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## Stanley Inmates Participate in Spring Graduation Ceremony

STANLEY – Stanley Correctional Institution (SCI) Deputy Warden Mario Canziani joined Wisconsin Department of Corrections Assistant Deputy Secretary Karley Downing, family, and friends to celebrate the accomplishments of a number of inmates participating in SCI's spring graduation ceremony.

Stanley Correctional Institution offers a number of degree and certificate programs for inmates, many of which are offered in partnership with Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC). Inmates receiving degrees and certificates in today's ceremony include:

- 30 inmates are receiving a General Equivalency Degree or High School Equivalency Degree;
- 10 inmates are receiving a Custodial Services Certificate through CVTC;
- 8 inmates are receiving a Microsoft Office Certificate through CVTC;
- 11 inmates are receiving a Computer-Aided Design certificate through CVTC; and
- 8 inmates are receiving a Welding Certificate through CVTC.

Not all inmates receiving degrees or certificates attended today's ceremony, as they may have transferred to other facilities or been released to the community.

Stanley Correctional Institution began a welding program in late 2017 thanks to a generous donation of used welding equipment from Madison College. Welding is an in-demand career in Wisconsin, with hundreds of available welding jobs currently listed on the [Job Center of Wisconsin](#) website.

DOC Secretary Jon Litscher said: "I strongly believe that education is a key component to inmates finding success in the community. Our goal is for inmates to release with the skills they need for success, whether through academic education, vocational training, or treatment."

DOC operates educational and vocational programs in a number of correctional facilities. The Department encourages all inmates to earn at least a high school degree before releasing into the community to increase their ability to find a job. Vocational programs enable inmates to earn technical college credit and gain valuable skills for in-demand jobs, which can translate into employment upon release.

As more than 90% of DOC inmates will eventually be released, the Department's goal is to prepare them for success in the community by making educational, vocational, and treatment programs available.

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