2 Former Youth Make Their Way Together

Tyrone and Ceth met each other at the Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility. Jessica Jefferson, now the Female Administrator for DYS, was their Social Worker at the time.

“I had hopes and dreams for these boys,” Jessica said. “Yet I knew I wouldn’t be their turning point. They had to come to it on their own. When I heard about what they are doing now, I almost fell over. I am so proud.”

On August 27, 2018, Jessica was there to congratulate and wish Tryone and Ceth the best as they began their first day at Columbus State Community College. The two friends are beginning their studies in the dental hygiene program together.

“We got to visit the college while at Circleville when we went to the Restored Citizens Summit,” Tyrone said. While with DYS, Ceth obtained his high school diploma, and Tyrone received his GED.
Ceth went home first and kept in contact with Tyrone. They planned for making their way together. “We always synergized our ideas,” Ceth said. The two now share an apartment and transportation, and they work together on third shift.

“We’re pushing each other. We have to be there for each other,” Tyrone said.

Now off parole supervision, the two former youth shared suggestions for staff to help other youth:

- Teach youth about navigating bus lines
- Inform youth better about temporary employment agencies
- Minimize classroom distractions, and strive to make classes as positive as possible
- Use the youth who are doing well
- Remember to listen to what youth say they need

Tyrone shared that faith played an important part in getting him to this point. “It was God, realizing that life was bigger. I was always reading books, but the Bible changed my life.” He also attributed doing well to Ceth. “He’s been the most valuable person to me.”