



2019 ORCU Resource & Job Fair

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**Veterans
Upward
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**Shorter
College**

Life Beyond Prison

This years ORCU Reentry Resource & Job Fair was a great success due to the efforts of the community by showing support for the participants and the cooperation of the Security Staff here at ORCU. We would also like to give a special thanks to Superintendent DeAngelo Earl, for not only his support, but also for his encouraging words of “Quit being a part of everyone’s circle and building your own square”.



Goodwill (more than just clothes)



Quintin Stephens from Goodwill was a great inspiration to all who attended, not just the inmates who participated. Everybody was on the edge of their seats listening to what he had to say. It is good to know that Goodwill has more to offer than clothes. Mr. Stephens is a great mentor and it is evident by the

way he lives his life and encourages other to the same.

Goodwill has helped a lot of people be successful and it is evident by Mr. Stephens. Goodwill also helps people with resumes, job training and job placement.



“A King is not only a title it is the character every man should develop into”.

Guest Speakers



Superintendent DeAngelo Earl welcomed all the participants who attended and introduced staff and all security in attendance. We are all thankful for the words of encouragement spoken by the Mr. Earl. As Program Coordinator at ORCU I am glad at the inmates here have the support of Mr. Earl



ACC Carrie Williams from Arkansas Community Corrections spoke on what the participants can expect once paroled and cleared up a lot of confusion about ACC Reentry Halfway Houses.



Twona Frazier
Think Legacy

Think Legacy Twona Frazier spoke on sticking to your plan and not allowing others who don't fit into that plan into your circle. Ms. Frazier is a great asset to Think Legacy and we are proud to have her as apart of the team.

Social Security Office Tonya Cater spoke about the importance of having your social security card and how to apply for it while in prison.

Riverside Vo-Tech Don Rigney gave a presentation about how Vo-Tech started in ADC and what classes are offered at the different units throughout ADC.

Arkansas Workforce Center Eric Hickson and Alssya Dugan spoke about the different things AWR offers besides helping people with jobs.

Child Support Office Shutrice Hughes spoke on that if you owe child support they can work with you but you must be up front with them and that they have other programs that you can benefit from.

College of the Ouachitas Keesha Johnson let the participants know about the different classes they offer and who to attend the College.

Stephen Ezelle spoke to the participants about how veterans can receive help form the Arkansas Workforce Center and other support available.

Veterans Upward Bound Tommie Campbell and Teresa Porter informed the participants about the support and services offered to veterans throughout the community.

W.A.G.E. Mary Brown spoke on the importance of WAGE and what it offers and how employers put a high regard on WAGE because it show them you have the skills needed for the job.

Inmate Speakers Spencer Hobbs and Jonathan Neeley

I had no idea what to expect when the realization that I was coming to prison rushed over me. I was sure the movie that I had seen about prison were a poor representation of reality. Then I found myself in a jail cell, alone, staring down the barrel of a 13 year sentence, and reality sets in. The freedoms that I once took for granted, like spending time with family and friends, to nights out with my wife or wrestling matches with my children, I no longer had. It didn't take long for me to start yearning for those freedoms again. But I also realized that I now had something in prison that those in the free-world longed for; and that is TIME.



If you ask someone in the free-world why they don't do this or why they don't do that, their answer, the majority of the time, is "I don't have time". They don't have what I now have in prison and that is plenty of "TIME". I think of a saying I heard in the free-world: "Use your time wisely". So what do I do with this ample amount of time I've been given? I believe the best thing I can do and have done with my time in here is to get to know myself better and look deep within myself to understand why I did the things I did and currently do the things I do. I firmly believe that this is the first step to change and is a daily process that requires a lot of honesty and time. And since time is handed to us freely, honesty is the key. So my challenge to myself and to anyone who's reading these words is to be honest with yourself, get to know yourself better, and use your time wisely.

By Jonathan Neeley

Thanks to all who helped make
this a success for all involved.

