

“A PERSON OF VIRTUE”

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATE DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HER COMMUNITY

Brown Mackie College – Michigan City Criminal Justice graduate Dawn Williams can look into the eyes of a prisoner and see beyond his crimes to uncover an unfortunate truth. It is the reality that many of the men incarcerated in Indiana State Prison, where Williams currently serves as a correctional officer, are products of communities where poverty, crime, and drugs are common elements of life. Williams, who herself grew up in a similar community, has witnessed the vicious cycle of crime and violence and she believes more efforts can be made to decrease such incidents.



After graduating in 2006, Williams decided that she wanted to help her community by working in law enforcement. “I like law enforcement and doing good deeds in the community because I know that I am doing my part to help protect against crime and violence,” says Williams.

Working with the law has always been a passion of Williams’, who initially wanted to be a police officer. After enrolling in Brown Mackie College – Michigan City’s Criminal Justice program, Williams took the first step towards her goal. “Everything about Brown Mackie College caught my attention. The way the courses were scheduled allowed me enough time to focus better on each individual class,” Williams explains.

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The flexibility of the classes at Brown Mackie College – Michigan City made it possible for Williams to attend classes and take care of her family. She believes that her overall experience with the school has been a positive one. “I learned something from all my classes. My fellow students and I were able to go to courthouses, and police stations, and gain first hand experience,” states Williams.

The practical experience Williams acquired while attending Brown Mackie College – Michigan City came in handy with her current position working within the maximum security facility of Indiana State Prison where

she interacts with many prisoners. While working as a correctional officer, Williams has been inspired to help find solutions to an increasing prison population. “I think there needs to be more rehabilitation programs, and more opportunities for those released from prison so that hopefully they can change their lives around and not end up back in prison,” explains Williams.

Williams is a great example of a person who continues to believe in a progressive future for her community. Working with Indiana State Prison has inspired Williams to some day work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where she will hopefully make an even bigger impact and contribution to the safety for others. She encourages other Brown Mackie College – Michigan City students to stay focused and to work hard because they will be rewarded for it in the end.



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