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(Note: To protect personal and public safety, and to avoid negatively affecting treatment of youth offenders, OYA normally does not permit youth to be identified. However, MacLaren will have one or two graduates at the June 10 commencement who can be interviewed about their achievement.)

37 youth to be recognized at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility commencement

Thirty-seven youth offenders will be recognized Friday during commencement ceremonies at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn.

The 2:15 p.m. event in the facility's visitor center will award 34 diplomas from William P. Lord High School, one community college associate's degree, one vocational certificate and a certificate from the high school's barbering program.

Commencement speaker will be Pat Evenson-Brady, Ph.D., superintendent of the Willamette Education Service District. A product of Oregon public schools and universities, she has worked as a school administrator, assistant superintendent, and ESD and school district superintendent before joining the Salem-based ESD last year. OYA Deputy Director Fariborz Pakseresht will make brief remarks.

Willamette ESD provides education staff to Lord High School through a contract with the Oregon Department of Education. High school completion is significant because educational achievement is fundamental to supporting offenders in leading productive, crime-free lives after they return to the community.



OYA has custody of approximately 900 offenders ages 12-24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn, and supervises approximately 1,100 youth on probation or parole in communities throughout Oregon.

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