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Twenty-four 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 October 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 and highly motivated. They display great pride in their profession, which is extremely stressful and frequently entails many long hours of hard work. Our employees are truly champions of public safety. They are to be saluted for their bravery and their public service.”

Mississippi State Penitentiary Recognition Award Recipients

Name	Job Title	Hometown	Award
Eddie Bounds	Correctional Officer IV	Indianola	Correctional Employee of the Month
Stella Johnson	Correctional Supervisor	Philipp	Security Employee of the Month
Frankie Barnes	Correctional Officer III	Greenwood	Heroism Award
Eugene Anderson	Correctional Supervisor	Parchman	Extra Effort Award
Eric Ball	Facilities Maintenance Manager	Indianola	Extra Effort Award
Walter Barnes	CO-IV Work Crew Supervisor	Clarksdale	Extra Effort Award
Lynn Dixon	Mobile Crew Supervisor	Parchman	Extra Effort Award
Ricky Donald	CO-IV Work Crew Supervisor	Tutwiler	Extra Effort Award
Trent Franklin	Facility Maintenance Supervisor	Shelby	Extra Effort Award
Charles Herring	CO-IV Work Crew Supervisor	Drew	Extra Effort Award
Chance Robinson	Telecommunications	Drew	Extra Effort Award
Robert Sturdivant	CO-IV Mobile Work Crew	Webb	Extra Effort Award
Robert Williams	CO-IV Paint Crew	Shaw	Extra Effort Award

South Mississippi Correctional Institution Recognition Award Recipient

Name	Job Title	Hometown	Award
Melinda Ezell	Corr-Law Library Director	Hattiesburg	Staff Employee of the Month

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Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Recognition Award Recipients

Name	Job Title	Hometown	Award
James Lewis	Correctional Officer IV	D'Lo	Correctional Employee of the Month
Kenneth Johnson	Correctional Supervisor	Canton	Security Employee of the Month
Mike Parker	Physical Plant Director	Pearl	Staff Employee of the Month
Tracey Beard	Correctional Officer IV	Jackson	Extra Effort Award
Willie Sumner	Correctional Officer IV	Florence	Extra Effort Award
Inaza Griffin	Correctional Officer IV	Mendenhall	Extra Effort Award
Teresa Burton	Correctional Officer IV	Jackson	Extra Effort Award
Carlos Lindsey	Correctional Officer IV	Pearl	Extra Effort Award
Burnett Harris	Correctional Officer IV	Jackson	Extra Effort Award
Kattie Dishmon	Correctional Supervisor	Jackson	Extra Effort Award

Recipients received award certificates and lapel pins. The Security Officer of the Month, the Staff Employee of the Month, the Heroism and the Correctional Officer of the Month recipients also received plaques. 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.

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MEDIA NOTE: If you would like more information on the award recipients, contact Ken Jones at: (601) 359-5608 or send an e-mail to kjones@mdoc.state.ms.us