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‘A WONDERFUL DAY’



Moments before swearing-in a graduating class of 144 New York City Correction Officers, Mayor Bill de Blasio said it was a “wonderful day” and told the class that they “are going to do something great for the City.”

In addition, 23 new and recently promoted civilian and uniformed members of staff took the oath of office during the ceremony at Lehman College.

In his keynote address, the Mayor said, “This administration is working hard to make our city’s jails more humane institutions by reducing violence and enhancing safety—and that begins with a better trained workforce. Patrolling city jails takes place out of sight for most, and our correction officers don’t always get the credit they deserve, so I’d like to thank the uniformed staff at the Department of Correction for answering the call to service.”

The diverse graduating class of 101 men and 43 women comes from a wide range of backgrounds. Seventy-nine of the new officers have college degrees, including four who have a master’s degree. Thirty-two have a bachelor’s degree, and 43 have an associate’s degree.

“We all have one mission, one goal, one thing that we all have to do: we have to make our jails safe and humane for our staff and our inmates. There is no wavering from that,” Commissioner Ponte told the graduates.