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MDOC Recruitment Targets Students

JACKSON – College students who want to earn an income while pursuing their education and be in a profession with the promise of career advancement should consider working at the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

The MDOC is hosting interviews and screenings on Saturday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m. at each of the three state facilities to fill 100 correctional officer positions by June 1. The general public is invited but college students are especially encouraged to apply.

A flexible work schedule, including part-time hours or light work shifts and schedule constraints, may be available to students who apply.

Marzayvious Hutton, a Cleveland, Miss. native, is among students who now work at MDOC.

“I learned of MDOC opportunities through rapid hiring and never expected to acquire a job. However, I applied and got the job and it has been the best thing to happen to me, while trying to make other marks in education,” said Hutton, a senior Business Administration major at Jackson State University.

Hutton has been employed with MDOC for more than a year, and plans to keep his job after he graduates.

“I work well with my colleagues at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility,” he said. “MDOC has been great in terms of working with my school schedule, and if I need time off for school purposes they work with me. My work is, although challenging, but I am firm with the inmates and I have not been under any threat or danger so far,” Hutton said.

College students who are graduating are eligible for promotion after one year of work experience.

MDOC’s employee benefits include paid training, medical insurance, life insurance, state retirement, paid personal leave, paid medical leave, and promotional opportunities. The starting salary is \$1,886.61 a month with an increase in pay after one year.

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The interviews and screenings will be at the following locations:

- Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (3794 Highway 468) in Pearl;
- Mississippi State Penitentiary (Highway 49 West) in Parchman; and
- South Mississippi Correctional Institution (22689 Highway 63 North) in Leakesville.

No admittance will be allowed after 9 a.m.

Correctional officers are responsible for the supervision, care, custody, and control of inmates. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, provide proof of a high school diploma or G.E.D., possess a valid driver's license and Social Security card and have no felony or domestic violence conviction. Males between the ages of 21-25 years of age must show proof of selective service registration. Applicants also must complete a math quiz, a written report, a physical agility exercise and a drug test (at no cost to the applicant). Applicants may complete the 8-week training during summer break.

For more information, contact Personnel Services at 601.359.5696, visit www.mdcc.ms.gov or www.mspb.ms.gov.

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