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NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD RECOGNIZES FALL SEMESTER INTERNS AS THEY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE PROGRAM

Internship Program Provides Students With Chance to Gain Parole and Criminal Justice Experience

TRENTON, NJ, February 12, 2020 – During the New Jersey State Parole Board’s recent monthly meeting, board members congratulated four interns who participated in the agency’s fall internship program which is aimed at providing meaningful, real-world, work-learning experiences for qualified college students and graduates entering the job market. There were a total of 14 interns who completed the program.

“This unique program not only benefits the intern but also the State Parole Board because it gives the agency the chance to engage with students to gain a stronger understanding of their interests in parole administration and law enforcement,” State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. said.

“Interns are given the opportunity to put theory into practice to gain a clear understanding of the New Jersey State Parole Board’s role in the area of criminal justice and work side-by-side with agency staff while exploring potential career options.”

New Jersey State Parole Board Intern Helen Hull, whose hometown is Maple Shade, NJ, said “I thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of my internship at the State Parole Board and gained valuable knowledge and experiences that a classroom could never teach.”



Since the New Jersey State Parole Board Internship Program began in 2011, 417 interns were placed for assignment at either the agency’s central office in Trenton, one of the parole district offices throughout the state, or a parole office at a state prison.

Interns completing the fall session of the New Jersey State Parole Board Internship Program attend a variety of colleges and universities, including Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Rowan University, The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Monmouth University, William Paterson University, Wilmington University, Ramapo College, and SUNY Buffalo. Referrals also come to the agency directly from professors who are aware of the program’s immense value.

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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 agency’s website: <https://www.state.nj.us/parole/recruitment.html>.

Below is a full list of the New Jersey State Parole Board fall Internship Program graduates, along with their schools and hometowns.

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

Mari Collazo	Wilmington University	Vineland, NJ
Brenda Davilla	Rutgers University	Kearny, NJ
Monica Doliscat	The College of New Jersey	East Orange, NJ
Gianna Fotinos	The College of New Jersey	Marlboro, NJ
Helen Hull	Rowan University	Maple Shade, NJ
Madelyne Jimenez	Monmouth University	Perth Amboy, NJ
Markea Littles	Rutgers University	Cinnaminson, NJ
Shania Lyons-Watson	Seton Hall University	South Orange, NJ
Kaitlyn Natoli	Ramapo College	Pequannock, NJ
Yannick Ntone	Rutgers University	East Brunswick, NJ
Nakiyah Sanders	Montclair State University	Newark, NJ
Samantha Tallard	SUNY Buffalo	Freehold, NJ
Cristobal Vega	William Paterson University	Paterson, NJ
Cassidy Williams	Rowan University	Browns Mills, NJ

Photo Captions:

Photo # 1: (from left to right): New Jersey State Parole Board Associate Member and Internship Committee Chairman Julio Marengo, Intern Helen Hull, and New Jersey State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr..

Photo # 2: New Jersey State Parole Board Associate Member and Internship Committee Chairman Julio Marengo welcomes a new class of State Parole Board Interns.