

DOCCS Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated at DOCCS with a presentation on October 13th at the Albany Training Academy. The event began with a reading of the proclamation issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo. Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci delivered remarks and discussed how the agency is as diverse as it has been since the merger in 2011.

The featured keynote speaker, Director of Re-entry Services, Christina Hernandez, spoke about her childhood, her family, and her upbringing as a Hispanic American. Ms. Hernandez talked about her successful professional career within DOCCS which includes work as a Board of Parole Commissioner, and her current role. Ms. Hernandez said one of the proudest moments in her life was learning that Sonia Sotomayor was named to the Supreme Court in 2009.



In the photo:

Gilda “Gem” Vullo, Division of Education; Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci; Christina Hernandez, Director of Re-entry Services; Osbourne McKay, Deputy Commissioner