



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Corbett Administration celebrates Black History Month at Cheyney University**

**Harrisburg** – Secretary of the Department of Corrections John Wetzel will participate in Corrections Day at Cheyney University on Thursday, Feb. 7.

In addition to Wetzel, representatives from National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice and State Representative Ronald Waters will participate in the event that begins at 12:30 p.m. in Cheyney's Vaux Logan Auditorium.

"The students of Cheyney are representative of the individuals needed to continue the forward thinking of the Department of Corrections," Wetzel said. "We are always interested in recruiting individuals who are able to problem solve and utilize creative thinking when faced with the many challenges corrections has to offer."

Wetzel and Executive Deputy Secretary Shirley Moore Smeal will discuss career opportunities with the Department of Corrections. Staff from State Correctional Institutions Graterford and Chester will also attend.

The agency's human resources staff will be on site to provide information on type of employment and procedures for applying. Information will also be available on internships at state correctional facilities.

Founded in 1837 as the Institute for Colored Youth, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania is the oldest of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in America. It is located 25 miles west of Philadelphia.

The founding of Cheyney University was made possible by Richard Humphreys, a Quaker philanthropist who bequeathed \$10,000, one tenth of his estate, to design and establish a school to educate the descendants of the African race.

Today, Cheyney University students represent a variety of races, cultures and nationalities. It offers bachelor's degrees in more than 30 disciplines, including education, journalism, medicine, business, science, law and government service, plus a master's degree in education.

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