



A Milestone Moment at MSP Unit 25

PARCHMAN – Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) Unit 25 proudly celebrated its first Diamond Minds Book & Poetry Club Ceremony, recognizing the participants' creativity, dedication, and literary accomplishments.

Howard Perlow of Prison Education/Mississippi Humanities Council and Ann Fisher-Wirth, Mississippi's Poet Laureate and Professor Emerita at the University of Mississippi, led the meaningful program.

Through their leadership, encouragement, and passion for literature and poetry, participants have discovered their voices, shared their stories, and experienced the power of creative expression.

"The Book & Poetry Club represents more than reading and writing," said Kimberly M. Meeks, MSP's director of Education. "It represents education, rehabilitation, reflection, self-expression, and transformation. Programs like this remind us that learning can reach beyond the classroom and that every individual has a story worth telling."

Join Director Meeks in congratulating the participants on the historic first Book & Poetry Club Ceremony at MSP Unit 25!



Pictured with inmate participants are Fisher-Wirth, second from the left, and Perlow, third from the left, in the front row.