



Mission College Rising Scholars Program

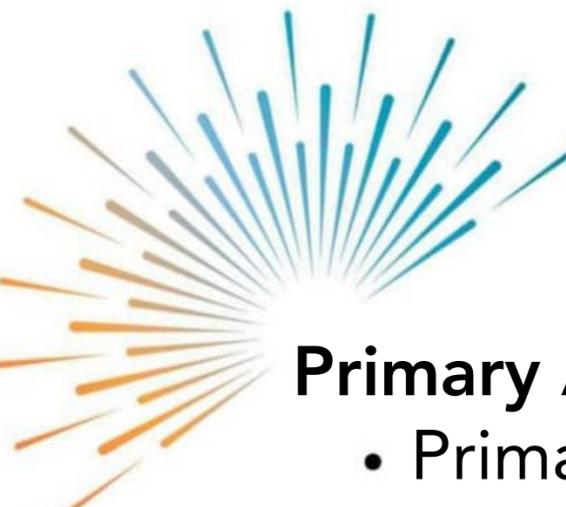
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Key Data Points



Primary Access Point

- Primary entry point for justice-impacted students
- “College for All” philosophy
- Accessibility and transportation

Financial Savings

- Return on investment
- Cost to taxpayers
- Community colleges support financial savings

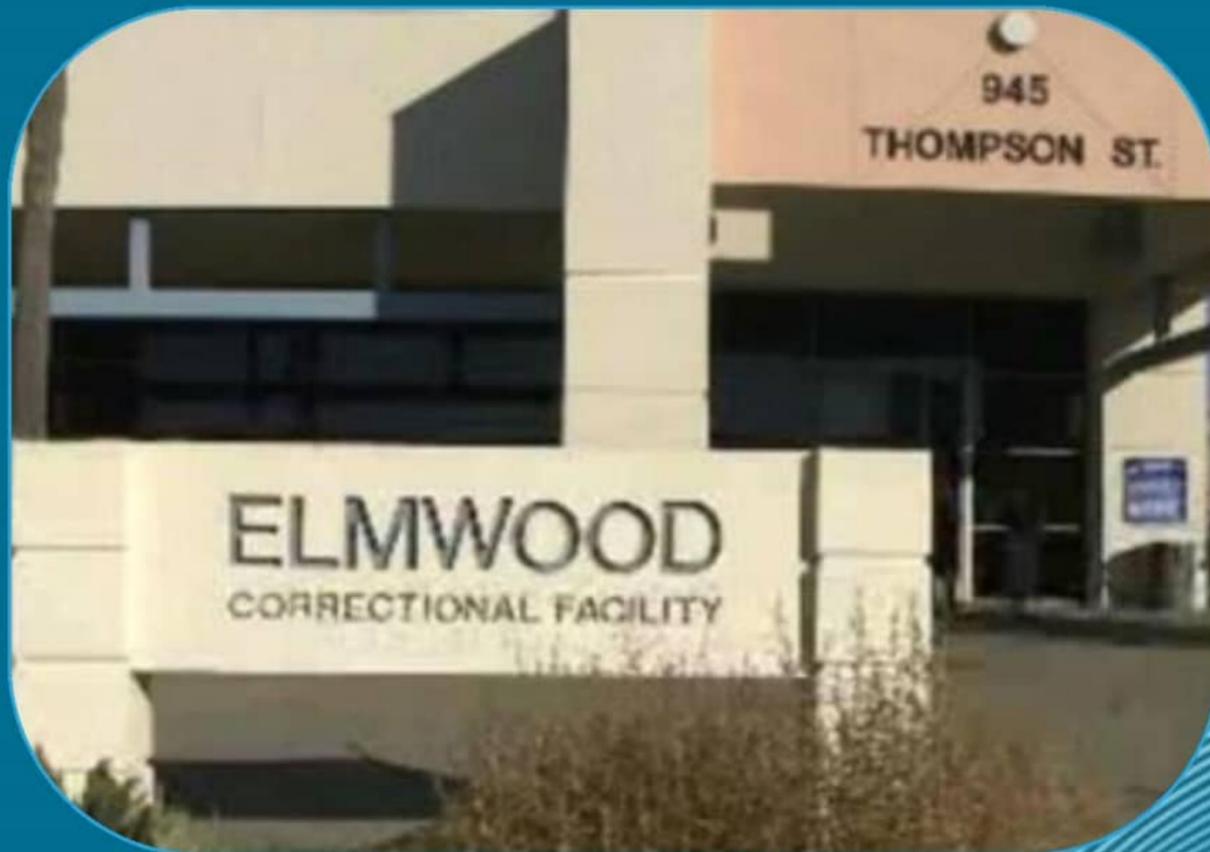


Enhanced Community Safety

- Reducing recidivism is a priority
 - Participation in educational opportunities supports anti-recidivism
 - 51% lower chance of recidivism with college program engagement
 - Reduced violence and improved safety for corrections staff
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Locations Outside

Elmwood Correctional Facility



Santa Clara County Main Jail





Locations Inside

Elmwood Correctional Facility



Santa Clara County Main Jail



Program Overview

- The Rising Scholars Network (RSN) was founded in 2014
- RSN programs encompass various initiatives
- These initiatives cater to nearly 20,000 justice-involved students across multiple settings
- RSN efforts extend beyond traditional college settings





Why Education Matters

Beyond Financial Benefits

- Profound personal impact
- Three key benefits of prison
 - education:
 - **Education = Confidence**
 - **Education = Paying it Forward**
 - **Education = Less Disciplinary Action in Prison**

No Downside to Education

- Advocating for prison education programs is crucial



Rising Scholars Alliance

The College Collaborative

County of Santa Clara partnership with six community colleges breaks down barriers to offer continuing educational opportunities for those in custody.

