

CALPIA Launches Technology Training Center for Female Offenders



(Above) CALPIA's General Manager, Charles Pattillo, welcomes everyone to the launch of the Computer-Aided Design Program for female offenders. (Right) Millicent Tidwell, Director of the Division of Rehabilitative Programs for CDCR, shares how the CAD program ensures offenders have the job skills they need to stay on a positive path when released.

In front of a crowd of media cameras and community representatives, CALPIA along with CDCR launched its Computer-Aided Design program (CAD) for female offenders at the Green Valley Training Center above Folsom State Prison and the Folsom Women's Facility.

The CAD program offers a new certification within the Career Technical Education division that enables female offenders to learn CAD produced by software company, Autodesk, in order to design products in the manufacturing and engineering fields.

The new certification program will also assist offenders in obtaining jobs upon parole in Architectural, Mechanical or Engineering fields.

This program is the first-of-its kind in the nation since it will be the only authorized Autodesk Training Center (ATC) housed at a state prison.

"Providing this high-tech program to female offenders is a win-win for Californians, not only will these women benefit from the training when it comes to getting a job, it reduces the likelihood they will return to prison, ultimately saving taxpayers money in the end," said Charles Pattillo, General Manager of CALPIA.

The average offender costs California taxpayers \$60,000 a year in state prison. With a recidivism rate of less than 15 percent, CALPIA's CTE programs are some of CDCR's most successful vocational training programs.



Healthcare Facilities Maintenance Program Expansion

CALPIA's Healthcare Facilities Maintenance (HFM) program continues to grow and expand at more institutions, providing labor, materials, supplies and equipment necessary to perform healthcare maintenance for California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS).

As of April 1, 2014 the program will be activated at eight institutions and will be at all 34 institutions by March 2015.

This program meets all federal and state healthcare environmental standards as well as meeting the requirements for International Organization for Standards (ISO) certification. In addition, CALPIA provides green cleaning products manufactured at CSP Los Angeles County, Lancaster.

The HFM program will create 900 offender positions and approximately 166 staff positions.

The program prepares offenders for post-incarceration employment, not only do they learn valuable job skills; they also receive certification after completing the program.

CDCR and CCHCS will benefit by having clean and sanitized healthcare areas within the institutions while taxpayers will benefit in the savings from the reduction in recidivism.



Offender Succeeds Through Facilities Maintenance Certification Program



CALPIA Assistant General Manager Scott Walker, Offender Cliff Whitaker, and Prison Industries Branch Manager Brad Smith.

Cliff Whitaker is the first CALPIA offender to successfully complete the TPC 450 Custodial/Maintenance Series. While at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, Whitaker completed all five courses in the series ranging from training in proper chemical use and safe storage of chemicals to proper technique of cleaning hazardous areas. It took Whitaker 11 months to complete the course and he has become an

SDS specialist with Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

Whitaker has learned the proper skills for facilities maintenance services, through the Inmate Employability Program (IEP), including floor care, carpet and upholstery. While employed by CALPIA, he has also learned upholstery work, furniture finishing and eight years of metal fabrication.

NCIA 2014 Awards



CALPIA'S Assistant General Manager Receives National Award

With more than 27 years' experience at the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA), Assistant General Manager Scott Walker has won the "Staff Award for 2014" from the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA).

CALPIA's General Manager, Charles L. Pattillo, nominated Walker for the award along with 49 other states nominating correctional industry staff for this prestigious honor. Walker was first selected as the regional winner and was later announced by NCIA as the national winner.

Walker has been instrumental for stewarding CALPIA's 60+ manufacturing, service and consumable enterprises and is currently directing the expansion of CALPIA's Healthcare Facilities Maintenance program at all 34 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions.

The NCIA Staff Award was originally established in 1980 to recognize the quality of industry staff personnel and recognize superior performance.

Walker will be recognized at the National NCIA Conference in mid-April.



In addition to Walker receiving the NCIA Staff Award, four other CALPIA employees were named to the NCIA Honor Roll.

Rick Hirtzel was nominated as a Prison Industries Superintendent II, Maintenance & Repair, in the Operations Division. With 18 years of experience with CALPIA, Hirtzel oversees its statewide Maintenance & Repair program



and is also the chairperson for its annual golf benefit, which raises money in support of the California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC).

Hirtzel is known throughout the organization for his teamwork, determination, tenacity, and ability to lead projects from start to finish.

Fred Johnson was nominated as contract instructor for the MTTC Dive Program located at CIM. With 43 years of experience in the diving industry, Johnson has contributed to the accomplishment of one of



the most renowned and innovative rehabilitation programs in the correctional industry. He has also contributed to the low recidivism rate through instruction, counseling and post-parole follow-up assistance with graduates of the program.

Greg Mercado was nominated as Superintendent II of the Optical Enterprise at Valley State Prison and has been an employee of CALPIA for 20 years. He is known for his great leadership -- inspiring his team through



hard work and respectfulness. Mercado has immensely contributed to the success of the Optical Enterprise through dealing with an impending disaster. He inspired staff as he modeled determination, confidence, perseverance and conviction, resulting in exceeding expectations.

