



Corrections and Community Supervision

DOCCS Celebrates Black History Month in Central Office

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Following a [proclamation](#) by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo declaring February 2015 as Black History Month in the Empire State, DOCCS celebrated black history with a presentation and reception. The featured speaker at the event was Gregory Owens, Director of Special Projects with the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Mr. Owens spoke about misconceptions about the black community including incarceration rates of black men. Owens stated there are more black men in college than there are in prison. Also speaking at the event was DOCCS Acting Commissioner Anthony J. Annucci who took time to recognize newly elected New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, the first African American to serve as Speaker. Both speeches touched on this year's theme which was "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture" a name given to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the *Association for the Study of African American Life and History*.



