



Women's prison celebrates first Pathway 2 Success graduation

PEARL – Nearly 50 women at the Mississippi Correctional Institution for Women (MCIW) have made history as the facility's first graduating class of the Pathway to Success program.

The graduates earned certifications in HVAC, electrical, ServSafe, and forklift operation, gaining valuable skills and credentials that can open the door to employment opportunities after release.

George King and Robbie Jones, who lead the Pathway to Success program, have been instrumental in bringing these opportunities to MCIW. Their work and commitment to expanding vocational training helped make the facility's first graduation possible and continues to give participants a pathway toward a successful future.

Commissioner Burl Cain supports providing education and workforce training as an important part of preparing individuals for successful reentry. By connecting participants with certifications and employable skills, programs like Pathway to Success can help create a more stable transition back into the community and reduce recidivism, he said.

The ceremony ended on a meaningful note as the MCIW Band debuted an original song, "Live Again." Those attending the graduation were the first to hear the song performed. Its message of hope and starting again was especially fitting for a day centered on second chances and new opportunities.

For these graduates, Pathway to Success represents more than a certificate; it represents new skills, new opportunities, and a chance to build a different future.

