

Prison Education Initiative





- **We believe in the power and importance of second chances.**
- **We believe our students deserve access to a quality higher education.**
- **We are committed to the academic success of our students.**

Mission

- **Mission Statement:** To provide educational opportunities for incarcerated students by helping them to identify and achieve their goals.



Vision

- PEI Equips Students with the essential life skills necessary for positive reentry, life success, and sustainability through higher education.



History of PEI

- Jackson College has been a huge proponent for and a successful contributor to Offender Rehabilitation through Higher Education since the early 1970's. This effort continued through 1994.
- 2012 PEI Rebirth
- Self Pay
- Vera program
- 2nd Chance Pell



Second Chance PELL

- *“Our prisons should be a place where we can train people for skills that can help them find a job, not train them to become more hardened criminals.” --President Obama, July 14, 2015*
- 67 colleges and universities selected to partner with more than 100 Federal and state correctional institutions to enroll roughly 12,000 incarcerated students in educational and training programs.
- Jackson College allotted 1305 PELL grants for incarcerated students in Michigan.
- 2nd Chance PELL uses .1% of actual PELL budget.



PEI By the Numbers

- 600+ Students enrolled for Fall Semester.
- Serving 5 Correctional Facilities.
 - 4 State (1 Women's)
 - 1 Federal
- 3 Associates Degrees and 1 Certificate Programs
 - Associate of Arts
 - Associate of General Studies
 - Associate of Business Administration Applied Science
 - Certificate of Business Administration
- 88% of Students are 2nd Chance PELL Recipients

2017 Results

- Phenomenal student success – Just this past year:
 - 18 Associate degree graduates
 - 6 certificate awardees and 86 skill set awardees
 - 102 Dean’s List Recipients for Spring 17 Semester
 - 100+ Phi Theta Kappa Members
 - Excellence in Writing Contest: PEI students swept 1st, 2nd, 3rd place
 - PEI students widely represented as top performing on Dean’s List
- Life changing impact on students and their families



2018 Goals

- Enrollment of 1000+ Students
- Retention of Students
- Completion of Degree Programs
- Incorporate the use of advanced technology.
 - Student Laptops
 - Student Tablets
- Build in to the AGS a Certified Production Technician Certificate.
- Explore and build partnership with MDOC Vocational Programs for College Credit.



Questions?

