

Auburn Correctional Facility Hosts College Debate

Auburn Correctional Facility recently hosted a debate between three students in the Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP) and three Cornell alumni now studying law at Yale, Harvard, and Stanford. DOCCS and Cornell staff, as well as fellow CPEP students, packed the room to hear the teams argue the following topic: Should the Federal government restrict the widespread automation of labor? CPEP students opposed the restriction, arguing that technology has historically improved lives and created more efficient workplaces, and that we should not restrict imagination, education, and progression. The Cornell alumni argued for the restriction, but their argument did not stand up against the CPEP team, with the neutral judges determining that the CPEP students had won. At this announcement, the room erupted into cheers and Superintendent Graham offered some final words, emphasizing how the college program not only benefits the students, but the facility as a whole.

