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Wyo. Youth ChalleNGe Program graduates its 11th class

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo. – The 27 cadets of the Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program's Class 11 graduated on June 11, at the Eastern Wyoming College Auditorium, in Torrington.

The cadets spent the last 5 1/2 months at the Youth ChalleNGe residence program, located at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center. Core components of the program include academics, citizenship, life-coping skills, civic service, leadership and physical fitness.

"This class has been a smart group of high achievers and I am confident that they will reach their high aspirations," said Don Smith, Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNGe director. "Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe provides at-risk students a second chance at responsible citizenship by giving them the courage to change."

Applications for the next Youth ChalleNGe class, beginning in July, are being accepted.

For information about the Wyoming Youth ChalleNGe Program, cadet applications, or information on becoming a mentor, visit the Web site at <http://www.ngycp.org/state/wy> or call the program at 307-836-7500.