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FKCC's Criminal Justice Institute Graduates 45th Corrections Academy



FKCC President Dr. Larry Tyree presents Corrections Academy graduate Brittani Perez with her certificate of completion, as Monroe County Sheriff Bob Peryam, MCSO senior staff and graduates look on.

Key West, FL, December 10, 2009—Florida Keys Community College's Institute of Criminal Justice held a graduation ceremony for its 45th Corrections Basic Recruit Academy on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 10:00am in the Tennessee Williams Theatre at the college's Key West Campus.

Fifteen students successfully completed the 532-hour training program, and upon passing the state certification exam, will become Florida State Corrections Officers. Through a partnership with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, fourteen of these graduates were sponsored through the program and will be employed as detention deputies at one of the three detention centers in the Keys.

FKCC Interim President Dr. Larry Tyree presided over the ceremony and gave the graduation address. Class Captain Eddy Wood, Jr. presented the class plaque on behalf of his fellow graduates. FKCC Director of Criminal Justice, Marc Halvorson, recognized the best and the brightest of the class: Mark Heaviland was awarded for academic performance, Eddy Wood, Jr. was awarded for outstanding leadership, and Garrett Test was awarded for "Top Gun" shooting skills. The highly esteemed "PIG" award for exceptional pride, integrity, and guts was given to Justin Mancuso.

Honored guest Monroe County Sheriff Bob Peryam joined Dr. Tyree in presenting each graduate with a certificate of completion. The ceremony concluded with Sheriff Peryam officially swearing in the graduates as MCSO detention deputies.

FKCC's Corrections program satisfies the training requirements of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission. Program coursework surveys the criminal justice system, and provides training in basic law and legal procedures, correctional

operations, communication, interpersonal skills, CPR and first aid, defensive tactics, physical security considerations, investigation procedures, and emergency preparedness techniques.

FKCC's Institute of Criminal Justice will offer two part-time and night-time academies in the Spring semester: Cross-over Corrections to Law Enforcement, beginning in January 2010, and Basic Law Enforcement, beginning in February 2010. For more information about FKCC's Institute of Criminal Justice, visit www.fkcc.edu/academics/criminal-justice.da.

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