1. Mission College
2. San Jose City College
3. Evergreen Valley College
4. Ohlone College
5. Gavilan College
6. Foothill College

In Custody Population

Elmwood: 2,276

Main Jail: 748

Men: 2,723

Women: 301

Total: 3,024





Mission College Timeline

- 2002-2004: Started serving students in Elmwood Jail
- 2021: Resumed Teaching in Elmwood Jail
- 2022: Awarded a Rising Scholars Grant from the CCCCO
- Spring 2023: Identified the Rising Scholars Faculty Liaison
- Summer 2023: First college in San Jose Main Jail
- Spring 2023: Hired FT Rising Scholars Program Specialist
- Fall 2023: Hired Rising Scholars PT Counselor





Internal and External Partners and Collaborators

- President's Office
- Office of Instruction
- Instructional Departments
- Faculty and Part-Time Counselor
- Program Specialist
- Admissions and Records Office
- Santa Clara Sheriff's Office
- Reentry Center

Current Pathways

- Mechatronics Certificate of Achievement
- Behavioral Health Worker Certificate
- Baking and Pastry Certificate of Achievement
- Fundamental Food Service Skills Certificate of Achievement
- Communication Studies Certificate of Achievement



Semester	Courses	Enrollment
Fall 2022	1	22 students
Spring 2023	10	300 students (Duplicated)
Fall 2023	20	450 students (Duplicated)
Spring 2024	23	380 Students (Duplicated)



Jared's Student Testimonial





Serving in Custody Students

Academic Counseling

- Major and Career exploration
- Interest assessment
- Educational Planning
- Prior college transcript evaluation
- 4 year college transfer options and process
- Study skill strategies
- Job prospect and record clearance opportunities



