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MDOC Employees Receive Employee Recognition Awards

Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced recently the April, May and June Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) and Region I Community Corrections employee award recipients for the second quarter of 2009.

MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY

| Award Recipient | Title | Hometown | Award |
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| Banyard, Caroline | Branch Director | Ruleville | Staff of the Month-April |
| Bays, Willie | Chaplain I | Clarksdale | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Billups, Auberia | Corr. Service Aide II | Shelby | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Brock, Arvelia | Academic Teacher I | Charleston | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Brown, Terrance | Correctional Officer | Tutwiler | Extra Effort Award-June |
| Brown, Willie | Correctional Officer | Cleveland | Tenure-25 yrs |
| Burns, Vanessa | Correctional Officer | Cleveland | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Carter, Ervin | Correctional Officer | Cleveland | Extra Effort Award-June |
| Chandler, Frankie | Vocational Ed. Instructor | Ruleville | Tenure-25 yrs |
| Cox, Brenda | Correctional Supervisor | Crowder | Security Employee of the Month-April |
| Davis, Roger | Branch Director | Ruleville | Extra Effort Award-June |
| Delaney, Elzine | Correctional Officer | Mound Bayou | Tenure-10 yrs |
| Fuller, Willie | Correctional Supervisor | Clarksdale | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Gibson, Raymond | Correctional Officer | Drew | Heroism-April |
| Gore, Byron | Correctional Officer | Clarksdale | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Grant, Maryland | Personnel Officer | Ruleville | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Gwin, James | Facility Director Transportation | Greenwood | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Hampton, Sharon | Correctional Officer | Drew | Tenure-10 yrs |
| Harper, Randy | Correctional Officer | Parchman | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Harris, Robert | Correctional Officer | Clarksdale | Tenure-5 yrs |
| Henry, Sherron | Correctional Supervisor | Mound Bayou | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Hodges, Gloria | Correctional Officer | Cleveland | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Howard, Shelia | Correctional Officer | Mound Bayou | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Hudson, Mary | Correctional Supervisor | Sumner | Correctional Officer of the Month-April |

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| Jamison, Louis | Correctional Officer | Clarksdale | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Johnson, Deborah | Personnel Officer | Drew | Staff of the Month-June |
| Johnson, Lavetti | Correctional Officer | Indianola | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Johnson, Lois | Correctional Officer | Rosedale | Correctional Officer of the Month-May |
| Jones, Carolyn | Correctional Officer | Tutwiler | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Jones, Florence | Correctional Warden | Parchman | Tenure-20 yrs |
| Jones, Patricia | Correctional Officer | Rosedale | Tenure-10 yrs |
| Jones, Tonia | Correctional Officer | Mound Bayou | Extra Effort Award-June |
| Lee, Timothy | Correctional Officer | Cleveland | Tenure-10 yrs |
| Lewis, Roger | Correctional Supervisor | Ruleville | Tenure-15 yrs |
| McCray, Barbara | Correctional Officer | Lambert | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Miller, Ellen | Personnel Officer | Cleveland | Extra Effort Award-April, Tenure-25 yrs |
| Moore, James | Correctional Commander | Drew | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Moore, Sandra | Corr. Service Aide I | Drew | Tenure-30 yrs |
| Noel, Faye | Corr. Deputy Warden | Parchman | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Philly, Jay | Personnel Officer | Greenwood | Extra Effort Award-June |
| Pointer, Patricia | Correctional Officer | Drew | Correctional Officer of the Month-June |
| Prince, Dwana | Correctional Supervisor | Parchman | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Reed, Patricia | Correctional Supervisor | Shelby | Security Employee of the Month-May |
| Rogers, John | Division Director | Parchman | Tenure-20 yrs |
| Roland, Tara | Correctional Officer | Tutwiler | Tenure-10 yrs |
| Rone, Phillip | Correctional Officer | Parchman | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Spivey, Keba | Correctional Officer | Ruleville | Extra Effort Award-June |
| Thompson, Gloria | Correctional Officer | Glendora | Extra Effort Award-April |
| Townsend, Dannie | Correctional Officer | Ruleville | Extra Effort Award-May |
| Tucker, Myrdle | Corr. Records Technician | Rosedale | Tenure-10 yrs |
| Turner, Northy | Division Director | Ruleville | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Walker, Fredrick | Correctional Officer | Clarksdale | Tenure-20 yrs |
| Watson, Carl | Correctional Officer | Ruleville | Extra Effort Award-May |
| White, Diane | Correctional Officer | Ruleville | Tenure-15 yrs |
| Williams, Arleatha | Personnel Officer | Tutwiler | Staff of the Month-May |

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REGION I COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

| Award Recipient | Title | Hometown | Award |
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| Christopher Rieves | Corr. Field Officer III | Aberdeen, MS | Tenure Award – 5 Years |
| Sherral Banks | Corr. Field Officer III | Southhaven, MS | Tenure Award –10 Years |
| Dilworth Ricks | Case Manager | Greenwood, MS | Tenure Award – 20 Years |
| Martha Elaine Cole | Service Aide II | Booneville, MS | Staff Employee of the Month-April |
| Billy Meredith | FO Supervisor | Grenada, MS | Security Employee of the Month |
| Gregory Avant | FO III | Carrolton, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| Tonja Butler | FO III | Natchez, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| Ellis Bevis | FO III | Winona, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| Mark Jennings | FO III | Indianola, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| Christopher Loden | FO Supervisor | Mantachie, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| Billy Meredith | FO Supervisor | Grenada, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| James Nance | FO Supervisor | New Albany, MS | Extra Effort- April |
| Russell Scott Pannell | FO III | Pontotoc, MS | Extra Effort - April |
| Christopher Patterson | FO III | Pontotoc, MS | Extra Effort - April |
| Cindy Collums | Program Coordinator | Pontotoc, MS | Extra Effort- June |
| Tiffany Gillespie | Program Coordinator | Houlka, MS | Extra Effort- June |
| Danny Holloway | FO II | Corinth, MS | Extra Effort- June |
| Adam Contreras, Sr. | Field Worker | Crowder, MS | Heroism- June |

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins. MDOC began the monthly awards program in September, 2001 in an effort to recognize the outstanding employees and their dedication to the agency’s mission of providing public safety.

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MEDIA NOTE: If you would like photos of the award recipients, contact Kent Crocker at (601) 359-5689 or send an e-mail to kcrocker@mdoc.state.ms.us