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## **Edinburgh Correctional Facility IVY Tech Welding Graduation**



Pictured: Left to Right front row: Warden Frances Osburn, Christopher Thurman, Brandon Ulery, Ivy Tech Instructor Terry Coomer, Feng Xiong, Bobby Donahue, Timothy Caldwell, Left to right back row: Executive Director Offender Employment Development Sherman Johnson, Sean Sullivan, Brandon Harris, Aaron Short, Noah Mahan, Thomas Duncan, Nick McAlister, Angelo Gaskins, Aaron Haggard

Edinburgh, Ind. -Edinburgh Correctional Facility (JCU) joined their partners, Ivy Tech Community College Columbus, to celebrate graduating cohorts of 20 male offenders from JCU who have earned their American Welding Society (AWS) certification.

As a part of Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Agenda for 2018, the program trains men at the Edinburgh Correctional Facility how to weld with the ultimate goal of aligning them with gainful employment in the industry upon release. Welding is an exceptional pathway for released offenders, providing higher pay rates and stable employment upon re-entry.



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Warden Frances Osburn stated in a speech to the graduating class, "I am very proud of all the hard work each of you have demonstrated to complete this program. This is not an easy certificate to earn, and all of you have demonstrated hard work and dedication. I hope each of you use this opportunity to aid you into successful re-entry back into your communities."

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## **About Edinburgh Correctional Facility:**

The Edinburgh Correctional Facility is located in Edinburgh Indiana on Camp Atterbury and was founded in 1991. Edinburgh is a minimum security facility that houses 344 offenders. They have approximately 44 work crews supporting Camp Atterbury and other community and state agencies. With these partnerships they save the taxpayers of Indiana thousands of dollars every year.

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