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## TWENTY-FOUR IN-CUSTODY INMATES EARN THEIR DIPLOMAS THROUGH FIVE KEYS CHARTER SCHOOL

**What:** In-Custody High School Graduation from Five Keys Schools and Programs.

**Who:**

- Twenty-one in-custody graduates will accept their high school diplomas or GED.
- Almost half of the people booked into San Francisco County Jail lack a high school diploma. An education is one of the biggest factors between successful reentry and avoiding recidivism.
- Graduates who sign media waivers will be available for interviews in a secure area in front of the audience following the ceremony.

**When:** January 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Doors open at 10 a.m.

**Where:** Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St., Sixth Floor Auditorium, San Francisco

**Why:** In 2003, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department launched Five Keys, the nation's first charter high school in the jails. Five Keys works with inmates to gain high school and college education, which reduces the likelihood of recidivism. Harvard University's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation awarded Five Keys the 2015 Innovations in American Government Award, the school's second award from Harvard.

Five Keys provides an in-custody curriculum in math, English, history, restorative justice and science to inmates to assist them in their successful reentry to their communities.

**Results:**

- To date, 659 Northern California inmates have graduated from Five Keys.
- All of the January 2019 in-custody graduates expressed interest in continuing their education in college. Those who remain in custody plan to enroll in the Community College of San Francisco classes held in the jails.