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## **NEW JERSEY STATE PAROLE BOARD RECOGNIZES STELLAR INTERNS AS THEY PREPARE FOR FUTURE CAREERS**

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH CHANCE TO  
GAIN PAROLE EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE AREA OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**TRENTON, NJ, June 10, 2019** – During the New Jersey State Parole Board’s monthly meeting, board members congratulated four of this semester’s 12 spring interns who participated in the agency’s internship program which is aimed at providing meaningful, real-world, work-learning experiences for 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 gives the agency the chance to engage with today’s students to gain a stronger understanding of their interests in parole administration and law enforcement. 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.



“The New Jersey State Parole Board is committed to providing educational experiences to interns and encourages them to seek careers within the many areas of the criminal justice system,” said State Parole Board Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri, Jr. “This agency has some of the most talented men and women who work in law enforcement and the students who have the opportunity to work by their side are given the chance to realize the many complexities that involve parole work and see the fine job that our civilian and sworn staff do here on a daily basis.”

New Jersey State Parole Board Intern Rebecca Stepniewski of Cream Ridge, NJ said, “It was an absolute pleasure being an intern at the New Jersey State Parole Board. Working with hearing officers and board members was a rewarding experience and being able to witness a full board

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panel hearing at New Jersey State Prison was the most impactful event of the internship.”

Since the New Jersey State Parole Board Internship Program began in 2011, 389 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 taking part in the New Jersey State Parole Board Internship Program attend colleges and universities statewide, including Rutgers University, Rowan University, The College of New Jersey, Jersey City University, and Kean University. Referrals also come to the agency directly from professors who are aware of the program’s immense value.

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 list of the New Jersey State Parole Board Spring Internship Program 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>Tiffany Agrelo</b>	William Paterson University	Sussex, NJ
<b>Nat Amadeo</b>	Fairleigh Dickinson University	Toms River, NJ
<b>Celena Marie Cruz-Lawson</b>	Monmouth University	Cape May, NJ
<b>Amani Edwards</b>	Rowan University	Willingboro, NJ
<b>Christopher Graf</b>	Rowan University	Jackson, NJ
<b>Jayvon Hall</b>	Rowan University	Piscataway, NJ
<b>Magdalena Kulesza-Gray</b>	Kean University	North Arlington, NJ
<b>Rebecca Miksi-Sahdo</b>	Seton Hall University	Paramus, NJ
<b>Stephanie Narvaez</b>	Kean University	Elizabeth, NJ
<b>Rebecca Stepniewski</b>	Rowan University	Cream Ridge, NJ
<b>Michael Tutalo, Jr.</b>	Kean University	Edison, NJ
<b>Zachary Zaleski</b>	Rutgers University	Voorhees, NJ

**Photo Captions:**

***Photo # 1: New Jersey State Parole Board Interns (left to right) Rebecca Stepniewski, Amani Edwards, Jayvon Hall, and Zachary Zaleski with their completion certificates.***

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