

Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet Speaks at Greene

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Tyehimba Jess, recently visited Greene Correctional Facility to meet and recite his work for inmates. Jess recited some of his poetry and encouraged inmates to take advantage of every educational opportunities during their incarceration. Jess read from his two books *Leadbelly* and *Olio*, which won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

“Read as much as you can,” Jess told the inmates. “Get as many certificates and degrees as you can while you’re in there. That opens locks inside of you. Building up your mind and gaining knowledge is ultimately what frees you”.

More than to 70 inmates have enrolled in Hudson Link’s pre-college and college programming at the facility.

Mr. jess visited Greene as part of the New York State Writers Institute.

