

Rikers of the '70s Recounted at Black History Month Event



DOC's African American leaders, past and present, were the honorees of this year's Black History Month celebration, hosted by New York City Correction Guardians Association at the Bulova Corporate Center on February 5TH.

Highlights of the event included a video describing life on Rikers Island in the early 1970s as told by retired Assistant Deputy Warden Roy J. Caldwood.

Other notable speakers of the evening included Commissioner Joseph Ponte, First Deputy Commissioner Dina Simon, NYC Public Advocate Letitia James, new Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, National Organization of Black Law Executives National President Gregory Thomas, Marco Carrion and Correction Officers Benevolent Association President Norman Seabrook. The evening also included a special performance by the Pink Diamond Steppers, a Staten Island dance group formed by RMSC Correction Officer Alicia Harrison.

The Correction Guardian Association's new President, Investigator Vincent Capers, and other new appointees were sworn in during the event by the Honorable Judge Robin Sheares.