



# Some Assembly Required: The CSI Newsletter

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



Above: Photos from the MOLEX Tour of CSI on Friday, September 24th. Brian K, Brian P, and Jeremy gave the MOLEX team a tour of the CSI Warehouse and the shops at NSP. (Nebraska State Penitentiary)

**Welcome to the Team!**

Charles Hamersky - Print Shop 23 Supervisor



## 3 Questions With a CSI Employee - Brian Koch - Workforce Development Manager

1. Can you describe your position as Workforce Development Manager and what is something no one knows about that position? *My role as Workforce Development Manager is to provide career and education services to the incarcerated workforce of CSI. Most people don't know that I also manage the Prison Industries Enhancement Certification Program for Cornhusker State Industries.*
2. What is the greatest challenge in your position as Workforce Development Manager? *Space! There is not enough space to implement all of the programs we would like to conduct at CSI. There is also not enough monetary support. More funding for programming would equal less recidivism. We would like to have the ability to give training/tools to long-term incarcerated. It's already happening in our shops. The long-term folks are mentoring and leading the younger generation.*
3. What is your favorite part about your job? *Watching CSI incarcerated employees succeed upon release. I love to see our incarcerated employees obtain employment, then use that employment to build a life of their own. I enjoy hearing from ex-incarcerated that come back to visit and talk about all of their success. It truly is the most rewarding job I've ever had.*

## Congratulations to our CSI Staff on their years of service!

Rich Messing: Wood Shop (39) Supervisor - 5 years

Jake Sampson: Chair/Wood Shop (20) Supervisor - 15 years

Pat Stull - License Plate Shop (52) Supervisor - 20 years



Left: Chris Graham and Jeremy Johnson, Contractors located in TSCI as a part of our new HBI program. They graduated from STA on September 13th. Welcome to CSI!

HBI is offering training programs in carpentry and electrical. These programs are 12-weeks long. For more information about these programs talk to Brian K.!



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## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the CSI Staff that helped out the last few weeks at the Print Shop when the shop was closed due to staffing shortages. Your help hasn't gone unnoticed!

Also, LCC Shops are only open Monday-Thursday for now until the facility schedules changes or the facility finds a way to run the shops during the day too.

Message from Jessie Ball, Operations Manager @ LCC



Above: CSI's booth at the League of Nebraska Municipalities (LNM) Conference in Lincoln, NE. Did you know that the sales team goes to conferences every year across the state?

**Coming up in October our sales team will be at the following conferences:**

- Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Conference October 12-14th in Omaha.
- Associated Public Safety Communications Officers/National Emergency Number Association (APCO/NENA) Conference October 18-20th in Lincoln.

*Ideas for future newsletters? Please contact Deidre Boyle via email or by phone! This newsletter wouldn't be possible without the whole staff contributing. Any ideas or information is appreciated. Thank you!*