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Parolees Graduate from Reentry Program at Neptune Center

Parolees supervised by the New Jersey State Parole Board participated in a transition ceremony hosted by GEO Reentry Services, recognizing their successful completion of the Neptune Community Resource Center program. The program readies parolees preparing to reintegrate into their communities and sets them up for future success.

New Jersey State Parole Board officials, community providers, and program staff attended the event. New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr., delivered the keynote address, and a graduate named David Wilson, who successfully completed the program several years ago, also offered remarks about his experience in the program.

Plumeri said, "I am a firm believer in the power of redemption and second chances," Plumeri said. "The assistance these men and women have been given by this program will greatly assist them in the areas of education and employment, while providing them with important life skills."

According to GEO Reentry Services Program Manager Randy Schwartz "Over the past 11 years, this program has inspired many parolee success stories like the ones we heard from this group of graduates. Transition ceremonies like this



David Wilson (left) and New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri Jr. briefly chat before speaking to the group of transition graduates. Wilson successfully completed the program.

one recognize and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and perseverance put forth by these individuals, while also highlighting the important support given by program staff, communities, and the State Parole Board."

The New Jersey State Parole Board is committed to promoting public safety, utilizing effective methods to aid supervised offenders in reentering society, and to reduce the recidivism of offenders while addressing the needs of crime victims. As required by law, appointed parole board members and staff conduct approximately 13,500 hearings per year, solicit input from vic-

tims, and decide upon parole matters. Nearly 400 sworn SPB parole officers supervise more than 15,500 offenders and act as New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. Additionally, SPB officers are also active partners with a variety of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, the SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit, and private agencies to connect former inmates with vocational, mental health, and related services.