

INSIDE CORRECTIONS



WELCOME TO THE RANKS CLASS 260

Nineteen weeks of high-intensity physical conditioning, tactical instruction, and academic curriculum culminated in the final achievement as the New Jersey Department of Corrections proudly celebrated the graduation of Academy Class 260.

Surrounded by department leadership, training academy staff, and proud families, recruits took their official oaths and received their badges. The moment captured their transition from trainees to Correctional Police Officers.

The Correctional Staff Training Academy involves a rigorous training cycle from mastering non-lethal defensive tactics to navigating stress-based crisis decision-making, these new officers demonstrated the fortitude and integrity required to serve in the largest law enforcement agency in New Jersey.

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AN UPDATE ON CSSC IMPLEMENTATION

The Central Scanning and Screening Center (CSSC) officially begins operations on September 15. To ensure a seamless rollout, there will be a transition period where all incoming packages will be safely processed and forwarded without interruption.

We are actively communicating procedural updates to incarcerated individuals, their families, and the general public to maintain complete transparency. Staff are encouraged to stay informed as these operational enhancements take effect across our facilities. For more detailed information, please visit the [NJDOC website page](#).

CENTRALIZED SEARCH AND SORTING CENTER (CSSC) Beginning September 15



What Do You Need to Know?

EJSP GREENHOUSE FOSTERS REHABILITATION AND PRIDE

Tucked within East Jersey State Prison (EJSP) is a thriving green oasis that produces an array of plants, from vibrant hanging pothos and desert cacti in the greenhouse to blossoming outdoor beds filled with sunflowers and colorful zinnias, all stemming from a flourishing program at EJSP. Some of the lush potted plants and florals are used to accent the stage at ceremonies like Academy graduations and Corrections Officer Day.

For the incarcerated persons (IPs) who tend to them, these gardens are far more than a decorative project. Horticulture programs like this offer proven therapeutic benefits, such as reducing stress and building routine. By learning plant care, soil preparation, and greenhouse management, the IPs gain transferable skills, work ethic, and a sense of accomplishment as they watch their work flourish.

Thanks to the administrators and staff at EJSP for their dedication and care given to the program and for sharing the flowers with the NJDOC community.



SUMMER FUN ACROSS NJDOC

Over the warm summer months, many of our facilities brought staff together to celebrate teamwork, resilience, and camaraderie. From cookouts and ice cream socials to employee appreciation barbecues with games, fun activities, and DJs, NJDOC staff found meaningful ways to unwind and connect.

Most recently, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility hosted a Summer BBQ to show appreciation to their custody and civilian staff, who also donated school supplies for local back-to-schoolers. Meanwhile, Northern State Prison celebrated their own Staff Appreciation Day with a delicious BBQ lunch, games, great music, and good vibes. Thank you to all the custody and civilian staff who joined in these festivities.

And a HUGE thank you to our Wellness Teams at each facility who made the gatherings a success, and who remain dedicated to the health and wellness of the department and keeping us moving forward every day!



Class 260 Graduation continued.

Frontline custody staff serve as the vital backbone of our facilities and our NJDOC community. Beyond maintaining secure operations, they play an integral role as mentors, peacekeepers, and role models who help drive rehabilitation and long-term public safety.

Congratulations to the men and women of Class 260. We welcome you to the NJDOC family and look forward to the leadership and dedication you will bring to every shift!

Photos of all the officers receiving their badges can be viewed and downloaded from the [NJDOC Flickr page](#).



VIAPATH COMPLETION UPDATE

New Jersey State Prison is the latest facility to complete the Project Pathway implementation. To date, nearly 12,000 IPs now have access to programming and services that support rehabilitation, accountability, and reentry outcomes. Project Pathway helps incarcerated individuals maintain stronger connections to support systems during incarceration through secure communication, educational, legal, wellness, reentry, and workforce development resources. Congratulations to the Project Pathway team on reaching this project milestone.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

At NJDOC, dedication runs in the family and across generations. Help us continue growing our ranks by encouraging friends, relatives, and neighbors to take the leap and apply for a rewarding career with New Jersey's largest law enforcement agency.

Candidate processing for Class 261 is happening now and recruitment for Class 262 has started. Visit the website '[JOINNJDOC](#)' for more info.



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