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WEEKLY UPDATE

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2005 Scholarship Recipients

I am pleased to announce that Morgan Marie Mills and Lauren Godinez are the recipients selected to receive the California Correctional Supervisors Organization scholarship.

Morgan Mills will receive \$750, and we hope it will benefit her at Columbia College. She plans to become a veterinarian in the equine field. Her 4-H and Future Farmers Chapter extra curricular activities and 3.9 grade point average will assist Morgan to achieve her goals. Morgan is the daughter of CCSO member Bob Mills of Sierra Conservation Center.

Lauren Godinez, will also receive \$750. She will be attending UCLA this fall and is majoring in international development studies. Lauren has volunteered at the food bank and various fundraisers for UNICEF, teaches catechism classes for third graders and has remained on the Principal's Honor Roll for all four years of high school. She has a 4.2 grade point average. Lauren is the daughter of CCSO member Daniel Godinez who works at CTC.

A big congratulation to both of these two young ladies. CCSO had a total of seven applicants. We will give \$100 to the five applicants who were not selected for the scholarship money. It is our belief that all young people are winners.

Congratulations, and the best of luck to all of our CCSO high school graduates.

Random Drug Testing

YACA has noticed CCSO that effective June 1, 2005 random drug testing for CYA and CDC supervisors will now be conducted off-site. Our office has requested a meet and confer over this change, as we need clarification on safeguards that will be put in place if a yard is left vacant due to more than one supervisor being selected to drug test off-site.

Closure of CYA Academy

CCSO has taken calls regarding the closure of the CYA Academy. Jackie Cervantes, CDC Labor Relations confirmed with YACA Secretary of Labor Relations Brigid Hanson that **no** decision has been made regarding the closure of the CYA Academy. **Once again, no decision has been made.**

Elimination of Time Clock @ CTF

Randy Fisher, CDC Labor Relations, informed me that elimination of time clocks at the Correctional Training Facility has been put on hold until certain issues tied to the rank and file contract have been solved.

Republican Leader McCarthy: Tour of CCI

On Saturday, April 30th, CCSO State Treasurer Bob Papac and State Vice President John Hughes escorted Assembly Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy on a tour of CCI in Tehachapi. This tour was a direct result from CCSO's Legislative Day. We were quite pleased when Assemblyman McCarthy's office contacted our office requesting that State Board Treasurer Bob Papac escort him on a tour of CCI.

Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony

The 29th Annual California Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 6th. The formal ceremony begins with the "Walk of Honor" from the State Capitol to the Memorial Monument. CCSO State President Tatum and Field Service Representative Canutt will be present to represent CCSO.

Public Safety Parole Release Deal Backfires

Hundreds of inmates have been released from California prisons since January 1 as a result of a federal court agreement Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration signed the first day it came to power. At least one of the prisoners released has since been arrested on suspicion of committing a new crime – a Porterville man accused of threatening to kill a police officer. The releases took place because Schwarzenegger's administration signed an agreement in a long-contested class-action lawsuit known as the Valdivia case.

Prison Doctors' Union Sues to Block Higher Standards

The union representing prison doctors sued the Department of Corrections to block higher standards for physicians, blaming appalling health care problems on an inferior prison system. The Oakland-based Union of American Physicians and Dentists said Monday its doctors are not responsible for the problems. The Department of Corrections wants doctors to be board certified in internal medicine or family practice, or pass a competency test.

Welcome New Members

On behalf of the CCSO State Board and staff, I want to welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week.

Thought for the Week

"Genius is of no country." --Charles Churchill