



DJJ Holds Graduation Ceremony For Congregate Care Workers

On Friday, May 25th, twelve Congregate Care Specialists graduated from the Department’s Staff Education Training Academy during a ceremony held at the Manhattan campus of St. John’s University.

The ceremony’s keynote address was delivered by 1964 Synchronized Swimming Olympiad and current John Jay College Professor, Dr. Jane Katz. Dr. Katz reinforced the important role the graduates will play in the lives of New York City’s young people by stating “You are the heroes of today and tomorrow, as you will make a difference in the lives of young people as you embark on your new career.”

The ceremony packed the University’s Trustees Hall of Fame and included the graduates, family members and friends, and several DJJ staff members.

DJJ Assistant Commissioner for Workforce Development Sandra Gordon encouraged the graduates at the close of the ceremony, saying “You’ve entered the Department at an enthusiastic time for our youth, as well as for staff, and your success will ultimately mean success for the Agency as we move forward.”

The new staff will work at three Departmental group homes located in the Bronx and Manhattan.

