

Building Student Leadership Opportunities During and After Incarceration

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Training and Technical Assistance Provider (TTA)

- Assistance to grantees on focused education, employment, and reentry
- Connect grantees to peer networks, best practices, and resources

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Speaker Remarks
- Student Panel Discussion
- Q&A
- Key Takeaways

SPEAKERS

- **Terrell Blount**, Director, Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates Network
- **Danny Murillo**, Smart Justice Fellow, Michelson 20MM Foundation
- **Brandon Warren**, Director of Reentry, Lee College
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- **Student Voice Council**, Washington Department of Corrections

1000 MEMBERS ACROSS 43 STATES



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Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates Network



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Lee College Huntsville Center

- **Formerly Incarcerated**

- **Education:** Began college education while incarcerated.

- **A.A. in *Humanities***—Lee College Huntsville Center, 2004
- **B.S. in *Biblical Counseling***—College of Biblical Studies, Houston, 2009
- **M.Div. in *Theology***—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2015
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- **Ed.D. in *Ethical Leadership***—University of St. Thomas, Houston, 2021

- **Higher Education in Prison work:**

- SWBTS, admin. and adjunct professor for undergraduate program
- LCHC, Director of Reentry Services and adjunct professor of philosophy



Lee College Huntsville Center Reentry Services

ALUMNI SERVICES

STUDENT SERVICES

A. NETWORKING

1. Contacts
2. Mentors/Support Groups
3. Alumni Support Group (weekly)
4. Entrepreneurship Group (monthly)

B. REENTRY ASSISTANCE

1. Employment
2. Education
3. Housing, etc.

C. RESEARCH

Reentry Resources

Felony-Friendly Employer List, Education, Housing, Transportation, Documentation, Medical, Legal, Legislation, Financial, etc.

D. DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Employment Stats | 5. Reentry Specialist Evaluation |
| 2. Recidivism Stats | a. Current Students |
| 3. Reentry Assistance Needs | b. Graduating Students |
| 4. Cohort Tracking | 6. Reentry Course Evaluations |
| a. Reentry Course Participants | 7. Reentry Plans & Needs |
| b. Apprenticeship Grant | |
| c. Accelerate Texas Grant | |
| d. U.S.D.A. Grant | |
| e. Trellis Grant | |

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

G. REENTRY COURSE

H. MYTHBUSTING

I. RESOURCES

1. Reentry Resource List
2. Reentry Packet
3. Reentry Course
4. Bookmarks
5. Reentry Specialist Video
6. Letter of Instructions for Release Inmates
7. Student Interviews

J. Community Engagement

1. Prison Unit Tours: Employers, Donors, Government Officials, etc.
2. Employer Site Visits
3. 2nd Chance Job Fairs (200-mile radius)
4. Conference presentations
5. Professional Development

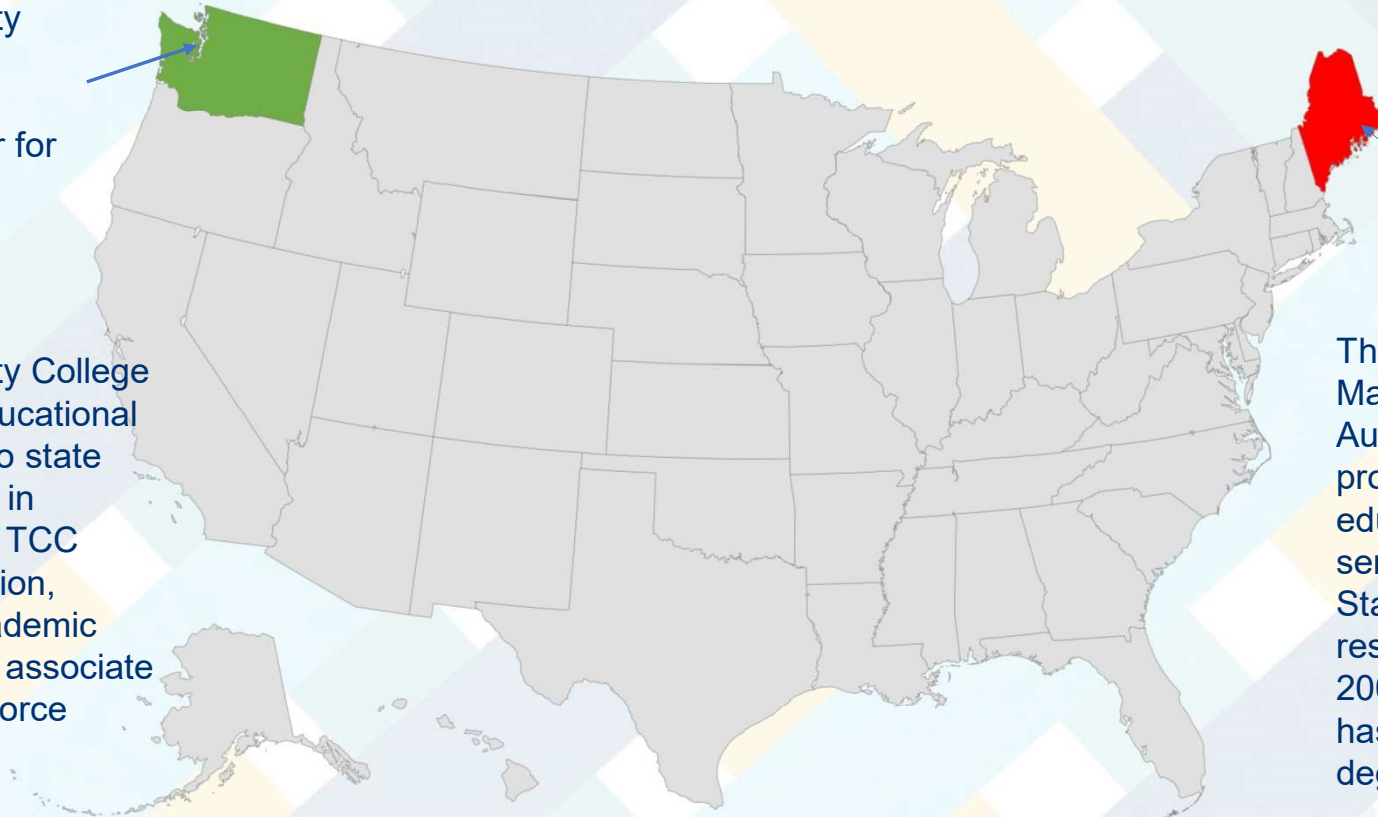
Student Panel

Student Voice Council
Tacoma Community
College
Washington
Corrections Center for
Women

Tacoma Community College
(TCC) provides educational
opportunities at two state
prisons for women in
Washington State. TCC
offers adult education,
vocational and academic
courses leading to associate
degrees and workforce
certificates.

Prison
Education
Partnership-
University of
Maine at
Augusta

The University of
Maine at
Augusta(UMA) has
provided
educational
services to Maine
State Prison
residents since
2006. To date, UMA
has awarded 160
degrees.



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Q & A

Key Takeaways

Correctional Departments

- Don't be afraid to offer student leadership opportunities. Student leadership reinforces prosocial behavior.
- Having student leadership councils is a great way to receive feedback and ensure your programs are meeting students' needs.

Colleges

- Recreate student leadership opportunities in your PEP that resemble the student leadership opportunities available on your main campus.
- Establish reentry navigators on college campuses to ensure that students' reentry needs are being met.
- Connect with organizations like FICGN to see how you can best support your students post-release.
- Hire formerly incarcerated students into your program and provide them with the training and resources they need to excel in their field of choice.

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