



DJJ's Nitollano 'Joe' Bataan takes his final bow after a quarter of a century of dedicated service.

Joe Bataan Retires After 25 Years of Public Service to the City's Youth

On Friday, February 8th, at DJJ's new Headquarters, Commissioner Neil Hernandez presented Bridges Juvenile Center's Tour Commander Nitollano 'Joe' Bataan with his framed DJJ badge as a token of appreciation for his many years of service to the Department.

Having begun his career in 1983 as a Juvenile Counselor, Mr. Bataan rose through the ranks to Associate Juvenile Counselor II before retiring in January of this year, completing 25 years with the Department.

Mr. Bataan summed up his time with the Department by saying, "The time I've spent at DJJ has been very rewarding. Over the years I've had the opportunity to meet great people here at DJJ, that goes for co-workers as well as the kids, which has made my time here that much more fulfilling."

Commissioner Hernandez added, "Joe Bataan dedicated 25 years of his life as a juvenile justice professional making significant contributions that made the City's detention system better and more responsive to children."

Mr. Bataan says he will use his newfound time to do some well deserved travelling.

In addition to his outstanding accomplishment in serving our City's youth, Joe Bataan is a legendary salsa band leader who was recognized for his musical ability by Mayor Michael Bloomberg at DJJ's 2007 Employee Recognition Ceremony at the historic Tweed Courthouse.

