

The Center for Reentry Pathway's mission is to create a pathway into higher education for formerly incarcerated individuals through support with matriculation and graduation goals by addressing both their academic and non-academic needs.

During the month of November, the center focused on building community. From members' shared experiences at the monthly RCAP meeting to a day spent connecting at the first ever Leadership Retreat. As Correta Scott King once said, "The greatness of community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members".

HIGHLIGHTS



On November 23rd, The Center for Reentry Pathways hosted its first ever Leadership Retreat! During the retreat, the team focused on setting goals as the program continues to expand over the upcoming Spring semester. The group engaged in team building exercises that fostered trust and communication. The retreat ended with a writing activity which allowed each member to reflect in depth on their experiences within the Center for Reentry Pathways during the Fall 2019 semester.

Travis Leach shared that "the leadership retreat gave everyone a chance to reflect and take a break from the 'hustle' of school and work. We also got a chance to get to know each other better".

Student Worker *Franklin Davis* shared "the leadership retreat was a great opportunity for me to use my skills as a planner, coordinator, and facilitator. I was able to build community with other like-minded individuals and we were able break down barriers with good bbq".

We are looking forward to what the upcoming semester brings.





RCAP MEETING SPEAKERS



Jairo Rodroquez



Franklin Davis

On November 6th, CRP members, Jairo & Franklin, spoke at our monthly Regional Community Action Partnership Alliance (RCAP) Meeting. Jairo captivated attendees with his authenticity and raw honesty. We were so inspired by his ability to surmount significant challenges, and still approach life with passion, wisdom and humility. Franklin's story was deeply moving and emotional riveting. It was apparent that his experiences, both within the prison system and outside of it, have shaped his dynamic perspective and drive to affect change.

We are filled with gratitude to have such amazing students in our program. We thank you!

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