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Probation and Parole Assistant Director Graduates from FBI National Academy

First woman in department history to attend this invitation only career defining experience

Baton Rouge, LA – The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections is proud to announce that Probation and Parole (P&P) Assistant Director Jennifer Bush has graduated from the 296th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, on Dec. 11, 2025. Bush is the first woman in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, less than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive level positions.

The 296th session consisted of two hundred and fifty-four law enforcement officers who graduated, and was comprised of men and women from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 24 countries, four military organizations, and two federal civilian organizations. A total of 56,688 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935.

FBI Director Kash Patel delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson James McMahon from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Washington, D.C., represented the graduating officers. Louisiana Probation & Parole Director Corey Acosta, who graduated from the FBI training academy in 2012, was also in attendance to support Bush along with her family.

“P&P Assistant Director Jennifer Bush’s graduation marks the culmination of many long weeks filled with hard work, a rigorous course of study, and physical fitness programs,” said Gary Westcott, secretary, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections. “She now joins an elite group of individuals who have successfully demonstrated their leadership skills. I’m confident that she will implement the best practices learned from this career defining experience in her departmental role.”

Bush was one of 37 female graduates from this year’s session. Other distinguished Louisiana law enforcement professionals who graduated this session, included Louisiana Department of Transportation Major Tommy Stubbs; Lt. Clint Hebert, Ascension Parish Sheriff’s Office; Lt. Alex Dantagnan, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office; and Lt. Jordan Logan, Zachary Police Department.

Bush, a Baton Rouge native, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 2006 from Southeastern Louisiana University and a Master of Public Administration in 2024 from Arkansas State University. She joined the Department in 2002 and began working in P&P in 2007. Bush oversees parole violations, sex offender management, emergency operations, and National Crime Information Center extraditions. Bush is also responsible for the fugitive recovery, body worn camera and taser programs.

“I am grateful and honored that my leadership selected me to attend the FBI National Academy, which truly exceeded my expectations, but also for their support throughout the past 11 weeks,” said Probation and Parole Assistant Director Jennifer Bush. “This experience strengthened me as both a leader and a person by emphasizing the critical role of wellness in effective leadership, while learning alongside outstanding law enforcement professionals from across the country and around the world.”

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