



## **Staff Graduation Ceremony at St. John's University**

On Friday, March 23rd, 14 Congregate Care Specialists graduated from the Department's Staff Education Training Academy at a ceremony at the Manhattan campus of St. John's University.

The graduation featured a Keynote Address by New York City Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez, who Chairs the Juvenile Justice Committee.

The ceremony counted on the attendance of many DJJ staff and family members of the graduates.

The significance of the new staff was noted by Deputy Commissioner Jerome Davis, "Your presence will support a reduction of the workday of staff that diligently work in directly-operated group homes, which will enhance the overall quality of childcare."

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

