

# **Cabell County Youth Empowerment Update**

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On February 5, thirteen students enrolled in the Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program. The new students have been studying for the GED exam as well as writing resumes and preparing a job portfolio. Once a week Tim White, CCYEP Program Coordinator facilitates a class called, Youth Transformation Institute. Students discuss topics such as personal transformation, decision making skills, positive and negative influences, survival laws and how to move towards life, freedom and future economic opportunity. Students are challenged with the proverb, **"I can not change what I do not own!"**



On February 26, All youth programs including CCYEP, Youthbuild and the Huntington School of Fine Woodwork students took a fieldtrip to Marshall University. Students attended a presentation at the MU Welcome Center, took a tour of the campus, and followed up with lunch at the Harless Dining Hall.

Jordan Williams and Allie Cremeans each received a certificate for having perfect attendance for the month of February. Keep up the good work!



On March 5, students attended WIA Day at the capitol. This was a really good opportunity for the students to display and talk about the program with others. The highlight of the day was when the students were able to meet Governor Manchin. For many students, this was their first time to our state capitol.

## **Alumni News**

Congratulations to Jerry Sowards who has been hired by the Wayne County Board of Education as a substitute janitor. Jerry enrolled with the Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program in January 2006. He obtained his GED in May 2006 and has maintained employment ever since. Way to go Jerry!



# YOUTH PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTED AT CAPITOL



*Your Friend!*  
*Pat Hauckin '15*



Students enrolled in the Huntington School of Fine Woodwork set up a display and sold woodcraft items they made in the woodshop program. Over \$600 in merchandise was sold in less than four hours while at this event. The highlight was presenting the Governor with a quilt rack made by the students and everyone got their picture taken with him. He autographed a picture and mailed it to each student and staff.

On Monday, March 5th, students and staff of the Cabell County Youth Empowerment Program, Huntington School of Fine Woodwork, and the Youthbuild Program got a chance to showcase their programs at the WV Capitol. While there, students and staff met with delegates, toured the capitol and learned how laws are made and passed in our state.

