



Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

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Welcome to the Thirtieth Edition of *Some Assembly Required!*



Above: Photos from Shop 20 (Chair/Wood Shop @NSP). These photos are a glimpse into the refurbishing process. These church pews are from St. Micheal's in Hastings, NE. Stay tuned for pictures of the final product!



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3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Lauren Cabanas - Accounting Clerk II

1. What have you learned in your first year working at CSI? CSI is something that I feel like the public doesn't know a whole lot about. One of my favorite things is trying to explain what we do and what our mission is. I am not an expert at explaining it, but I love trying to talk about what we do to anyone who asks. One of the more interesting things that I have learned while working here was how to interact with inmates as a part of our staff and how they are an asset to our team. With our mission being 'Building Opportunities" I have really enjoyed teaching some of the inmate staff the day-to-day tasks of working in the office space.
2. What is something not a lot of people know about your position? I have slowly become an expert on CIPs and excel as I enter all payroll for CSI inmates. Which roughly comes out to 18,000-20,000 entries that I enter in 4 days. I have had the opportunity to improve my detail-oriented skills and my favorite part about it is when all my numbers start coming together and eventually add up. #nerd
3. What is your favorite part of your job at CSI? I have been able to get to know some of the shop operators, warehouse, and office staff in the year that I've been here, and I enjoy the professionalism and the friendships that it has brought into my life. I also like to hear about the success stories from our inmates after being through CSI and finding jobs during work release and knowing that they are using some of the skills that CSI has taught them.



Above: Outdoor picnic tables at a rest stop just outside of Kearney, NE. The base of the tables was made in Shop 19 (Metal Shop @ NSP) and the rest of the tables were assembled in Inventory Control (located in CSI Warehouse). The pictures were taken by Sales and Marketing Manager Chris Mantzios.



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Deidre Boyle (Marketing Specialist) is currently working on a CSI video project. She's had the opportunity to visit NSP and OCC's shops. Here are some pictures from her visits. Thank you to all the staff and workers for your cooperation! Stay tuned for the final video!



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Congratulations on Retirement!

Ron Janzen- Delivery Driver

Welcome to the Team!

Beau Howe - Utility Supervisor



Shop 61 (Wood Shop @TSCI) recently built the box picture above for their EAC committee and Denise Pietzk, Records Manager at TSCI. This box will be used for donating money for various activities. All scrap material, except for the locks and hinges. A quote from David Laschanzy Shop 61 Supervisor "Another outstanding product from Shop 61".

CSI Shop History

Did you know CSI had a Dental Laboratory? This shop started in 1965. It made crowns, bridges, and false teeth.

This shop closed in 1974.

