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Six graduated Thursday from South Jetty High School in Warrenton

Six youth at the North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton donned green caps and gowns Thursday afternoon and received congratulatory handshakes as South Jetty High School diplomas were conferred on them.

Commencement speakers were Jean Straight, OYA assistant director for business services, and Robbie Porter, South Jetty High School's director. Straight congratulated youth on their accomplishment and encouraged them to pursue education, job training and other opportunities.

"You have accomplished something many of you might not have thought possible, and all of you have done this through your own efforts," Straight said. "We want you to grow and learn from past mistakes, to make good choices, and to go forward and lead positive and productive lives."

High school graduation is a significant milestone because studies show greater levels of educational achievement reduce the likelihood of new offenses later on. In all, OYA projects its high schools this spring are recognizing more than one in eight youth in its close-custody facilities – 101 high school diplomas, 27 GED certificates, three associate's degrees, and a number of vocational and other certificates.

Warrenton-Hammond School District provides education staff for South Jetty High School through a contract with the Oregon Department of Education.

North Coast YCF is a 50- bed facility, one of 11 OYA close-custody facilities statewide delivering education and treatment to approximately 900 offenders ages 12-24. OYA also supervises approximately 1,100 youth on probation and parole in communities across Oregon.

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