

## **JAMES MICHAEL SPIVEY**

Nominated by: Mid 5 Employment & Training, Inc.

Case Manager: Ronda Glenn

James "Michael" Spivey was referred to our office from Illinois Department of Employment Security in November 2009. Michael had recently been honorably discharged from the Army in May 2009 and had been drawing unemployment. Michael needed to be enrolled in WIA services to be able to continue receiving his unemployment benefits while attending Southeastern Illinois College in the Criminal Justice program. When Michael first came on our program he was not eligible for any state or federal financial aid but he did receive an Illinois Veteran Grant which paid for most of the costs of tuition and fees. While on the program we helped Michael with transportation and other supportive service costs.



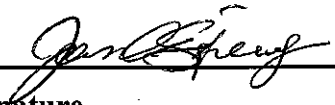
Once he was no longer eligible for unemployment he secured several part-time jobs while attending SIC full time and managed to maintain 3.4 GPA. With eight classes left to go towards his associate's degree something wonderful happened, he was offered a job with the Correctional Center in Vienna. After much discussion with his family and with me, Michael decided to take the job and would then finish his degree at a slower pace.

On May 20, 2013 James "Michael" Spivey graduated from Southeastern Illinois College with an Associate in Applied Science in Law Enforcement and he graduated with honors. He is still working at the Vienna Correctional Center as a Correctional Officer making \$26.00.

***Mid-5 would like to congratulate Michael on his well deserved success!***

**Authorization to Release Information**

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