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Nine State Prison Employees Recognized for Outstanding Service

Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced the state prison system’s monthly service awards recipients for August 2002. Employees recognized from the state’s public institutions were presented recognition awards for outstanding service to the agency. The Mississippi Department of Corrections currently has over 3,600 people in its employ statewide.

“We are extremely proud of our agency’s correctional staff,” said MDOC Commissioner Christopher Epps. “Our employees are very professional. They are a highly motivated and an equally dedicated group who unceasingly show pride in their profession which is extremely difficult and often entails many long hours of hard work. Corrections employees are truly champions of public safety who are to be saluted for their bravery and their public service.”

Mississippi State Penitentiary Recognition Award Recipients

Name	Job Title	Hometown	Award
Levon Jackson	Correctional Supervisor	Pace	Security Employee of the Month
Leon Davis	Correctional Officer IV	Rosedale	Correctional Officer of the Month
Stanley Flagg	Associate Warden	Clarksdale	Staff Employee of the Month
Venus Walker	Correctional Case Manager	Mound Bayou	Extra Effort Award
Annie Lee	Correctional Officer IV	Tutwiler	Extra Effort Award
Ire Knighten	Correctional Supervisor	Rome	Extra Effort Award

South Mississippi Correctional Facility Recognition Award Recipients

Name	Job Title	Hometown	Award
Patricia James	Investigator I	Leakesville	Staff Employee of the Month
Cynthia Bivens	Correctional Officer III	Deer Park, AL	Correctional Officer of the Month
Deloris Green	Administrative Secretary	Leakesville	Extra Effort Award

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins. The Security Officer of the Month, the Staff Employee of the Month, and the Correctional Officer of the Month recipients also received plaques, which are displayed at their work location. MDOC began its monthly awards program in an effort to recognize the outstanding employees for their dedication to the agency’s mission of providing public safety.