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92 MDOC PRISON EMPLOYEES RECEIVE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND SERVICE AWARDS DURING DECEMBER

Jackson – Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) employees from the state’s three public institutions were presented recognition and awards during December. The awards program was initiated by the agency in July 2001 to recognize exemplary employees within the MDOC. The state corrections agency currently has over 3,600 people in its employ statewide.

Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Recognition Award Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Barry D. Gray	Correctional Officer III	Jackson	Correctional Officer of the Month
Mark Anthony	Correctional Supervisor	Ridgeland	Security Employee of the Month
Jesse Kelly	Chaplain II	Jackson	Staff Employee of the Month
Sonny Edwards	Maintenance Superintendent	Ridgeland	Extra Effort Award
Brenda Martin	Correctional Case Manager	Prentiss	Extra Effort Award
Mike Parker	Physical Plant Director	Pearl	Extra Effort Award

Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Service Award Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Irein Buckhaultler	Jackson	5
Josephine Dixon	Pearl	5
Martha Dulaney	Jackson	5
Julius Foster	Jackson	5
Margie Higdon	Brandon	5
Forrest Jordan	Pearl	5
Jonathan Phillips	Bay Springs	5

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Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Service Award Recipients (cont.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Glenda Purvis	Jackson	5
Stacy Sibley	Jackson	5
Vernell Thomas	Morton	5
Larry Walker	Brandon	5
Bernard Wesley	Cleveland	5
Allan Whitehead	Jackson	5
Broderick Robinson	Jackson	10
Mary Scott	Jackson	15
Jacqueline Smith	Jackson	15
Stephen Williams	Pearl	15
Rosetta Young	Clinton	15
Calvin Phipps	Brandon	20

Mississippi State Penitentiary Recognition Award Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Brenda Bean	Correctional Officer IV	Shelby	Correctional Officer of the Month
Larry Harris	Commander	Clarksdale	Security Employee of the Month
Yvonne Brown	Correctional Officer IV	Mound Bayou	Extra Effort Award
John Dear	Correctional Supervisor	Lyon	Extra Effort Award
Karl Graham	Correctional Officer Trainee	Cleveland	Extra Effort Award
Allen Hopson	Correctional Officer IV	Gunnison	Extra Effort Award
Rhonda Jenkins	Correctional Officer III	Mound Bayou	Extra Effort Award
Evelyn Johnson	Correctional Supervisor	Cleveland	Extra Effort Award
Gregory Neely	Correctional Supervisor	Jonestown	Extra Effort Award
Cheyenne McLemore	Correctional Officer IV	Schlater	Extra Effort Award
Delores Nix	Correctional Officer I	Beulah	Extra Effort Award
Angela Walker	Correctional Officer I	Rosedale	Extra Effort Award

Mississippi State Penitentiary Service Award Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Valerie Burchfield	Parchman	5
Edna Clark	Merigold	5
Joanna Poole	Lambert	5
William Smith	Merigold	5
Jacqueline Thomas	Parchman	5
Larry Colbert	Shelby	10
Kathryn Cummins	Ruleville	10

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Mississippi State Penitentiary Service Award Recipients (cont.)

Dean Epps	Rosedale	10
Derick Hemphill	Greenwood	10
Robert Kidd	Parchman	10
Nena Melton	Parchman	10
Paul Salley	Greenwood	10
Robert Venable	Oakland	10
David Bradford	Charleston	15
Linda Davenport	Itta Bena	15
Thomas Dye	Parchman	15
Annie Henry	Cleveland	15
Carlester Hicks	Duncan	15
Doris Hudson	Ruleville	15
Sharon Jackson	Tutwiler	15
Evelyn Johnson	Cleveland	15
William Mayfield	Parchman	15
Bobbie Robinson	Drew	15
Deborah Robinson	Cleveland	15
Sandra Shaw	Clarksdale	15
Lee Simon	Clarksdale	15
Jackie Swims	Minter City	15
Ether Ware	Greenwood	15
Willie Ware	Greenwood	15
Sandra Williams	Memphis, Tenn.	15
Luther Banks	Philipp	20
James Beasley	Clarksdale	20
Stanley Flagg	Clarksdale	20
Willie Fuller	Parchman	20
J. Henson	Ruleville	20
Curtis Moss	Cleveland	20
Oscar Lee	Clarksdale	25
Joan Ross	Charleston	25
Odell Simmons	Greenwood	25
Lester Williams	Ruleville	25

South Mississippi Correctional Institution Recognition Award Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Award</u>
Jimmy Gandy	Correctional Officer II	Waynesboro	Correctional Officer of the Month
David Guest	Correctional Commander	Leakesville	Extra Effort Award
Robert Mason	Pre-Release Teacher - RID	Brooklyn	Extra Effort Award

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South Mississippi Correctional Institution Service Award Recipients

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Virginia Knight	Lucedale	5
Bruce Leverette	State Line	5
Leola McBride	Wiggins	5
Bobby Mitchell	Leakesville	5
Carolyn Mitchell	Leakesville	5
Loyd Odom	Hattiesburg	5
Melinda Parker	Wiggins	5
John Pruett	Millry, Ala.	5
Bettie Robinson	State Line	5
Juanita Walley	Fruitdale, Ala.	5
Quitman Williams	Leakesville	5

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins. Additionally the recipients of the Correctional Officer of the Month, the Security Employee of the Month, and the Staff Employee of the Month received plaques in token of the agency's appreciation for their outstanding service to corrections in Mississippi.

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MEDIA NOTE: If you would like more information about the award recipients, contact Ken Jones at (601) 359-5608 or send an e-mail to kjones@mdoc.state.ms.us.