

Pictured, from left, are Kittrell Job Corps students and staff Marniecia Best, Candace Calhoun, Terry Quick, Benjamin Hall, and Joan Robinson, and Kittrell Community Watch President Edward Woodlief.



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Kittrell Job Corps prepares students for success

KITTRELL COMMUNITY WATCH

Kittrell Community Watch met at the Kittrell Community House Jan. 19, for a program on the Kittrell Job Corps. President Edward Woodlief welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order. Sheriff's Deputy Craig Thorpe opened with prayer.

Kittrell Job Corps staffers Joan Robinson, business and community liaison director, and Candace Calhoun, counselor and career preparation period manager, described how Job Corps teaches students vocational and social skills while instilling work discipline.

The Kittrell Job Corps is rated No. 8 of the 128 Job Corps programs in the country. Job Corps is funded by the U.S. Labor Department to train youth ages 16-24 in job skills that meet local needs.

Kittrell Job Corps currently trains in several vocational areas: certified nursing assistant, medical administration, human service worker, culinary arts, business and office administration, facility maintenance, and brick masonry.

Three current students, Marniecia Best, Terry Quick, and Benjamin

Hall, described their Job Corps experience and job aspirations. They also detailed their community service projects.

Calhoun described how training programs are customized to each individual's needs, including a GED/high school diploma or basic reading and math courses, as needed. She said a student's training could range from three months to two years, depending on the student. But she said that most graduate, ready for work, in nine months.

She said most students live in dormitories and eat in a cafeteria at the Job Corps facility, but buses provide transportation for some nearby students who commute. There is no cost to students.

Currently, Kittrell Job Corps has about 260 students with a capacity for up to 350. Potential students interested in a center tour should contact Robinson at 252-438-9106 or Robinson.Joan@jobcorps.org.

Before adjourning, Woodlief announced that the guest speaker for the March 16 meeting will be Judge Caroline Burnette.

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