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FKCC Graduates 44th Corrections Academy



Key West, FL (May 21, 2009)—Florida Keys Community College’s Institute of Criminal Justice graduated 17 corrections officers at a ceremony for its 44th Corrections Basic Recruit Academy on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 3:00pm in the Tennessee Williams Theatre at the College’s Key West Campus.

Keynote speaker, Monroe County Sheriff Captain Penny Phelps, congratulated the graduating class and offered advice for their future careers in law enforcement.

Special awards honoring the best and the brightest were presented by the Director of FKCC’s Criminal Justice Institute, Nancy Bunch. Class captain, Martin Digrius, received an award for academic achievement and outstanding leadership. Physical fitness and improvement awards went to Gerald Fletcher and Ashley Sheriff. Andrew Villone earned “Top Gun” honors for superior shooting skills and Shequira Smith was bestowed the “PIG” award for exceptional pride, integrity, and guts.

FKCC Provost, Dr. Randy Charles, presented each graduate with a certificate of completion. The graduates were then congratulated by several representatives of the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, including Sheriff Bob Peryam.

Last month, FKCC’s Institute of Criminal Justice graduated 19 students from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, most of who are now employed with the Monroe County Sheriff Department or the Key West Police Department. For more information about FKCC or how to register for classes, visit www.fkcc.edu.

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