

2009 Teacher of the Year Finalists 2009 CEAO Teacher of the Year Finalists



Gary Turnwald, has been with DRC since 1987. He began the first vocational program at Allen Correctional Institution as the Building Maintenance Teacher and he now works as the Horticulture Teacher. In Gary's program, students gain entry level training in all phases of Horticulture with emphasis on the Turf / Landscape Industry. They get their hands-on experience by maintaining the landscape around the institution and working in the program's greenhouse. This past spring students held the first ever staff plant sale and it was very successful. The program teaches to The ONLA (Ohio Nursery Landscape Association) guidelines. Since 2007, students have been given the chance to take one to three certification tests offered by the ONLA. To date, his program has had a 92% passing rate for passing all three tests which leads to ONLA Master Certification.