



## Open Gate Student Update Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

### Introduction

Open Gate, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit community based organization dedicated to guiding and facilitating system-impacted members of our community to purposeful college education and targeted technical training.

In July 2016, Chabot College, Hayward, CA partnered with Open Gate, Inc. and Santa Rita Jail to establish the RISE Program. This Jail-to-College pipeline successfully transitions inmates from Open Gate College Readiness classes inside Santa Rita Jail to the RISE Program at Chabot College, and provides students with wrap-around support services on campus.

### Purpose of this Report

This report provides a status update on the RISE students to enable effective collaboration and alignment on program objectives, deliverables and outcomes.

## Fall 2019

### Matriculation Data

Intake and matriculation into RISE Program includes:

#### 73 Students

Male	63 (86% of students) <i>an increase of 27 students (46%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>
Female	10 (14% of students) <i>a decrease of 5 students (33%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>
Military Veterans*	3 (4% of students) <i>a decrease of 1 student (25%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>

*\*Registered with Chabot Veteran's Center. All Honorably Discharged*

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**Observations:**

- Significant increase in enrollment of almost 50%, despite a drop in female enrollment.
- In January 2020, Open Gate established college readiness workshops specifically for female inmates in Santa Rita. The impact of these efforts are anticipated to appear in Fall 2020 enrollment numbers.

**Race Demographic**

African American	38 (52% of students) <i>an increase of 6 students (19%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>
Latino	24 (33% of students) <i>an increase of 11 students (85%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>
White	9 (12% of students) <i>an increase of 5 students (125%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>
Pacific Islander	2 (3% of students) <i>an increase of 1 student (100%) from Spring 2019 semester</i>

**Observations:** Increased enrollment in all race demographic categories. The greatest numerical increases were in:

**Age Demographic\*\***

18 - 29 yrs.	27 (37% of students)
30 - 39 yrs.	29 (40% of students)
40 - 49 yrs.	10 (14% of students)
50 - 60 yrs.	6 (8% of students)
60+ yrs.	1 (1% of students)

**Observations:** A marked increase in enrollment by younger students with the primary shift to students under 40 years old.

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### **Where our students came from:**

Santa Rita Jail: 62 %

Parole and Community Team Meetings (PACT Meetings - Prison System): 22%

Chabot Community College In-reach: 8%

Community Outreach: 8%

### **Achievements**

Open Gate, Inc. reports less than 2% recidivism (1 student from 74 enrolled) for Fall 2019. This student is now re-enrolled for Spring 2020 and attending college.

### **College Graduates - May 2019**

RISE students graduated from Chabot College & CSUEB:

1. Kevin Hedemark (*Veteran*): AA Liberal Arts and Behavioral Science. Transferring to CSUEB
2. Louie Aragon (*Veteran*): AA Sociology. Transferring to CSUEB
3. Noah Battle (*Veteran*): AA in Sociology, Chabot / BS in Business Administration, University of Phoenix. Returning to Chabot for his second AA.
4. Dario Serrano: AA in Liberal Arts Soc and Behavioral Science. Returning to Chabot College in Fall to complete his ESYS, then transfer.
5. Zina Butler: AA Liberal Arts Soc and Behavioral Science. Transferring to CSUEB
6. Latoya Robinson: Certificates in Multicultural Awareness / Relations for the Service Provider & Multicultural Awareness and Self-Reflection. Returning to Chabot for her AA Degree.
7. Jimmie "Salim" Johnson: AA in English, Liberal Arts - Math & Science. In employment.
8. Lewis Woods: AA in Business Administration. Transferring to CSUEB
9. Rodney Scott: BA in Sociology from CSUEB.

### **Open Gate Alumni**

Former OG MAC Troy Williams, one of Open Gate's first students, has transferred to San Francisco State University where he is completing his Bachelor's Degree in Communications. Troy is a TEDx speaker, and a Soros Fellowship recipient.

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## Scholarships, Awards, & Reconigation

Five RISE students won awards/scholarships from Chabot College.

- EOPS Overcoming Obstacles Award
- Les Dodson Award (English)
- Certificate of Excellence (4)
- Honor Roll (*All 12 students graduated with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.*)

## Spring 2020

### Matriculation Data

Intake and matriculation into RISE Program includes:

#### **62 Students**

Male	55 (89% of students) <i>a year on year increase of 20 students (60%) from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>
Female	7 (11% of students) <i>a year on year decrease of 8 students (53%) from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>

### **Observations**

- An overall increase in enrollment of 24%, despite a noted drop in female enrollment.
- Note: In January 2020, Open Gate, Inc. established college readiness workshops specifically for female inmates in Santa Rita Jail. The impact of these efforts are anticipated to appear in Fall 2020 enrollment numbers.

### **Race Demographic**

African American	23 (37% of students) <i>a year on year decrease of 9 students (28%) from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>
Latino	20 (32% of students) <i>a year on year increase of 7 students (54%) from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>

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White	15 (24% of students) <i>a year on year increase of 11 students (275%) from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>
Pacific Islander	3 (5% of students) <i>a year on year increase of 2 students (200%) from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>
Asia	1 (2% of students) <i>a year on year increase of 1 student from Spring 2019 enrollment</i>

**Observations:** Shifting enrollment in all race demographic categories with noted increases in Latino and White students.

### Age Demographic\*\*

18-29 yrs	19 (31% of students)
30-39 yrs	26 (42% of students)
40-49 yrs	7 (11% of students)
50-60 yrs	6 (10% of students)
60+ yrs	4 (6% of students)

**Observations:** A continued strong enrollment by younger students with over 70% of students under 40 years of age, a demographic that includes a high number of young fathers.

### Established and Proven Community Partner:

1. Santa Rita County Jail  
*Open Gate is the only college/education program that has contact with the inmates prior to release.*
2. Chabot Community College
3. Laney Community College
4. Oakland Adult School
5. Parole and Community Team (PACT) / CDCR – Alameda County
6. Volunteers of America Transitional Housing
7. Center Point Parole Day Reporting Center, Oakland
8. Alameda County Public Defender’ Office

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