

2012 FBI Las Vegas Citizens Academy Graduation



On May 1, 2012, the Las Vegas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) graduated 17 members in the 9th annual FBI Las Vegas Citizens Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the Texas Station Resort and Casino. It was sponsored by the FBI Las Vegas Citizens Academy Alumni Association (FBILVCAAA).

This year's very impressive class included: Cuc 'Cooky' Nguyn Brughelli, Director of Marketing for Little Saigon News of Las Vegas; Dr. Sheila Conway, Managing Partner of Urban Environmental Research, and Board of Director for the Southern Nevada InfraGard; Connie Decker, Senior Vice President of Operations at Kirkwood Bank of Nevada; Karen Duddleston, Business Licensing Manager for the City of Las Vegas; Jacqueline Holloway, Director of the Clark County Department of Business Licenses; Dr. Shazia Kirmani-Pasha, Pediatrician at the Pediatric Center; Vida Lin, Vice President of Western Risk Insurance; Otto Merida, President & CEO of the Latin Chamber of Commerce; David Merrill, Attorney, David J. Merrill, P.C.; Jean Miller, Vice President Investigations Manager for Bank of America; Todd Moody, Attorney and Partner at Hutchison & Steffen, LLC.; Fayyaz Raja, Owner of Raja Enterprises; Sharon Tibbits, Executive Director Fraud Control for MGM Resorts International; Terry Tobias, Staff Consultant for Innovative IT Las Vegas; Richard 'Lee' Torres, Vice President, One Nevada Credit Union; Jonathan D. Ullman, Executive Director of The Mob Museum; and Rita Vaswani, Vice President & Relationship Manager for City National Bank.



The Basic High School Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard

After a cocktail reception, The Basic High School Marine Corps JROTC Color Guard, Henderson, NV, opened the ceremony with the presentation of the flags and the Pledge of Allegiance. FBILVCAA President Tim Wong introduced Hetty Chang, Public Relations Manager for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, who officiated as emcee.

The Special Guest Speaker for the evening was U.S. House of Representatives Congresswoman Shelley Berkley of Nevada's First Congressional District.



Sheila Conway '12, Rita Vaswani '12, Congresswoman Shelley Berkley, Dr. Shazia Kirmani-Pasha '12, Cuc "Cooky" Nguyen Brughelli '12, and Jacqueline Holloway '12.

Special Recognitions and Awards included Agent of the Year which went to Special Agent John Tanza. After a successful 25-year career with the FBI, SA Tanza retired May 31st, 2012.