COLUMBIA COUNTY



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COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROBATION OFFICERS GRADUATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND STANDARDS TRAINING (DPSST)

On April 10, 2009, four probation officers from the Columbia County Community Corrections Office graduated from the DPSST (Department of Public Safety and Standards Training) in Salem, Oregon.

The Probation/Parole Academy is four-week comprehensive academy for all Probation officers in the State of Oregon. Our four graduates are Ashley Pruen, Josh Snyder, Jennifer Waters, Trin Monahan

Trin was awarded the "Academy Achievement Award" for Basic Parole and Probation Class #61. This award is granted to the top academic student of each Basic Class. The evaluation process, conducted by the Academy staff, considers the student's academic performance throughout the entire training.

Josuha Snyder is the recipient of the Victor G. Atiyeh "Outstanding Student Award for Basic Parole and Probation Class #61, The Victor G. Atyeth Outstanding Student Award is presented in each basic training class to the student who display's exceptional professionalism and ethics, as well as a positive attitude throughout basic training. The student selected is evaluated on demonstrated leadership, teamwork, the willingness and ability to shoulder responsibility, academic standing, performance in

survival skills, and overall health and fitness. This is the highest honor that a student can receive from DPSST.

All of our Officers performed outstanding at the Academy.