Paul Wittenmeier was nominated as Prison Industries Superintendent II (Laundry) at Pelican Bay State Prison for his continued commitment to CALPIA by maintaining the Laundry enterprise and soliciting additional



business. Wittenmeier oversees offender training for three specific certifications including Certified Linen Technician, Certified Washroom Technician and Certified Laundry and Linen Management. His efforts have a direct impact on the life and success of offenders as they are released and reenter the community.

Congratulations to all CALPIA's nominees and award winners.



CALPIA Celebrates Black History Month



Guest speaker James C. Shelby, President and CEO of the Greater Sacramento Urban League, speaks at CALPIA's Black History Month event at Green Valley Training Center in Folsom on February 28th, 2014.

The California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) hosted its annual "Black History Month" event at the Green Valley Training Center in Folsom on Friday, February 28th with special guest speaker, James C. Shelby, President and CEO of the Greater Sacramento Urban League (GSUL).

During the one hour event, Mr. Shelby provided inspirational stories of his life including his family, his military service, and his career. Mr. Shelby was a founding councilmember of the City of Citrus Heights and is the first African American ever elected to serve on Citrus Heights City Council in 1996, subsequently elected as Mayor in 1999 and reelected in 2003 and 2006. For the past 13 years, he has grown the GSUL to more than 1,000 members.

Mr. Shelby emphasized the importance of respecting each other and that diversity within America is a positive thing.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Civil Rights in America" members of the Black History Celebration Committee presented CALPIA staff with some historical facts and highlighted some important African-American inventors who made outstanding contributions to this state including, Jan Ernst Matzeliger who invented the automated shoe lasting machine. The same



(Above) Shelia Howell, Chief of Management Information Services, serves up food. (Right) Prison Industries Manager (A) Marcus Dawson welcomes everyone.

process and principles of manufacturing invented by Mr. Matzeliger, are currently being used in CALPIA's factories located at California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, and RJ Donovan in San Diego.

Besides the informational and inspiring presentation, organizers provided many home-cooked dishes for CALPIA staff and guests to enjoy.



CALPIA and Snoopy License Plates



CALPIA's License Plate operation could soon be producing commemorative license plates featuring Charles Schulz's beloved Peanuts character Snoopy.

The license plates will raise money for the state's 1,400 museums and science centers.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will begin issuing the Snoopy license plates after it receives 7,500 paid applications. At last check, the DMV has approximately 2,500 car owners who have pre-ordered the plates.

CALPIA's factory at Folsom State Prison produces over 8.5 million license plates a year. This factory is the single biggest correctional license plate factory in the United States. It produces every type of license plate used by the State of California.

The Snoopy license plate is available for pre-order at www.snoopyplate.com.

2014 CALPIA Employment Activity (January/February)

Warren Oliver	OPS/CTE	New Hire	Custodian Sup II, CF	1/2/14
Jamaal Abron	Solano	New Hire	HTD,CF	1/2/14
Indi Salles	VSP	Transfer fr CDCR	Office Assistant (G)	1/1/14
Michael Houser	Marketing	New Hire	Sales Rep	1/6/14
Ann M Stuart	Marketing	New Hire	Sales Rep	1/6/14
Dennette D. Somer	Marketing	New Hire	Sales Rep	1/2/14
Timothy Gallagher	OTD-North	New Hire	Skilled Laborer	1/15/14
Daniel Estrada	RJD-HFM	New Hire	Custodian Sup II, CF	1/2/14
Deborah Aceves	RJD-HFM	New Hire	Custodian, CF	1/2/14
Andrew Brannin	FSP-HFM	New Hire	Custodian, CF	1/21/14
Daniel Deditius	CTF	New Hire	PI Supt I (Wood Prod)	1/31/14
Jessica McCabe	Human Res	New Hire	SSA	1/21/14
Alan Lanier	CTF	IWD Specialist	IWD Supervisor	1/31/14
Sophia Lomax	Human Res	SSA	AGPA	1/31/14
Edward B. Meek	FSP	New Hire	Const. Supv II (CF)	2/10/14
Oscar Loya	SQ	New Hire	Ind Supv (Wood Prod)	2/10/14
Adrian Beltran	FSP	New Hire	Lead Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
Michael Tidwell	FSP	New Hire	Cust. Supervisor II (CF)	2/18/14
Andrew Alarcon	FSP	New Hire	Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
Irma Velazquez	RJD	New Hire	Lead Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
George Valenzuela	CAL	New Hire	Cust Supervisor II (CF)	2/18/14
Veronica Fonseca	CAL	New Hire	Lead Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
Nicolas Carpio	CAL	New Hire	Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
Richard Ramos	CAL	New Hire	Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
Eric Nguyen	Budgets	New Hire	SSA	2/14/14
Quen Ha	Marketing	SSA	AGPA	2/25/14
Janet Souza	CCI-HFM	New Hire	Custodian (CF)	2/18/14
Omar Rios	CCI-HFM	New Hire	Custodian (CF)	2/14/14
Justin Andrews	CCI	New Hire	Ind Supv (Maint & Rep)	2/26/14
David Sathe	CO	Retired	SSM I	2/1/14