Personal achievements in academic and technical programs are also viewed favorably by the parole board and may be a deciding factor for some employment opportunities upon release. In addition to employment benefits and lower recidivism rates, offender students also pursue educational opportunities for personal and individual reasons. Some see education as an opportunity to develop new life-style changes and establish a positive direction in their lives.

**Funds for Students**

Funds contributed to the Bitt/Hodgin Scholarship are managed by the Lee College Foundation and will be used to help students in the Offender Education Program pursue their education.

Contributions may be made online at www.lee.edu/foundation.

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The Britt/Hodgin Second Chance Scholarship provides educational opportunities for offender students who attend the Lee College Huntsville Center. The scholarship recognizes two outstanding individuals who are widely credited with much of the early success of the Huntsville Center and its significant contribution to the reduction of offender recidivism in the state of Texas.

John Britt was among the first Lee College instructors to teach behind the razor wire in Huntsville, and often cites his experience as one of the most rewarding challenges in his illustrious teaching career. As the Technical Dean of Lee College, Johnette Hodgin provided invaluable administrative support to the Huntsville Center and was a staunch advocate of state funding for prison education programs. Today, many offenders have realized their educational goals while incarcerated and have achieved their own personal success thanks to the collected efforts of both John Britt and Johnette Hodgin.

History of the Center
The proud legacy enjoyed by the Lee College/Huntsville Center was initially launched in 1967 by the efforts by Dean Walter Rundell of Lee College and Dr. George Beto, director of the Texas Department of Corrections, to offer academic courses and vocational programs within the Texas prison system.

Lee College was one of the first institutions of higher learning to offer college credit classes to offenders in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and is considered one of the largest and most successful college educational programs in the country.

The Benefits of Education
Through a variety of programs and services, Lee College prepares students for success in higher education or employment. Community colleges play a vital role in the development and specialized training of an ever-increasing diverse and dynamic workforce today. Lee College graduates meet or exceed all state regulations and licensing requirements, including high standards of accreditation.

Success of the program can be marked by the number of students that graduate with degrees, while serving their terms, and the reduction of recidivism rates.

The Huntsville Center is proud of its bold heritage and leadership status in prison education in the state of Texas as evidenced by its students’ successes:

- Reduction in Offender Recidivism
- Reduction in cost of Offender Confinement
- Increased success of former students
- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Promote an Incentive for positive behavior