI. Teachers are even allowed to come in and volunteer time for classes; but, so far, it's just us. Although, the volunteer over the band, does come to our dorm once a week to teach piano, violin, etc. (Yes, we have a piano.)

I teach:

1. SCIENCE: A Candle in the Dark (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Cosmology, etc.)
2. CBU SCRIBE: MFA Creative Writing
3. CWI: Novel Writers Workshop (i.e., NaNoWriMo National Novel Writing Month)
4. INTRO to ART & Drawing / Art 101 / Art 102
5. Typing Class
6. C.A.P.: Character Awareness Program
7. Boardcasters / SCIENCE / RPG Group (i.e. "Titansgrave")

Other prisoners, with the qualifications and experience, teach other classes. I also do English 101, but I'm taking a break from that this semester due to NaNoWriMo (November) that we're adapting for a semester project.

Thing is, I should be out there ... teaching my own kids; not the kids of others in here. I have enough on my own plate, but if I don't do this, no one else is going to. In teaching, I've found that I learn too--in a way--by the direction of student questions, sometimes sending me to research things from different angles. Not to mention the repeated core material that gets indelibly written in a teacher's memory....

On page 2, is a complete list of everything I "coordinate".



MURRAY UNIT

PROGRAM LISTING BY CATEGORY

CLASSES* GROUPS** CHAPEL EXTENSIONS***

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1 EDUCATION

- STUDY HALL
- TABE/GED Prep/TUTORING*
- TABE/GED Prep/MATH*
- TABE/GED Prep/LANGUAGE ARTS*
- SCIENCE: A Candle in the Dark*
- READING & WRITING*
- BASIC ENGLISH*
- BLACK HISTORY*
- MATHEMATICS*

2 LIBERAL ARTS

- CBU SCRIBE: CREATIVE WRITING*
- CWI: NOVEL WRITERS WORKSHOP*
- FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC*
- INTRO TO ART & DRAWING/ART 101/ART 102*
- HISTORY OF BLACK MUSIC*

3 LANGUAGES

- SPANISH*
- ARABIC*
- ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE*

4 VOCATIONAL

- HVAC: Heating, Air, Refrigeration, etc.*
- INTRO to HOME DESIGN*
- ADVANCED HOME DESIGN*
- BASIC ELECTRICITY*
- INTRO to OSHA SAFETY*
- SHARK TANK TYCOONS**
- SOUTH CAROLINA: CDL Training*
- CRIMINAL & CIVIL LAW*
- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT*
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP*
- INTRO TO COMPUTERS*
- TYPING CLASS* (Pending)
- LEADERSHIP 101*

5 SELF-HELP

- AA/NA
- ANGER MANAGEMENT/RESOLUTION*
- V.E.N.T.*

6 CHARACTER BASED

- C.A.P.: Character Awareness Program*
- B.A.S.S.**
- MAN in the MIRROR**
- CHARACTER POSTIVITY*
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION*
- THE LOST ART OF LISTENING*
- S.T.R.I.D.E.*
- SHIFTING the ATMOSPHERE*

7 SPIRITUAL/FAITH BASED

- CHURCH SERVICE
- 52 (BIBLE STUDY)***
- PROGRESS REDEMPTION**
- MEN's FRATERNITY 2***
- COURAGE to CHANGE***
- BIBLE STUDY**
- CATHOLIC STUDY HOUR**
- ISLAMIC INSTRUCTION**
- KAIROS Prayer and Share**

8 MISCELLANEOUS

- Boardcasters/SCIENCE/RPG Group**
- Boardcasters/D&D/RPG Group**
- Pre-class PARALEGAL Q&A

9 PHYSICAL FITNESS

- PHYSICAL FITNESS

Quarter 3

- New semester starts August 21, 2017.
- 8/13/17 thru 8/21/17 there will be NO CLASSES.
- This semester ends on November 19, 2017.
- 11/19/17 thru 11/27/2017 there will be NO CLASSES.

Quarter 4

- New class/group proposals due by November 17, 2017.
- New semester starts November 27, 2017.
- 11/19/17 thru 11/27/17 there will be NO CLASSES.
- 12/21/17 thru 1/3/18 there will be NO CLASSES.
- Semester resumes January 4, 2018.

Our Mission is to Raise the Standard of Education with Academic and Self Study, thus Reducing the Percentage of Recidivism with Successful Rehabilitation.

Notes:

- If you wish to join a class or group, simply check the schedule for the appropriate time (and place) and show up. The Facilitator/Instructor will add you.
- Some classes listed here may not be on the Schedule at this time, as they are upcoming, awaiting approval, or on hiatus until next semester.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas - take them to your Educational Coordinator.
- There are no games in the classrooms during STUDY HALL, this time is allotted for academic purposes or make-up classes.
- Please respect the STOP sign; when class/group is in progress and the sign is turned to indicate a closed dayroom/classroom - do not disturb. Under no circumstances can you close the dayroom/classroom for unofficial reasons (i.e., class, group, GED Tutoring).