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Inmates at Folsom Prison Graduate to Journey Level Through Apprenticeship

On November 14, a graduation ceremony was held at Folsom State Prison for 53 inmates who have reached journey-level apprenticeship certification. These apprentices have been trained as metal fabricators and maintenance custodians for health care facilities, and are the first California prison inmates to receive state-certified journey-level apprenticeships under a program established by the California Prison Industry Authority, in partnership with DIR and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Earlier this year, the California Prison Industry Authority became a registered apprenticeship partner with DIR's Division of Apprenticeship Standards and US DOL's Office of Apprenticeship. This groundbreaking program provides inmates an opportunity for stable employment upon release.

Read the Cal PIA press release about apprenticeship at Folsom State Prison.

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