
DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

DJJ begins Apprenticeship Construction Production Company

DJJ is developing an Apprenticeship Construction Site Production Company on its Broad River Road Complex, and the Lake Murray-Irmo Rotary Club has donated \$820.00 to purchase construction machinery for the start-up of the company.

DJJ staff, trained by the National Center for Construction Education and Research, will provide incarcerated juvenile offenders with accredited apprenticeship courses. On-the-job training will be provided through the production company. The company is accredited under the department's Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) accreditation.

The company's first project will be the construction of Adirondack chairs. Some of the chairs will be donated to Habitat for Humanity under the department's partnership with the organization. Building Adirondack chairs was first initiated as part of the carpentry curriculum at DJJ and their popularity has since gained momentum.

Students working in the company will receive a construction apprenticeship certificate and will earn money to assist in repaying crime victims and to pay for GED testing.

DJJ's Birchwood High School receives accreditation

Birchwood High School has received accreditation from the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Accreditation entitles the school to all the services and privileges of regional, national, and international professional recognition. The school also holds accreditation from the State Department of Education.

DJJ's JROTC Unit qualifies as Honor Unit

DJJ's JROTC Tri-Annual inspection was held recently and resulted in the unit being designated as an Honor Unit after receiving a score of 93.9. The inspection was performed by the Eastern Division's Accessions Command for JROTC at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

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| February 23 | United Way "Thank You" Celebration Reception for State Employees
Capital City Club |
| February 25 | Meet With Family Court Judges
Greenville |
| March 10-12 | Deliver Keynote Address, "It's All About the Kids"
Child Welfare League of America National Conference
Washington, D.C. |
| March 16 | Military Drill Parade
DJJ Birchwood Sports Field |