



Cumberland County Prison

Travis Shenk, Warden

## Press Release

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### **Reducing Recidivism: County Inmates Graduate with Food Service Training**

*Cumberland County Prison is the Second County Prison in the State to Provide Inmates with Transferable Training*

**Carlisle, PA** – The Cumberland County Prison works to reduce recidivism by providing its inmates the tools to join the workforce after they're released. Aramark, the county prison's food service contractor, provides a program for inmates to learn transferable, foundational, food service, and retail job skills through a comprehensive curriculum.

"We had six individuals who participated in the inaugural class, and I am proud that all six graduated with a class average of 94%," said Cumberland County Warden Travis Shenk. "By having this program in our prison, it opens doors that may have been previously closed to our inmates."

The Aramark training consists of curriculum from the National Restaurant Association's ServeSafe® certification. The ServSafe certification is a series of trainings, followed by a test, which instructs foodservice workers on the best practices for preventing foodborne illness in commercial settings. Different ServSafe programs can also promote beneficial business tactics, career growth for restaurant employees, and other keys to commercial foodservice success.

"Providing our inmates with real life training allows them find jobs after their incarceration," added Shenk. "With this experience these individuals are now equipped with the knowledge to run foodservice operations safely."

ServSafe allows these individuals the tools to work at restaurant or hospitality service industry. Their certificate is valid for five years. Five inmates received their chef's jackets at the Cumberland County Prison including Shawn Cook, Edward Glancey, Benjamin Glass, Denny Ranck, and Ricardo Santana. The sixth member of the team was released prior to getting his jacket.

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