

YOLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Yolo County Inmates Receive GED
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Hung Nguyen and Ulice Summers, inmates at the Yolo County Leinberger Detention Center, received their General Education Diplomas (GED) today.

The program consists of a curriculum of English, science, math, literature, art, and social studies taught by the Inmate Literacy Coordinator Charlotte Beal, under the direction of Yolo County Sheriff Ed Prieto. The program can take up to six months to complete, however many inmates have been able to earn their degree in a shorter amount of time. Mrs. Beal prepares the inmates for the official state certified testing and obtains a proctor from the Woodland Adult Education School to assist her in administering the highly structured test. Both Nguyen, age 19, and Summers, age 25, graduated with above average scores.

Sheriff Prieto held a ceremony in the presence of other inmates this morning to present each of the graduated inmates with a 'Certificate of Congratulations'.

"These two men are the latest of almost one hundred inmates at the county detention centers to earn a diploma since 1996." said Sheriff Prieto. "We are here to help the inmates as much as we possibly can to improve their lives. The department offers a variety of programs, in addition to the GED/Literacy program, such as alcohol and substance abuse, anger management and psychological counseling, and parenting classes, among many other ways in efforts to aide their process back into society."