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Hinds CC hosts HYPE Day at CMCF and MCIW

JACKSON – Hinds Community College recently hosted its HYPE Day at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility and Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women, providing incarcerated students with valuable access to higher education resources and opportunities.

HYPE Day is designed to introduce and connect students to postsecondary pathways, offering direct support in admissions, academic advising, and program exploration. During the event, participants had the opportunity to engage with college staff, receive guidance on enrollment, and meet instructors who will support them throughout their academic journey.

The event also highlighted student achievement and the importance of continued education while incarcerated. Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society held its honors ceremony, recognizing four CMCF students for their academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to service. These inductees must be current students who have a 3.5 GPA and at least 12 transferable credit hours to receive this achievement.

“This event reflects our commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for the individuals in our care,” said CMCF Supt. Matt Reynolds. “By partnering with Hinds Community College, we are creating pathways for education, personal growth, and successful reentry. Access to admissions, advising, and direct interaction with instructors is critical in helping our students take the next step toward a better future.”

MCIW Supt. Katrina Reid added, “Programs like HYPE Day not only motivate our students, but they also reinforce the importance of education in building confidence, discipline, and long-term success beyond incarceration.”

“HYPE Day provides an important opportunity to ensure students are informed, supported, and encouraged as they pursue their educational goals,” said LaShetta Wilder, Correctional Program Supervisor. “By connecting students with the resources they need, we are helping to build pathways toward success both during incarceration and beyond.”

This initiative reflects a continued commitment to expanding access to education, strengthening workforce readiness, and supporting successful reentry outcomes for individuals across Mississippi.

