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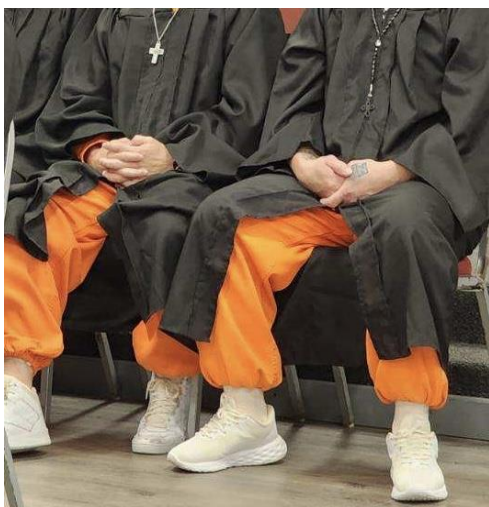
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## Roswell Correctional Center Celebrates Inmate Education Achievements

Hagerman, N.M.- The New Mexico Corrections Department's (NMCD) Roswell Correctional Center (RCC) located in Hagerman, is proud to announce the graduation of a group of inmate students who have successfully earned their educational and vocational credentials while incarcerated. The ceremony took place on Friday. The group includes 18 inmate students who earned their General Educational Development (GED) certificates. In addition to the GED graduates, three inmates earned their associate degrees. These individuals have demonstrated determination in acquiring their degrees, which will undoubtedly open doors to new opportunities upon their reentry to society.

Furthermore, NMCD is committed to vocational training and professional certifications. Seven inmates successfully obtained their certifications from the American Welding Society (AWS). This accomplishment signifies their expertise in the field of welding, and it positions them for a potential well-paying career upon their release.

*"I am so proud of the staff and students here at RCC. This day has given me a great sense of pride."*  
**Said RCC Warden, Chelsea White**



Currently, NMCD has a total of 125 High School Equivalency (HSE) completers during FY24. In 2023, NMCD not only met its goal set by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), but proudly had the highest number of HSE completers of any institute of adult education in the state. These achievements are made possible through NMCD's key partnership with the New Mexico Department of Higher Education (NMDHE).