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Blackwell Job Corps CCC students depart for the holidays; Center staff complete necessary training in their absence

Rhineland, Wis. – December 20, 2007. On Friday, December 14, almost 200 Blackwell students began their long-awaited journeys back to their home towns to spend the holidays with family and friends. The scholarship holders traveled via charter and commercial busses and planes to their destinations. Despite frigid temperatures in the early morning hours that day, nothing would damper their spirits as they boarded busses in anticipation of the upcoming holidays. The Job Corps students will return from their break in early January.

During their absence, employees at Blackwell take advantage of the break from their usual educational and vocational training duties to participate in training to hone their skills to help students become valuable and productive members of society. The week of December 17 was filled with several mandatory training sessions provided by external trainers and Center employees. The first training exercise was “Project Adventure” which focuses on the experiential process of learning via hands-on training while promoting team building skills and trust. Experiential learning is the cornerstone of all training offered to Blackwell students that help develop and enhance their educational, vocational, and social skills.

The employees were also provided training in how to help students with learning and physical disabilities overcome their obstacles and become successful. Most Job Corps Centers are capable of providing reasonable accommodations to students with some learning and physical disabilities.

Other required training was also offered for Center employees, which included CPR, Safety, HazMat and Emergency Response Procedure Plans. According to Center Director Jason Maloney, “It’s very important that our staff keep current on the many training courses that keep Blackwell operating safely and functionally. This investment of time and money will pay for itself over and over.”

Blackwell JCCCC offers federal scholarships for young adults under the age of 25. In addition to leadership training, students at Blackwell receive academic training that leads to completion of an



Blackwell scholarship recipient and Union Masonry pre-apprentice, Maritza Richardson, bundles up and is all smiles as she is one step closer to being with family and friends.

HSED or High School Diploma as well as vocational training in Welding, Union Bricklaying and Tile setting, Union Carpentry, Union Construction Craft Laborer, Union Painting, Health Occupations (CNA), Business Technologies, and Electrician Training. For information on Blackwell JCCC or to arrange a tour please call Penny McLaughlin at (715)674-7654. To fill out a free application for a Blackwell scholarship, please call Julie Eder at (715)359-7040.