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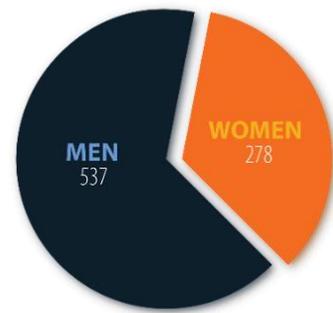
Also in attendance and addressing the audience was special guest [City Council Member Keith Powers](#), Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Criminal Justice. “By joining New York’s Boldest, the men and women graduating today will play an essential role in our criminal justice system and help to solve one of the largest challenges in the City,” said Council Member Powers. “I congratulate them on their graduation and wish them the best in their new careers.”

The class joins a Department that has been rapidly modernizing and reforming under the de Blasio administration. During the six months that the graduates were training, DOC saw the launch of seven initiatives and projects that represent best correctional practices:

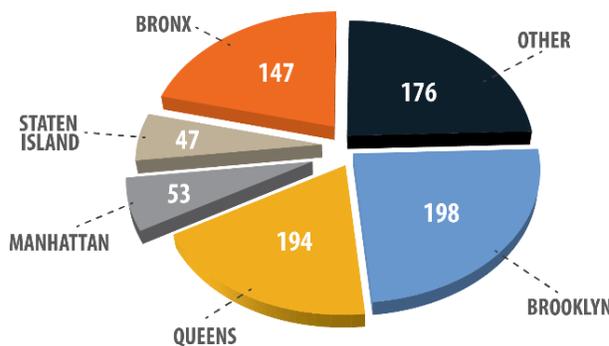
- [Increased security measures to improve safety for correction officers](#): funded with \$5 million by the de Blasio administration, the initiative includes dedicated Emergency Services Unit teams placed at select facilities and cooperation with the NYPD Gang Intelligence Bureau to disrupt gang activity.
- [Compliance and Safety Center \(CASC\)](#): streamlines, enhances, and ensures compliance with standards in safety and security. The CASC is an integrated command post which aids in rapid-response efforts to help keep staff and detainees safe by leveraging the Department’s 100% camera coverage for review in real time.
- [Free, express visitor buses to Rikers Island](#): nonstop service to Rikers Island from Brooklyn and Harlem to assist family and friends visiting loved ones in custody.
- [First Lady of New York City & DOC visitation program partnership with the Children's Museum of Manhattan](#): facilitates detainee maternal bonding with their children through activities and shared experiences at the Children’s Museum of Manhattan.
- [Veterans’ Housing Unit](#): first-ever housing area exclusively for military veterans offers treatment focused on the unique needs of this population and is staffed with officers from a military background.
- [New York Public Library launches its 2<sup>nd</sup> library at a DOC facility, the Manhattan Detention Complex](#): the 654-square-foot space, with approximately 1,400 books, brings new opportunities for knowledge and growth to detainees.
- [First Lady’s \\$6 million investment to break cycle of incarceration for women in NYC](#): expands programming which supports family connections and resilience, enhances critical behavioral health services and creates a network of re-entry services that help women and their families stabilize and prevent future returns to jail.

### About the Graduating Class

The graduating class of 537 men and 278 women comes from a wide range of backgrounds. This diverse class possesses the combined educational expertise of 5 master's degrees, 162 bachelor's degrees, and 161 associate's degree. The class has 77 members with a military background.



The Department of Correction is often regarded as a family, and is known for employing multiple generations of family members. This recruit class is no different, with 95 recruits having family members who are currently on the job. These relatives include 26 brothers, 15 sisters, 14 cousins, 14 mothers, 8 fathers, 6 aunts, 3 brothers-in law, 2 husbands, 2 grandmothers, 2 uncles, 2 domestic partners and 1 wife.



The class includes recruit officers from every borough with Brooklyn – at 198 – contributing the largest number, and 194 from Queens, 147 from the Bronx, 53 from Manhattan, and 47 from Staten Island. The class also includes 176 from other areas, which include Nassau County (69), Suffolk County (46) and Westchester (37), among others. The class valedictorian is Officer Passmore. The salutatorian is Officer Treglia.

### About the New York City Department of Correction

[The New York City Department of Correction \(DOC\)](#) provides for the care, custody, and control of persons accused of crimes or convicted and sentenced to one year or less of jail time. The Department manages 12 inmate facilities, nine of which are located on Rikers Island. In addition, the Department operates two hospital Prison Wards (Bellevue and Elmhurst hospitals) and court holding facilities in each borough. During Fiscal Year 2017, the Department handled over 58,000 admissions and managed an average daily inmate population of approximately 9,500 individuals. Our dedicated workforce of both uniformed and non-uniformed staff members represent the city's BOLDEST.

### A Selection of Recent Media Coverage

- [June 19 – NYC's First Lady Chirlane McCray and DOC host 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Baby Shower Reuniting Incarcerated Mothers with their Children](#)
- [May 24 - NYC's First Lady Chirlane McCray visits female inmates at Rikers](#)
- [May 19 - Rikers Island inmates get a taste of ancient Greece](#)

- [May 2 - The New York Public Library and New York City Department of Correction Celebrate Grand Opening of New Library at Manhattan Detention Complex](#)
- [May 1 - First Lady Chirlane McCray, Department of Correction and Children's Museum of Manhattan Launch Pilot Program to Unite Families of Incarcerated Women](#)
- [April 25- DOC launches free, express visitor bus service to Rikers Island](#)
- [April 12 - Department of Correction Opens First Ever Housing Area Exclusively for Military Veterans](#)