

The Center for Reentry Pathways' mission is to create a pathway into higher education for formerly incarcerated individuals. We achieve this by addressing justice-involved students' academic and non-academic needs, in order to ensure they are able to successfully attain their matriculation and graduation goals. We seek to transform our campus and community through meaningful dialogue, events, and educational resources. Join us on our journey as we build community and empower lives!

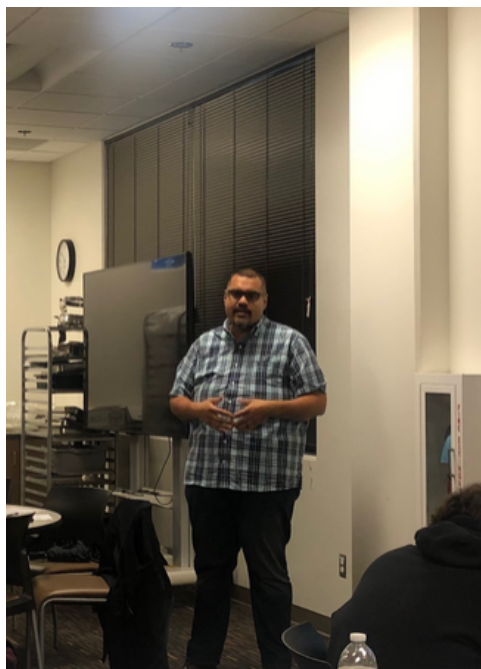
During the month of December, the center focused on ending the year by providing an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to further educate themselves on the justice-involved student population. In December, the CRP program hosted its first annual faculty training, financial literacy workshop, and monthly RCAP meeting. We are so proud of all that we accomplished within our first semester! Here's to many, many more semesters - and a really successful 2020!

## HIGHLIGHTS



On December 2nd, The Center for Reentry Pathways hosted its first annual Faculty Training facilitated by Brittany Morton and the Coalition of Creators. The training included student testimonials, language guide, historical background, statistics, policies, community resources, reenactment scenarios, and more!

The goal of the training was to establish a campus climate that is welcoming to the formerly incarcerated student population. We are grateful for such an amazing training and hope to provide many more faculty and student trainings in the upcoming semesters.



On December 4th, Joe Louis Hernandez spoke at our monthly Regional Community Action Partnership Alliance (RCAP) Meeting. Joe captivated attendees with his humility, authenticity, and passion.

We were inspired by Joe Louis's resiliency and his ability to overcome, persevere, and give back to individuals struggling in the same way that he once did.

In May 2019, Joe Louis received his Master's degree in Counseling from Cal State Long Beach. He is currently the project manager at Rio Hondo's Reaching Institutionalized Scholars through Education (RISE) program, while also pursuing his PhD at Chapman University. Thank you, Joe, for being such a great friend and ally to the CRP!

### GCC Faculty Recognition

Gary Montecuolo is truly an ally of the Center for Reentry Pathways. He has consistently demonstrated his support for the center's students by making himself available to mediate various issues and concerns. However, this semester, he truly outdid himself! We are so touched by his donation of parking passes for both Winter and Spring semesters. Our students frequently struggle with covering the cost of pricey parking passes. It can't be overstated how much our students will benefit from his generosity. Thank you, Gary, for your compassion and integrity. We are so very grateful!



Gary J. Montecuolo

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