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COLLEGE CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS VISIT JAIL FOR INSIDE LOOK AT CORRECTIONS

DEDHAM, MA, - A class of criminal justice students from Bay State Community College toured the Norfolk County Correctional Center recently to get an up-close look at the facility and its operations.

"We welcome visitors to the jail and we always accommodate as many as we can," Norfolk County Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti said. "We think it is good for the public to see the important work that goes on here. Students of all ages make up the largest share of our visitors."

Sheriff Bellotti added that most tours include a question-and-answer session with one of the offenders currently incarcerated at the jail.

"The Q&A sessions are important because they often shatter a lot of preconceived notions the visitors have about who gets sent here by our court system. We get people from all walks of life," Sheriff Bellotti said. "A large percentage of them have drug and alcohol issues, and in many cases, mental health issues in addition. We work very hard to address those issues while we have the opportunity."

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