

# Update on Solano College Corrections Education Program



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*“Expanding higher education for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students is often viewed as criminal justice reform. Nevertheless, this is about more than criminal justice reform. It is about making the Chancellor’s Vision for Success available to all students; it is about building the state of California by offering the benefits of higher education to everyone. In that, this is not just a criminal justice reform to be carried out by CDCR, but a joint initiative that lies with both CDCR and the Chancellor’s Office.”*

Source: *Inmate Education: Encouraging Results from Pilot Program* (2019)

# Background

- In 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown approved Senate Bill No. 1391 (SB 1391), known as the Hancock bill, which expanded access to face-to-face community college courses for incarcerated students collaboratively with our California prison system.
- SB 1391 provided for an interagency agreement to be created between the Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to expand access to face-to-face community college courses inside state prisons that led to degrees or certificates.
- In 2015, SCCD and CSPS-CDCR enter into MOU; began providing face-to-face instruction in summer 2015. In January 2016, SCCD and CMF entered in to MOU.

# CDCR-CCCCO Memorandum of Understanding (Updated 2019)

- *“College courses will lead towards a degree, or be part of a specific career or degree pathway. ADT’s in Communications, Psychology, Sociology, or equivalent, and the Golden Four courses (i.e Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical thinking and Composition, and Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative reasoning) should be given priority. Additional career and degree pathways are encouraged if space and student enrollment allows.”*

# Background (cont'd)

- The number of colleges offering face-to-face instruction increased from the initial four pilot colleges to 19 colleges.
- Incarcerated student enrollment in face-to-face programming increased 147 percent, with 3,923 students enrolled in face-to-face courses for the spring 2018 semester.
  - The number of courses offered increased from 49 to 309.
  - Transferrable courses offered increased from 84 percent to 96 percent.
  - Courses that lead to degrees increased from 92 percent to 97 percent.
- The retention rates of courses offered inside California state prisons are consistently higher, averaging 92 percent versus 89 percent for on-campus courses.
- The success rate for incarcerated students enrolled in degree-applicable courses averages 85 percent, compared to 75 percent for students enrolled in degree-applicable courses on campus.

Source: *Inmate Education: Encouraging Results from Pilot Program, 2019*

# Background (cont'd)

- In just three years, our community colleges have gone from zero face-to-face instruction to serving nearly 4,000 unique students. These students will be coming home at some point and all eyes are on California as we lead the way in this venture.
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# Location of Solano College Inmate Education Programs



CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON SOLANO  
(CSPS)



CALIFORNIA MEDICAL FACILITY (CMF)

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SOLANO COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY



