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BTA Class #124 graduates 34 new agents

On Friday, March 4, the Basic Training Academy (BTA) Class #124 graduated 34 new parole agents who are now assigned to the Board of Probation and Parole's offices across the state.

The graduation ceremony marked the end of the eight-week initial training phase that all new parole agents must successfully complete.



Cynthia Daub

Director of the Office of Reentry and Quality Assurance Cynthia Daub offered this advice to the new agents. "You will have offenders succeed on parole and you will have offenders who won't be successful.

"Be a positive influence on the offenders you work with and every interaction you have will create change in that offender."

Director of the Office of Field Probation and Parole Supervision Daniel McIntyre stated, "We are not defined by our accolades, awards or positions, but what we do each day defines us.

"To change peoples' lives and provide community safety is accomplished by changing the behavior of the people we supervise," McIntyre continued. "It's never too late to change, but you have to get them to believe that change can be achieved through persistence and hard work."



Daniel McIntyre

Keynote speaker for the graduation ceremony was Board Member Michael Potteiger.



Michael Potteiger

"The career path you have chosen is unique," Potteiger stated. "You have the ability to be instrumental in helping many individuals change their lives around. Your interactions with offenders will not only impact them, but will impact their loved ones as well.

"And your actions will directly impact the safety of the citizens of Pennsylvania," Potteiger stated.



Lou Perez (right) presents the Class Valedictorian Award to Agent Godfrey.



Lou Perez (right) presents the Top Gun Award to Agent Sima.



Director of Training Greg Young addresses the BTA graduates.

The Class Valedictorian was Agent Godfrey, who is assigned to the Harrisburg District Office. Over the eight-week BTA, Agent Godfrey averaged a 98.571 percent on his test scores.

The Top Gun Award was awarded to Agent Sima, who is assigned to a Community Corrections Center in the Philadelphia District Office.

Perez indicated that this was the largest BTA graduating class. Perez also noted that the next class ~ BTA #125 ~ is predicted to be between 40 and 50 graduates.

Congratulations to all 34 agents of BTA Class #124.