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## **Four MDOC Central Office Employees Receive Employee Recognition Awards**

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Jackson - The employee recognition awards ceremony for the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Central Office was held in Jackson today. At the ceremony, four employees were recognized.

Central Office Employees that received awards for November 2001 include:

Jeff Giles	Staff Employee of the Month
Stan Evans	Extra Effort Award
Ken Jones	Extra Effort Award
Diann Thompson	Extra Effort Award

"I take every opportunity I can to brag about all of the hard work each and every one of you do for MDOC," said Commissioner Johnson. "I am proud of how dedicated our employees are and you are valuable to the state of Mississippi."

The MDOC Employee Service Award Program originated in July 2001 to nominate fellow MDOC employees for the following awards:

- Correctional Officer of the Month
- Field Officer of the Month
- Staff Employee of the Month
- Security Employee of the Month

In addition, MDOC established the Heroism Award and Extra Effort Award. The Heroism Award is given to MDOC employees who go above and beyond the call of duty in heroic efforts to either save the life of an individual or prevent other lives from dangerous situations. The Extra Effort Award is designed to recognize employees who go the extra mile or take on additional duties to assist in a project in order to get it done.

MDOC will hold ceremonies each month to officially recognize outstanding employees at all three state institutions (Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss; Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss; and South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville, Miss.) and at the MDOC central office in Jackson.

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### Central Office Recognition Award Recipients

**Jeff Giles** is a senior programming analyst in the Management Information Systems Dept. for the MDOC at the central office. Giles was nominated by Jennifer Griffin, Communications Director for the agency. “Jeff is a true example of a team player,” said Griffin. “When the MDOC Communications Division formed, he was overwhelmed with requests for reports. He maintained a cooperative spirit with each and every request and completed each with a day’s time, while performing his normal job duties as well.”

**Stan Evans**, director of Inmate Accounts, was nominated by Jennifer Griffin, Communications Director for the agency. Evans was nominated for the Extra Effort Award because of his assistance in preparing recent presentations for the agency; he was responsible for setting up computer equipment, computer documents, etc., and even worked on Saturdays to complete the project. “Stan’s extra effort in assisting with these presentations provided each of us with a little less stress,” said Griffin. “Efforts like these are often expected and taken for granted. I am indeed grateful to work for an agency with co-workers as dependable and professional as Stan.”

**Ken Jones**, Public Information Officer, works in the Communications Division at the MDOC central office. Jones handles media inquiries regarding institutions, escapes, inmates and special events at the institutions. Jones was nominated for the Extra Effort Award by his supervisor, Jennifer Griffin, Communications Director. Jones recently took the extra effort in researching a public information request by going to the local public library to look up information on an inmate. “Ken’s wealth of knowledge related to MDOC procedures and history have assisted numerous scholars, teachers, parents, children and others with an understanding of the agency,” said Griffin.

**Diann Thompson**, the administrative secretary for the Religious Programs Department, was nominated by her supervisor, Chaplain Eugene Wigelsworth. Thompson was nominated for the Extra Effort Award because of her “can do” attitude. “She is a willing helper, able to get involved and demonstrate productive accomplishments toward difficult tasks,” said Wigelsworth.



MDOC Central Office Staff Employee of the Month Jeff Giles

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