



NY1 Political Anchor Dominic Carter delivers keynote address at DJJ graduation ceremony for new employees

NY1's Dominic Carter is Keynote Speaker at DJJ Staff Graduation Ceremony

On Friday, May 9, 2008 the Department of Juvenile Justice welcomed into their ranks twenty-four new Juvenile Counselors, four Special Officers along with two Congregate Care Specialists, all of whom graduated from the Department's Staff Education and Training Academy at a ceremony at the Department's 110 William Street headquarters.

Assistant Commissioner Scott Trent opened the event by stating, "I'm happy to see so many family members, friends and colleagues joining us to celebrate the graduation of this class of Juvenile Counselors, Special Officers and Congregate Care Specialists," and welcomed the new employees.

After introductory remarks by Director of Training Torry Moorer, NY1's Dominick Carter, presented the keynote address. Dominic Carter is the Political Anchor of NY1's long-running news and commentary program focused on New York City politics, *Inside City Hall*. He has been a reporter and anchor for the network since its inception in 1992. In his free time he often speaks to youth groups about the importance of education and achievement. He has received the Samuel P. Peabody Award from the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, for his vision, innovation and dedication to children and families.

Mr. Carter delivered an inspiring welcome to the new class of juvenile justice professionals, stressing the important role they will play in the lives of young people in detention and noting the fact that DJJ provides an opportunity for a young person to turn her or his life around.

Also on hand to receive rewards for their exceptional emergency response during a critical incident were Horizon Juvenile Center Special Officer Earl Taitt, Deputy Director of Human Resources Walter Ellis, and Deputy Director of Disciplinary Affairs Richard Watson.

The graduates will immediately join their colleagues, working throughout DJJ's secure and non secure detention facilities where they will provide direct care and security for youth in detention, enhancing the overall quality of childcare.