Rising Scholars Student Handbook

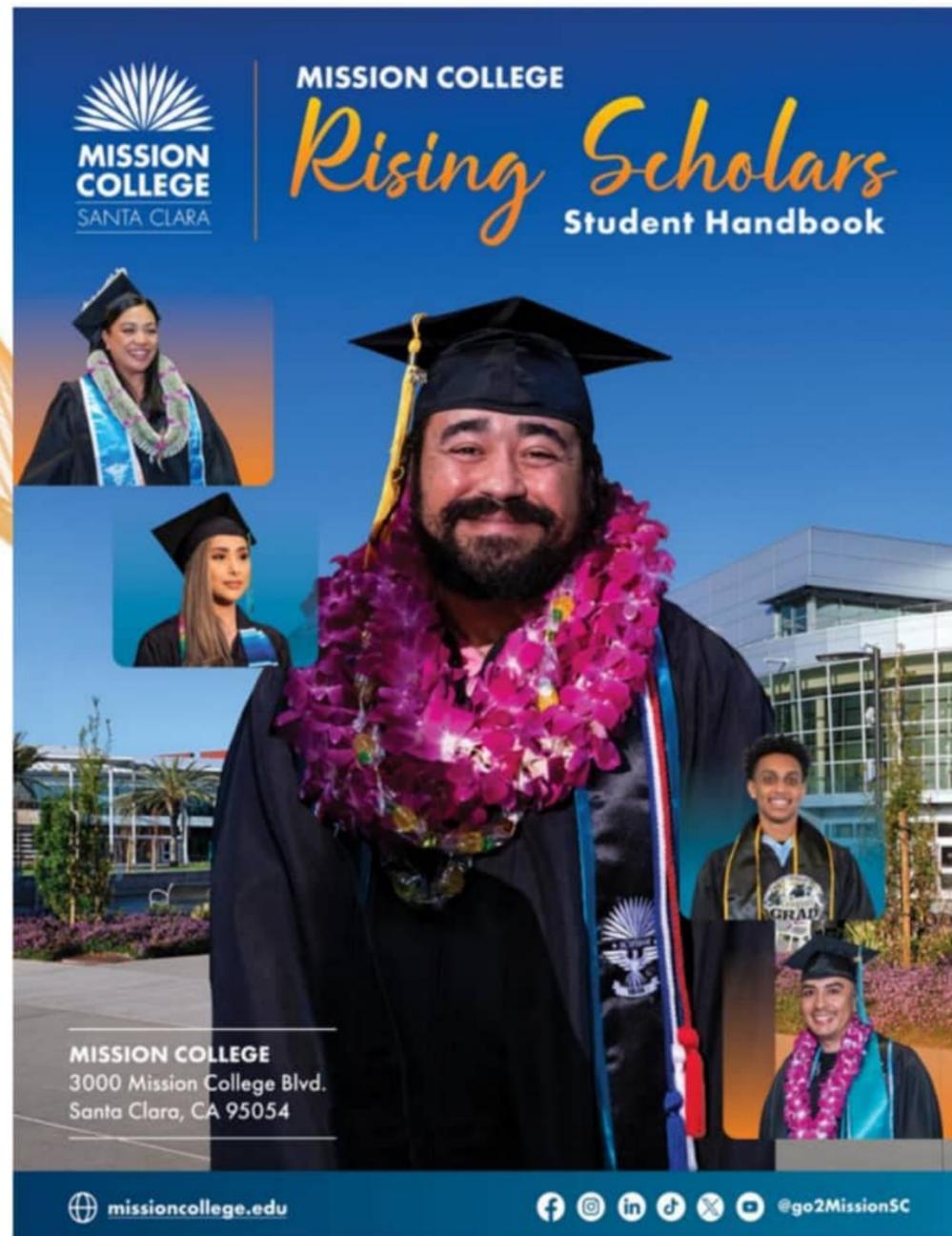


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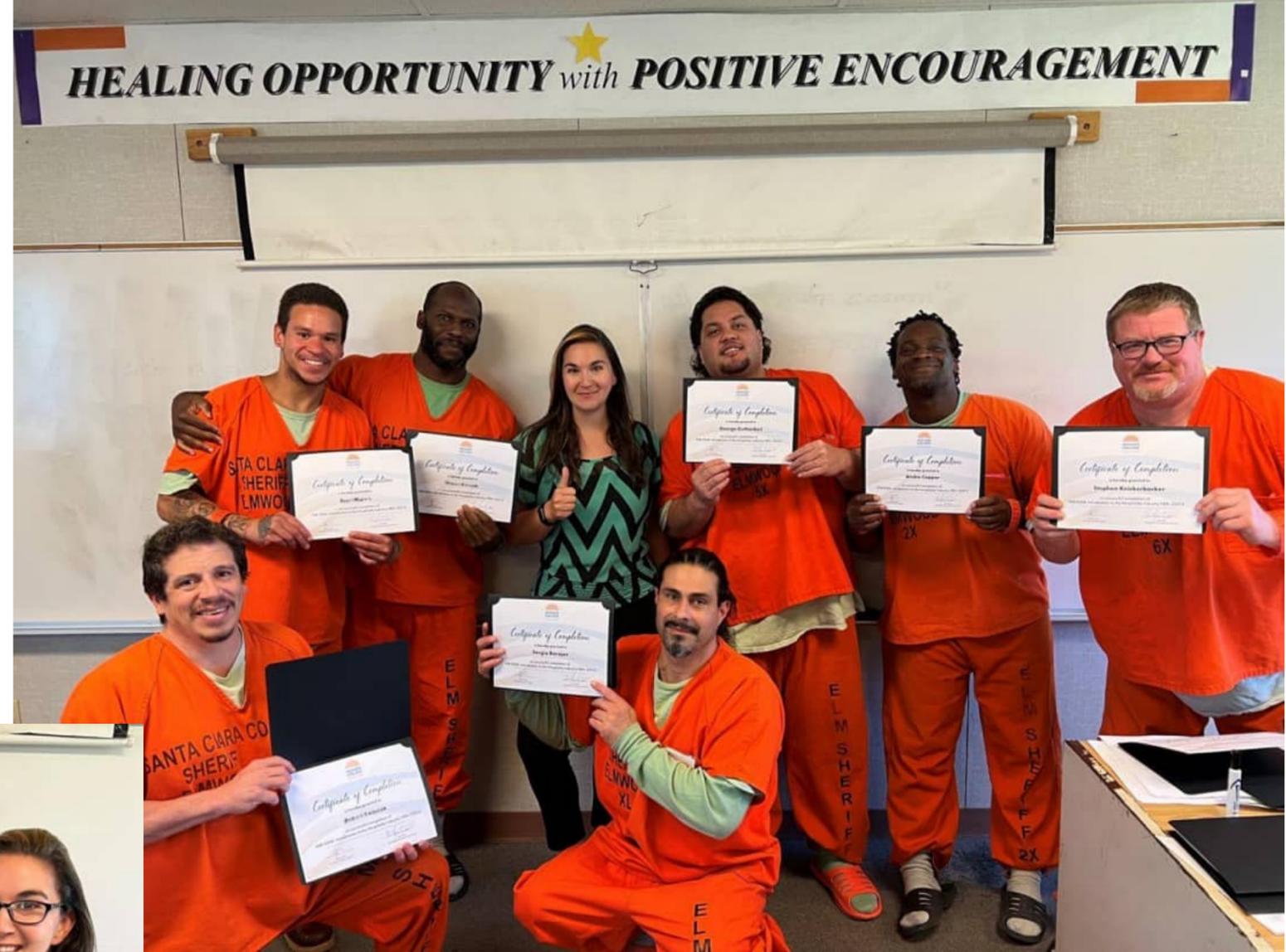
Transitioning On Campus

- **Rising Scholars Program Specialist**
Case Management (Employment, Resources, Mentoring, Retention)
- Familiar face on campus
- Laptop Support
- ID cards
- Federal Work-Study Program



My Personal Journey at Mission College

HEALING OPPORTUNITY with POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT



*Thank You for Your
Support!*

Any Questions?

