



BMCC's inmate education program receives two classroom technology grants for their Corrections Education Program.

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The Pendleton Foundation Trust and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Inmates participating in Corrections Education programs at three Eastern Oregon correctional institutions will see instructors utilizing modern technology to enhance their students' learning. These generous contributions by the Pendleton Foundation Trust and Wildhorse Foundation have allowed the program to purchase technology equipment for classrooms at all three prison locations. In addition to these benefactors, the staff has also provided monies toward this project.

Blue Mountain Community College facilitates inmate education programs at EOCI in Pendleton, TRCI in Umatilla, and Powder River Correctional Institution in Baker City. Many inmates have the opportunity to earn their General Education Degrees (GED) through this program. BMCC operates 34 classes per quarter at these institutions, and has 25 staff members that support corrections education.

These grants have allowed BMCC to purchase 7 classrooms of technological equipment which includes: laptops, touch screen monitors, projectors, projection screens, and document cameras. Around 800 students at the three institutions will be impacted by this new equipment in the first year alone.

"We are very thankful to these two local Foundations for supporting our educational program at each of our institutions," said John Thomas, BMCC's Associate Vice President for Corrections Education. "These programs really show these men that they can value their education, while accomplishing good things."

Mr. Thomas said that program instructors Jason Villers and Brian Bradley were instrumental in developing the grants.