

In Other Words

Director Patton,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the efforts of many agency employees in making possible the Prison Ministry Immersion course I teach through Saint Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist Seminary. The course has produced life-changing experiences for a number of students over the years and would not be possible but for the cooperation and assistance of many agency staff.

I am specifically grateful to Agency Chaplain Leo Brown in gaining clearance to several institutions. I am grateful to Division Manager Reginald Hines, District Supervisors Brian Thornburgh and Sharon Harrison and Assistant District Supervisor Lydia McBride. We appreciate their efforts in providing tours of Kate Barnard CCC and Oklahoma City CCC.

We are also grateful to Warden Jim Farris and Chaplain Ron Lindsey at Lexington A&R Center, Warden Rickey Moham and Chaplain Charles Freyder of Mabel Bassett CC, Warden Janet Dowling and Chaplain Jay Drawbridge of James Crabtree CC, Warden Anita Trammell and Chaplain

Wade Scott of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. We are likewise grateful to Associate Director Ed Evans and Division Managers David Parker and Greg Williams.

The students also had a fine experience at Davis Correctional Facility in Holdenville. We are grateful to Horizon Program Director Rev. Duane Baker and Warden Tim Wilkinson.

The students were deeply impacted by the experiences of the class. We recognize that accommodating the class is an extra task for already overburdened dedicated staff. Thank you!

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Warden Dowling,

This letter is to thank you and your staff for the career tour and employment orientation on April 28, 2015.

The department of labor truly appreciates the "red carpet" treatment that you displayed to the criminal justice cadets and myself.

Please pass on to your staff our true

appreciation for taking away from their busy schedule and, of course, you letting us use your time.

Again thank you so much Warden, It was such a professional tour.

Sincerely,

Rudy Wilson
C.L.E.E.T./CRIMINAL JUSTICE
INSTRUCTOR
TULSA JOB CORPS CENTER

Warden Aldridge,

I have interacted with many of your staff this weekend at OU Medical Center and I must say they represented you very professionally. I had a very nice visit (short) with Sgt. Starcher. I know from experience how important great team members are. Twenty-five years as a senior warden with the BOP and 19 months with CCA. Congrats! Please thank your team for all they do. They are very important to the security of our country and do not hear it enough.

If I can help in any way, please let me know. "What You Do Matters."

Sincerely,

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