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## **NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD CONGRATS THE GRADS WHO TOOK PART IN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM PROVIDES INTERNS WITH THE CHANCE TO GAIN “HANDS-ON  
WORK-LEARNING EXPERIENCE” IN PAROLE ADMINISTRATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

TRENTON – At January’s monthly board meeting, New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. and State Parole Board members congratulated three of this year’s 21 fall interns who participated in the agency’s internship program which is aimed at providing meaningful, hands-on, work-learning experiences to qualified college students and graduates entering the job market.

This unique program not only benefits the intern but also the State Parole Board because it enables the agency the chance to engage with today’s students to gain a stronger understanding of their interests in law enforcement and parole administration. Approved interns are given the opportunity to put theory into practice while gaining an understanding of the New Jersey State Parole Board while exploring potential career options.



“On behalf of the entire New Jersey State Parole Board, I want to offer congratulations to these young men and women who participated in our internship program and are headed out into the professional world,” said Chairman Plumeri. “The State Parole Board is fortunate to have some of the best and brightest individuals working for the agency and we stand proud in knowing that we can assist these students by providing them with a snapshot of what we do here each and every day.”

New Jersey State Parole Board Member Julio Marengo, who serves as chairman of the Internship Committee said, “Each semester we are excited to have the opportunity to educate, train, and potentially entice our interns into considering a career with the New Jersey State Parole Board. Working for this agency can be the right profession for many because we have some of the best and brightest men and women working here who are dedicated to assisting supervised offenders in reentering society while reducing the recidivism rate.”



New Jersey State Parole Board Intern Timia Thomas of Willingboro, NJ said, “Taking part in the internship program was truly an eye-opening experience for me because it is one thing if somebody tries to explain a situation to you but another when you experience it for yourself. I was given a strong sense of the entire parole board process not only by watching it first-hand but also by being an active participant in some of the activities.”

Since the New Jersey State Parole Board Internship Program began in 2011, 372

interns were placed for assignment. The State Parole Board Internship Committee oversees both the application and placement processes, as well as attendance at career and internship fairs around the state to facilitate recruitment of interns from the state’s colleges and universities.

New Jersey State Parole Board staff have provided outreach and recruitment statewide at student internship fairs and career workshops sponsored by Kean University, Monmouth University, New Jersey City University, The College of New Jersey, and Rutgers University.

Applications for the internship program were received from students attending a variety of universities and colleges, including Rutgers University, Kean University, Monmouth University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and William Paterson University. Referrals also come to the State Parole Board directly from college and university professors who are aware of the value of the program.



The New Jersey State Parole Board Internship Program has three sessions throughout the year: spring, summer, and fall. Those interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit the New Jersey State Parole Board’s website:

<https://www.state.nj.us/parole/recruitment.html>. Below is a list of the New Jersey State Parole Board Fall Intern Graduates, along with their schools and hometowns.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) 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 victims, 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.

<b>Larry Calhoun</b>	Kean University	Neptune, NJ
<b>Kattie Castro</b>	Loyola University	Brick, NJ
<b>Marielis Gomez Peralta</b>	Rowan University	Camden, NJ
<b>Milagros Guzman</b>	Walden University	Bordentown, NJ
<b>Michael Guzman</b>	Monmouth University	Keansburg, NJ
<b>Timothy Hunt</b>	Rowan University	Delran, NJ
<b>Shontel Hunter</b>	Rutgers University (Newark)	Hillside, NJ
<b>Matthew Kammerer</b>	John Jay College	Sewell, NJ
<b>Alyssa Kayati</b>	St. Joseph’s University	Atco, NJ
<b>Jacob Kertz</b>	Stockton College	Egg Harbor
<b>Heba Mohsen</b>	St. Peter’s University	Avenel, NJ
<b>Samantha Murphy</b>	Ashford University	Oceanport, NJ
<b>Nicholas Pasquenza</b>	Rutgers University	Hazlet, NJ
<b>Maria Perez</b>	William Paterson University	Garfield, NJ
<b>Alisha Robinson</b>	Temple University	Montclair, NJ
<b>Cristina Santos</b>	Kean University	Roselle Park, NJ
<b>Joseph Sentak</b>	The College of New Jersey	Yardville, NJ
<b>Timia Thomas</b>	Rider University	Willingboro, NJ

**Photo Captions:**

**Photo # 1:** New Jersey State Parole Board Member Julio Marengo (*left*) and State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri (*far right*) present a “Certificate of Completion” to Maria Perez (*center*) of Garfield, NJ for completing her internship at the State Parole Board.

**Photo # 2:** New Jersey State Parole Board Member Julio Marengo (*left*) and State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri (*far right*) present a “Certificate of Completion” to Timia Thomas (*center*) of Willingboro, NJ for completing her internship at the State Parole Board.

**Photo # 3:** New Jersey State Parole Board Member Julio Marengo (*left*) and State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri (*far right*) present a “Certificate of Completion” to Marielis Gomez Peralta (*center*) of Camden, NJ for completing her internship at the State Parole Board.

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