

Who's in the news? East Moline Correctional Center Hilltop Toastmasters Club

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The East Moline Correctional Center Hilltop Toastmasters Club 7889 has been recognized by Toastmasters International as one of the highest ranking Toastmasters clubs in the world.

The club was ranked No. 2 in the world as a club for the number of academic awards achieved. The club earned seven Triple Crown achievements and 42 individual awards from 2013 to 2014. The prison's club also was named a member of Toastmasters International's President's Distinguished Club.

"East Moline Correctional Center is honored to receive this distinguished recognition," Warden Mark Williams said. "The center's programming efforts are committed to helping offenders prepare for successful re-entry into society as well as contributing to the department's overall goals and mission."

The Toastmasters Program at the prison boasts 20 full-time offender members and between 10 and 15 casual participants. Three regular volunteers conduct the program two to three hours per week and hold an average of two major local competitions per year.

Toastmasters International is an organization dedicated to developing public speaking skills for individuals in a variety of settings.