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Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson, Jr.

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DOC to present February 17 “Insider Series” webinar with a focus on prison education

Register online at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Um-Npti1TGaXgQynRvEixQ

Dover, DE – On Thursday, February 17 at 10 a.m. the Delaware Department of Correction invites you to join its next “DOC Insider Series” webinar with a focus on prison education in the First State. The DOC Insider Series provides members of the public with an inside the walls look at Delaware’s correctional programs, practices, and policies. Each 90-minute webinar includes a live informational presentation by DOC staff and partner organizations followed by an interactive question and answer session with attendees. Previous Insider Series webinars have focused on Substance Use Disorder treatment, reentry, sentence calculation and release dates, Probation and Parole, and inmate intake and classification.

Thursday’s Insider Series webinar focuses on educational programming and vocational training opportunities within DOC facilities. Attendees will learn how incarcerated individuals’ educational and training needs are identified and assessed and program placement occurs. The DOC Insider Series Webinar: “Education in Prison” is presented by Department of Correction Superintendent of Education Dr. Thomas Keeton, Delaware Department of Education (DOE) Director of Adult and Prison Education Resources Maureen Whelan, DOE Education Associate of Adult and Prison Education Dr. Darrell Miller, and Baylor Women’s Correctional Institution Teacher Supervisor Dr. Dwight Boney Jr.

“The Delaware Department of Correction is committed to engaging with the community and shedding light on how our correctional system operates, provides treatment, and facilitates programming and training to meet our dual mission of public safety and offender rehabilitation,” **Department of Correction Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson Jr. said.** “That’s why last year we launched the *DOC Insider* webinar series. To-date well over 500 individuals have participated in our five previous Insider Series webinars on a wide range of topics of interest to community members, inmate families, program partners, and criminal justice stakeholders. Please join us this Thursday to hear directly from us and get your questions answered.”

DOC Insider Series Webinar: Prison Education

Thursday, February 17, 2022

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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Webinar Presenters:

- DOC Superintendent of Education Dr. Thomas Keeton
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For more than two decades the Delaware Department of Correction and the Delaware Department of Education have collaborated to provide Prison Adult Education, with DOE playing the leading role in providing educational and vocational training in Delaware's four Level V prison facilities, Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI), Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI), James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC), and at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI). Prison Education students are provided with a variety of educational services focused on academics, vocational training and life skills that support successful re-entry upon release. Through the Adult Basic Education (ABE) component, offenders receive instruction directed towards passing the GED® Test. To facilitate learner progress, all offenders are pre-tested for current functioning levels in Math, Reading and Writing. Based on scores, learners are placed in the appropriate educational functioning level (EFL) and progress towards a secondary credential, GED®, through the attainment of Certificates of Attainment (COAs). Click [HERE](#) to read the latest DOE [Adult Prison Education Annual Report](#).

Insider Series webinars have been presented every other month since April, 2021. Previous webinars are posted on the DOC's YouTube channel for viewing anytime:

- Sentence Calculation and Release Dates: https://youtu.be/_mHS_pRIZlk.
- Intake to Classification: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LM9PMIsi50>
- Probation and Parole: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmFNAfj0UI4>
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PugdaTfyKNE>
- Reentry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhrACbEoLDk>

Additional Insider Series webinars are planned for 2022. Follow DOC's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn social media channels for upcoming dates and registration details.

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