



What's New at DOCCS October 16, 2014

Eastern NY Debate with University of Vermont

On September 19th, Eastern New York Correctional Facility hosted its second intercollegiate debate of the year. Inmates enrolled in Bard College through the Bard Prison Initiative faced the University of Vermont debate team on the topic: "Resolved: NATO should be immediately disbanded." Following an evenly balanced and spirited debate, the panel of outside adjudicators declared the Bard Debate Union the winners. The University of Vermont team, which is currently ranked 14th in the world, then went on to win a debate tournament on the Bard College campus in the following two days, beating teams from a dozen other colleges. The facility hosted event was featured in the Washington Post, click [here](#) to read the article.

Auburn Hosts Third Volunteer Blood Drive for Staff

Auburn Correctional Facility staff members held a volunteer blood drive on September 29th with a blood donation goal of 45 units. Facility staff collected a total of 55 units which will help 165 patients. The first two blood drives took place in January of 2014 and May of 2014 where a total of 73 units were collected.

Attica Correctional Facility: Walk to End Alzheimer's



Attica MADD Member Ms. Sacher (purple) presents gift basket to Alzheimer's Committee Member (yellow).

The Make a Difference Day Committee at Attica Correctional Facility participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday October 4th raising nearly \$500.00 dollars. The facility represented team also donated a coffee-themed gift basket including three pounds of freshly ground coffee, coffee cups, coffee-themed puzzles, cookies and a gift card to Dunkin Donuts.

