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30th Thinking for Change graduation held at Noxubee

MACON - The Mississippi Department of Corrections, Noxubee County Community Work Center, hosted the 30th graduating class of the "Thinking for a Change" cognitive-behavioral program, recognizing transitional inmates who have successfully completed the course and demonstrated a commitment to positive behavioral change and personal growth.

The graduation highlights the continued success of evidence-based programming designed to strengthen decision-making skills, promote accountability, and support successful reentry into society.

"Speakers throughout the ceremony reinforced that rehabilitation is a process of both reflection and action, and that meaningful reentry begins with intentional change," said Case Manager Gabrielle Cotton-Hill.

Deputy Warden Stockett and CCAD Patrick Culley delivered powerful reentry-focused remarks, encouraging graduates to apply the tools learned in the program as they transition back into their communities. "Their message emphasized responsibility, discipline, and the importance of maintaining a forward-focused mindset after release," Cotton-Hill said.

Director Ada Spencer, along with Program Coordinators Yumaiko Crowley and Kawanna Buchanan, also addressed the graduates. They spoke on the importance of the "Thinking for a Change" curriculum and its role in helping participants recognize thinking patterns, improve communication, and develop healthier responses to life challenges.

Cotton-Hill highlighted the ongoing support provided to participants throughout the program. This includes assisting individuals with identifying housing and community resources prior to release, connecting them to appropriate post-release services, and placing them in additional classes and rehabilitation programs while they are still in custody to ensure continued progress and support at every stage.

The MDOC extends congratulations to all graduates of the 30th class and recognizes the dedication of staff who continue to support rehabilitation and reentry efforts across the state.

