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1st Inmate Graduates from Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate **Detention Facility GED Program in Partnership with Flagler Technical College**

BUNNELL, FL – Easton Perez, an inmate at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, has successfully completed the Jail General Education Development (GED) program offered by Flagler Technical College. The accomplishment was celebrated at FTC's Graduation Ceremony held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Flagler Auditorium.



Chief Dan Engert, FBPD Chief Doughney, and Detention Staff Pose for a Photo with Easton and his Family

Easton Perez is the first inmate to complete the program, which provides inmates with the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency diploma while incarcerated. The program is designed to give inmates the skills they need to be successful upon their release and to reduce recidivism rates.

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"We are incredibly proud of Easton Perez and all of the inmates who will follow in his footsteps to complete their GED in the future," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Education is a powerful tool, and we believe that providing inmates with opportunities to improve their education can help them turn their lives around and become productive citizens. We greatly appreciate our partnership with Flagler Technical Institute and thank the GED instructors that made this opportunity possible."

The GED program is just one of many programs offered by the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility to inmates. Other programs include vocational training and substance abuse counseling. The Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility was <u>recently awarded the Innovation Award for medium-sized jails across the United States by the American Jail Association</u>.

Video of Easton accepting his diploma is available here: https://bit.ly/43cy5RQ

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