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**GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR DJS YOUTH WHO
COMPLETED THE GARRETT COLLEGE PROGRAM**

Mc HENRY, MD—(May 9, 2008). Secretary Donald DeVore and the Department of Juvenile Services celebrate the graduation of youth who completed a college program offered to youth at the Backbone Mountain Youth Center today at 12p.m. at the Garrett College Auditorium at 687 Mosser Road, McHenry, MD 21541. This program allows selected youth to take two college classes from Garrett College.

The collaboration between the Department of Juvenile Services and Garrett College began in the fall of 2006. Courses offered to the youth are typically English and Law classes. All youth apply for Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") funding to attend the program and are encouraged to continue their education by a College Counselor at the Youth Center.

“This vital program gives youth a chance to explore new ideas and allow for additional growth and development. We recognize that education is critical to the long term success of our youth and want to afford them the opportunity for higher education.” stated Donald DeVore, Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Services.

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