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INMATES FROM MCCI GO BACK TO SCHOOL TO HELP ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Sheriff Shaun Golden is proud to announce that the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Correctional Division continues to strive in assisting inmates with a brighter future, by having them utilize their time most productively, by going back to school. For the past eighteen months, nine inmates from the Monmouth County Correctional Institution have been studying for their GED (high school equivalency diplomas) online through a program run by the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission. The inmate's dedication to obtaining their diploma during the COVID-19 pandemic speaks volumes. They worked hard and stayed focused on their goals during an unprecedented time. On Tuesday, March 30, they officially became graduates of the program and received their high school diploma from the State of New Jersey during a special ceremony at MCCI.

"I am gratified by the commitment these graduates made. They used their time at MCCI in a constructive manner that will benefit them for the rest of their lives," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "The wrong choices that brought the graduates to MCCI have provided these individuals the opportunity to make the right choices about furthering their education and changing their lives."

This state-of-the-art, virtual online GED program began at the jail in 2007. The most recent graduation has put the total number of graduates to 211. The inmates study math, science, social studies, reading, and writing five days a week to prepare for the GED exam. The online program runs throughout the entire year.

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The administration of the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission consists of Michael Rhodes - GED Teacher and Lt. Daniel Hansson and Capt. Jason McCauley, who handle the program administration for the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division.

"Education is the key to a productive future," said Sheriff Shaun Golden. "No one can take that knowledge away. I'm hopeful these graduates will use it as they move forward and transition back into society for positive change."

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