



Horizon staff members are recognized for dedication and commitment to our City's young people.

First Annual Staff Appreciation Ceremony at Horizon Juvenile Center

On Tuesday, April 15th, the Management Staff of the Horizon Juvenile Center in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx hosted a Staff Appreciation Award Ceremony to acknowledge all of its employees for their dedicated service to the youth in the Department's care.

The Ceremony began with Horizon Juvenile Center Executive Director, Eduardo Marcial, Director of Operations, Tahia Johnson, Director of Support Services, Antonio McCloud, Deputy Director of Operations, Louis Watts and Deputy Director of Programs Susan Campos thanking staff from their specific units for their commitment to the youth cared for at the facility.

The ceremony's Invocation was conducted by DJJ's Chaplain Miguel Diaz with Horizon Juvenile Center's Tour Commander Shamari Morris providing words of wisdom and prayer for the staff in attendance.

As part of the "Presentation of Staff Talents," Special Officer Veronica Jackson demonstrated her singing ability for the staff on-hand, including DJJ Deputy Commissioner for Operations and Detention Jerome Davis. Deputy Commissioner Davis acknowledged the Horizon staff, saying, "Executive Director Marcial runs a good facility. The teamwork shows and recognition ceremonies such as this are a great way to show staff our appreciation for their efforts."

The event concluded with all employees receiving Certificates of Appreciation from the Horizon Management Staff who were joined by Plant Management Supervisor Richard Gonzalez, Food Services Manager Fred Marville, and Property Manager Savitree Balram. The certificates recognized staff "For dedicated service to the juveniles at the Horizon Juvenile Center." A special meal was provided for staff in attendance. In addition, Executive Director Marcial took the opportunity to acknowledge his management staff, presenting them with certificates that read "For your exemplary work and professional leadership and support at the Horizon Juvenile Center."

By conducting each tour's roll call in the gym, employees who regularly work the evening tour were also able to receive their certificates and enjoy a specially prepared meal.

Executive Director Eduardo Marcial summed up the event stating, "The Department holds its End-of-the-Year Recognition Ceremony annually to acknowledge staff agency-wide for their contributions, and this is our way of letting all staff members at the Horizon Juvenile Center know that they are appreciated for all they do on behalf of the City's youth and families."