PEGGY ROARK VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

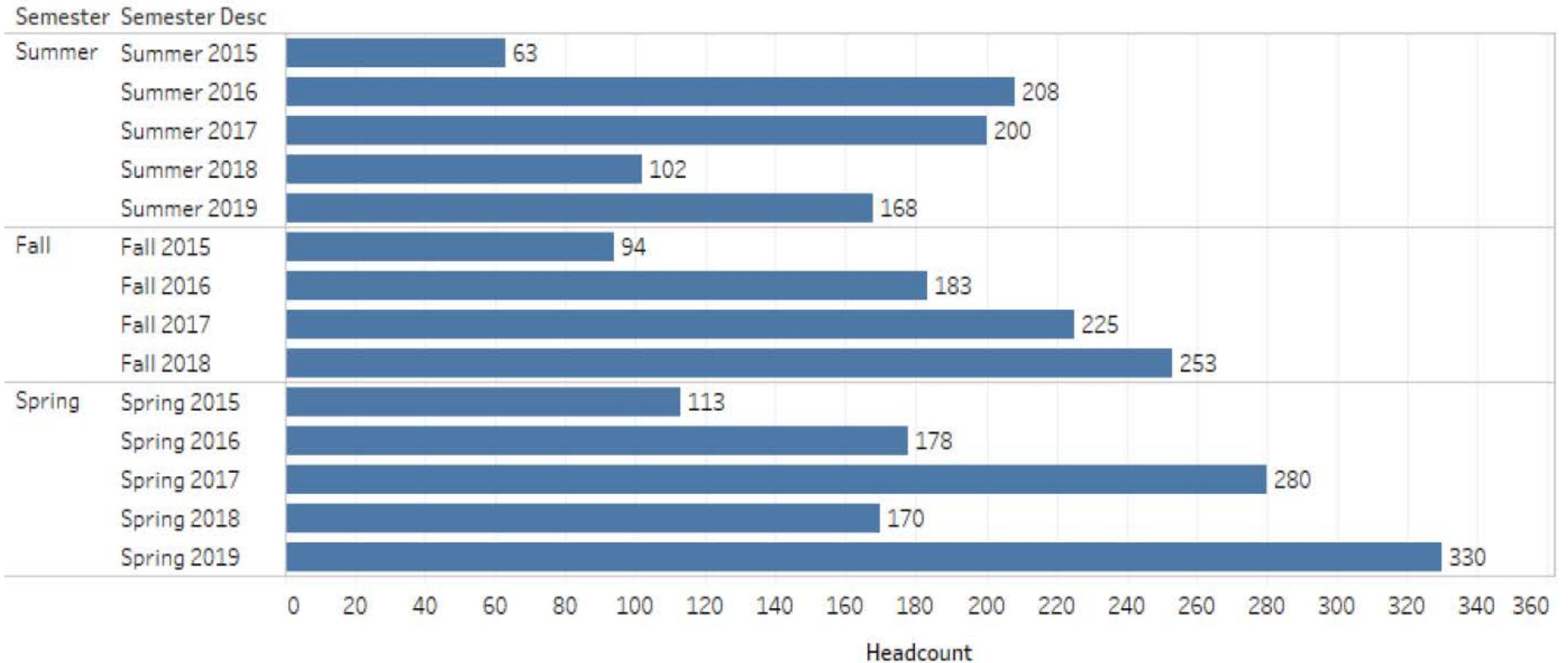


- Argumentation and Debate
- Statistics
- Music Appreciation
- Management/Leadership Skills
- Business Mathematics
- Horticulture (*CMF*)

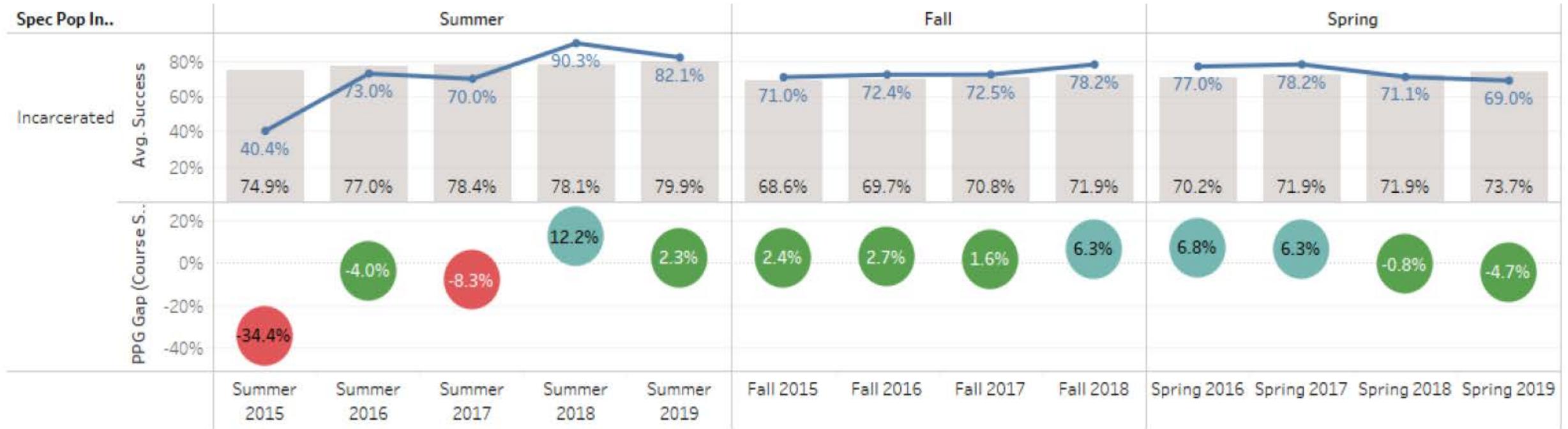
- History of the United States
- Intro to Social Psychology
- Sociology
- Business Communication
- