

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



**Tammy White**, began her career with DRC as a Pre-GED and GED teacher at Noble Correctional Institution (NCI) almost 12 years ago. Shortly after starting as a correctional educator she went back to the University of Akron and completed her MA in Education majoring in Literacy Education and Curriculum and Development. She then went on to Kent State University and pursued classes at the doctoral level, becoming actively involved in literacy education and adult literacy programming. Tammy's biggest enjoyment from the job is the reaction that her students have when they find out they have passed their GED. Tammy believes that a person's appearance, actions, and language influences their ability to succeed and also influences their self-esteem.