

DDC and Penn State Business Logistics Certificate Graduation Ceremony

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On August 22, 2003, the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) held the first graduation ceremony for the DDC and Penn State University Business Logistics Certificate Program. BG Kathleen M. Gainey, USA, DDC Commander, and Phyllis C. Campbell, SES, DDC's Deputy Commander hosted the event.

Campbell opened the ceremony by welcoming the more than 160 attendees, made up of family members, friends, and fellow DDC employees. She commended the graduates on their ability to juggle their academics (which for most of the students was their first time in many years), and family obligations, all while continuing to work long hours at the DDC supporting the customers...our Warfighters. "It's not easy to take on another obligation in an already busy life. You did it, and you did it exceedingly well," states Campbell. She continued to credit the families of the graduates, "We know the sacrifices you have made so that your loved one could continue their education. We appreciate the support you have given them, and the DDC."

The ceremony included two special guest speakers, BG Barbara Doornink, USA, Deputy Commanding General, Military Traffic Management Command, Ft Eustis, Virginia

(former Commander of DDC) and Denny Lott, Senior Regional Director for Continuing and Distance Education for Penn State Capital College, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Campbell and Lott jointly presented the graduates their certificates as BG Gainey presented the DDC Commander's Coin.

Campbell presented Penn State with the DDC Marble Triangle for their support in the educational partnership. DDC Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the instructors, who worked tirelessly to create a rich academic environment for the DDC students.

DDC Plaques were presented to Mike Corradino, Penn State Continuing Education, and Carrie Case, DLA Training Office for their dedication to the program. Campbell stated, "Through their efforts, we were able to structure and tailor an educational program to meet the specific needs of the DDC."

The DDC and Penn State Business Logistics Certificate Program is a two-year program in which students attend courses such as Rhetoric and Composition; Organizations: Structures and Processes; Business Logistics Management; Supply Chain Management; Transport Systems; and Effective Speech.



DDC and Penn State 2003 Business Logistics Certificate Graduates.

The 2003 Defense Distribution Center and Penn State University Business Logistics Certificate Graduates include:

Gail B. Clarke
Dennis F. Coleman
Roxanna M. Covert
Wendy M. Davis
Linda L. Diggs
Karen Y. Doyle
Anna L. Gensler
J.V. Gray
Dyann Grider
Barbara Houser
Barbara L. Huss
Grace R. Huston

Donna M. Johnson
Suzanne L. Kohr
Anne M. Melphis
Patricia A. Myers
Linda Norman
Robyn F. Snyder
Joni L. Stephens
Karen Y. Tomlinson
Stacy L. Umstead
Allison L. Wilkins

DDC and Penn State will continue their partnership through another certificate program for Customer Relationship Management, which will be offered in 2004.

BG Kathleen Gainey, USA, Comamander, Defense Distribution Center and Ms. Phyllis C. Campbell, SES, Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Center lead the applause for the 2003 Business Logistics Certificate Graduates.



Family and Friends of the DDC Business Logistics Certificate Graduates.