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High School Graduation achievement celebrated

GREENWOOD - A handful of women at the Delta Correctional Facility have reason to be extra proud of themselves: They have completed their high school education.

Most of the five women who graduated on June 11 took a little over a year to obtain their diplomas and come from diverse backgrounds. However, one inmate, who was in close custody, succeeded on her first try, despite having dropped out of school in the 8th grade, according to Program Director Rochelle Gunn-Hudson.

The inmate's motivation was to be able to live in the general population, while the others wanted to take advantage of the higher education programs, such as those offered through MDOC's partnership with Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) and Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU), and the women's seminary program at Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women (MCIW).

"This accomplishment is not just a diploma; it is a beacon of hope and a gateway to future opportunities," Gunn-Hudson said. "It symbolizes their ability to overcome adversity and stands as a testament to their relentless spirit. "

Guest speaker Latonzia Evans reminded the graduates that they are all a "masterpiece in progress" and added a profound layer of encouragement and motivation.

"These women were reminded that regardless of how old they are, they are never too old to receive their education," Gunn-Hudson said. "We are extremely proud of the women at Delta Correctional Facility."

