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## Brian Emig Named Warden of James T. Vaughn Correctional Center

**Smyrna, DE** -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) announced today that Brian Emig, Warden of Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington, has been named Warden of James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) in Smyrna, effective February 18. The appointment fills the vacancy created when JTVCC Warden Robert May was promoted to Bureau Chief of Prisons this week.

“Warden Emig is an accomplished leader who has demonstrated the energy and skill to move our prisons forward to meet our public safety and rehabilitation mission,” **Bureau Chief of Prisons Robert May said.** “He steps in to lead the very capable team at JTVCC and to put in place continued investments in safety, security, and technology and to complete the facility’s expansion of vocational training this year to further drive reentry success.”

Emig has served as Warden of Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI) since October 2022, following three years as Warden of Baylor Women’s Correctional Institution. A 22-year DOC veteran, Emig completed his Correctional Officer academy training in 2002 and served early assignments at HRYCI and Plummer Community Corrections Center (PCCC), earning promotions to Sergeant and Lieutenant. He returned to HRYCI in 2011 with increased responsibilities, including supervision of 60 security staff members, facility Education Liaison, and active member of multiple classification review boards. In 2014 he was promoted to Captain at Baylor Women’s Correctional Institution (BWCI) and was further promoted in 2015 to Major where he served as a member of the Warden's senior leadership team and as the facility's Security Superintendant with day-to-day responsibility for maintaining safety and security for correctional officers, staff, and inmates. In 2018 he was further promoted to BWCI Deputy Warden with overall management responsibility for facility operations, before his promotion to BWCI Warden in 2019.

Warden Emig has served as a member of the DOC’s Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) and as a CERT Team Leader, and served as a Quick Response Team Instructor and Emergency Preparedness Instructor. He has completed specialized certifications through the National Institute of Corrections and completed the FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership certification

and the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents Wardens Peer Interaction Program. Emig is enrolled in the Wilmington University Criminal Justice Bachelor's Degree program

James T. Vaughn Correctional Center was opened in 1971 and is the state's largest prison facility with a capacity of 2,600 beds. It houses its all-male incarcerated population in minimum, medium, and maximum security units and offers comprehensive programming designed to support rehabilitation including educational opportunities, vocational training, work assignments, spiritual/religious programs and a variety of other classes and programming.



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