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Inmates Recognized for Obtaining High School Diploma

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – On June 14, 2019, 18 individuals were recognized by the Prince George's County Department of Corrections for completing all the necessary requirements to obtain their high school diploma while incarcerated in 2018 and 2019. Only five of the 18 graduates were still in the jail's custody and available to attend the commencement ceremony.

Department of Corrections administrators were present for the commence ceremony, including Director Mary Lou McDonough and her Deputy Directors. The room was also filled with graduates' family members and inmates currently working to attain their high school diplomas.

The guest speaker was Marie Crabbe, Division Chief of Inmate Services, who congratulated honorees and encouraged them to use their life for good and service to the community. Her speech addressed each graduate directly and described the characteristics that made them strong enough to complete the program.

“Obtaining a high school diploma opens the door for a lot of employment opportunities. Some of our officers' formal education stops at a high school diploma and they have a careers, families, homes and successful lives,” Director McDonough told the graduates, clarifying that they are receiving high school diplomas and not General Educational Development certificates.

Each of the five graduates were called to the front of the room where they were presented their high school diploma and posed for a picture with Department administrators.

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