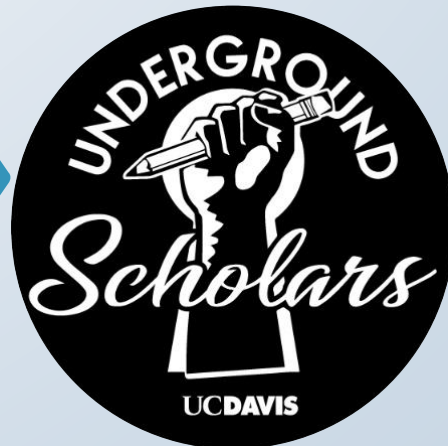


Project Rebound & Underground Scholars

Expanding college access and transforming lives





Outline



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 - **Year one of community college**
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Statewide Coalition of Support



- **Rising Scholars Network:**
 - Over 90 California Community Colleges have a Rising Scholars Program on campus.
- **Project Rebound**
 - Of the 23 California State University campuses 18 have Project Rebound programs
- **The Underground Scholars Program**
 - Of the 10 University of California campuses 9 have Underground Scholars programs

Campus Locations



History Supporting Formerly Incarcerated Students

❖ John Irwin

- Post-release, attended UCLA, earning a bachelor's degree
- Earned a PhD from Cal Berkeley
- Hired as faculty at SFSU
- 1967 Project Rebound began at SFSU

❖ 2013 Formerly Incarcerated students create a student org at UC Berkeley

❖ 2022-23, line-item budget to support formerly incarcerated students at UC

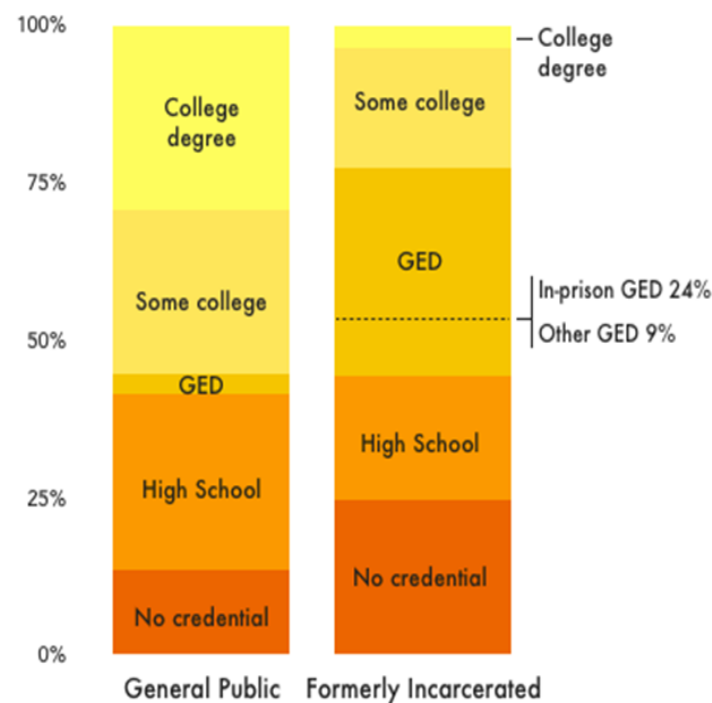
❖ Underground Scholars Program now at all 9 UCs



The Need

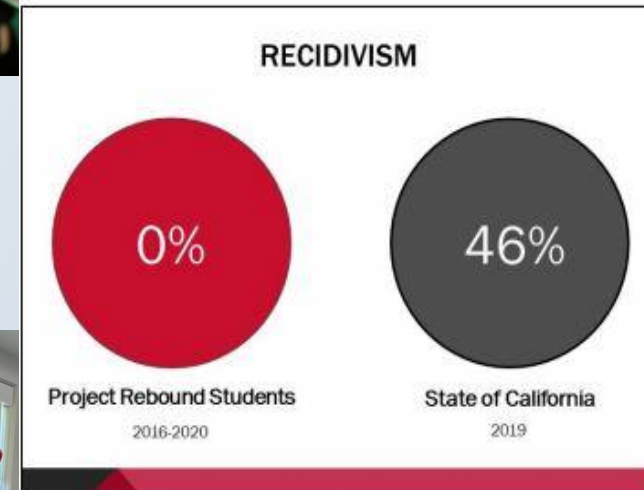
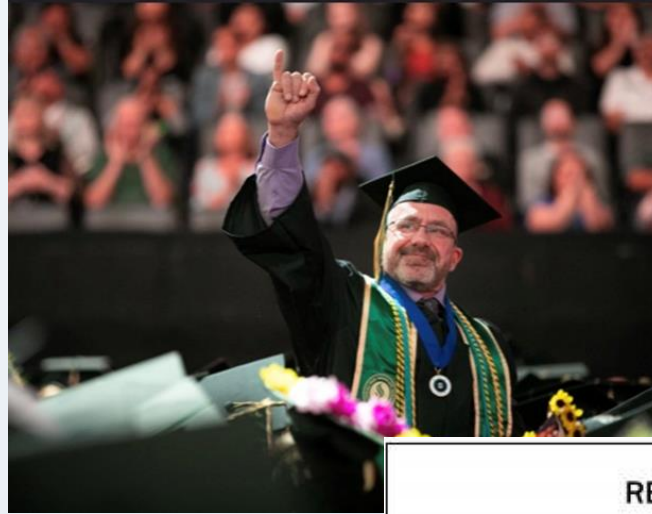
- ❖ 25% of all formerly incarcerated people have no high school credential at all.
- ❖ Formerly incarcerated people are more likely to finish high school by way of GED
- ❖ Less than 4% of formerly incarcerated people have a college degree

Educational attainment:
General public & formerly incarcerated



Outcomes

- ❖ Formerly incarcerated people who earn a college degree are less likely to be rearrested
- ❖ California recidivism rates are roughly %50
- ❖ Data from the USP equivalent within the CSU system boasts a recidivism rate that is statistically zero
- ❖ For every dollar that is spent on education for formerly incarcerated students the state saves 5 on the cost of incarceration
- ❖ What is not calculated in that is the generational impact that earning a college degree has on a household or a community



❖ Underground Scholars Service Model

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Advocacy
- Holistic Wellness
- Careers and Professional Development

OUR
PROGRAM
MODEL



Recruitment

- Presentations to Education Staff and Students in Prisons
- Formerly incarcerated staff present to incarcerated students as credible messengers
- Goal: Reverse the school to prison pipeline
- Transfer Students through the Rising Scholars Network
- 20,000 Rising Scholars students completing AA degrees in California
- Work with state and federal probation as a resource to support people in the reentry process



Retention



- Student Basic Needs Stipends
- Orient Students to Campus
- Warm Handoff to Campus and Community Resources
- Peer mentorship and Building a Sense of Belonging
- Tutoring services
- Professional and Workforce Development
- Connecting students to Internship Opportunities
- Building Soft Skills Through Campus Presentations, Network Building, and Conference Travel

Advocacy



? Elevating the Voices of Formerly Incarcerated Students

? Support Student Legislative Visits

? Attending Campus & Community Events

? Professional Skills Building

? Internship, Employment, & Field Placements

? Encourage Involvement With Student Organizations

? Resume & CV Building

? Professional Licensure, Expungements, Certificate of Rehabilitations

? Special Invitations to Network Building Events

? Workshops Geared Towards The Career Needs Of Students

Holistic Wellness



- Space Where Impacted Students Feel Welcome and Build a Sense of Community
- Using Trauma Informed Care
- Including Colorful and Culturally Competent Language
- Connecting Students to Campus Health and Wellness Center
- Schedule Events that Allow Students a Break from the Rigor of Academia

Transfer Application Timelines

- First year at Community College
 - Research your UC Davis Major
 - Check Assist.org for transfer of community college courses
 - Create Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)
 - Meet with College Counselor
 - Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
 - Attend Picnic Day and USP's Pipeline Event in the Spring



Transfer Application Timelines




- **Second Year at Community College**
 - Meet UC Davis Counselor
 - Start your Application August 1st.
 - Submit your TAG Application September 1-30
 - Submit UC app and scholarships by Dec. 2nd.
 - Add UC Davis as school of choice to FAFSA and renew application by March 2nd.
 - myadmissions.ucdavis.edu
 - April-June check UC Davis admission status and Financial Aid Awards
 - Statement of Intent to Register, and Statement of Legal Residence by June 1st
 - Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) Scholarship by June 4th

Annual Events

1. Prison-to-School Pipeline Event
2. Transfer Enrollment Day
3. Cross Causeway Bowling Tournaments
4. Friendsgiving
5. Underground Scholars Graduation Party
6. BTB/NCHEP Conference
7. Summer Beach Day at the Lake
8. Fall Welcome Back Party




Second Annual
FRIENDSGIVING



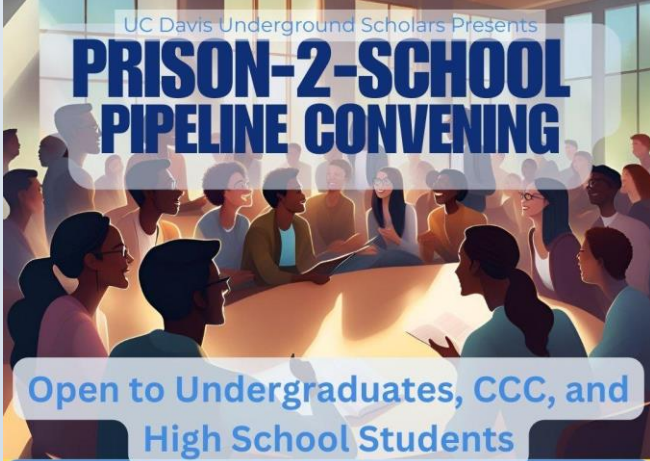
Tuesday, November 26, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

UC Davis Conference Center
550 Alumni

Parking Available by Request
from Underground Scholars Program
Requiring RSVP as space is limited



UC Davis Underground Scholars Presents
PRISON-2-SCHOOL PIPELINE CONVENING




Open to Undergraduates, CCC, and High School Students

Building a Future for Justice-Impacted Students Across University of California Campuses.

Featuring Campus Tours, Transfer Process, Financial Support, Campus Community, and Student Testimonials.

Guest Speaker:
Formerly Incarcerated U.C. Alumni



Student Community Center
597 Hutchison Dr. Davis, CA
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March 14, 2025
1 PM - 5:30 PM

RSVP by FEB. 14, 2024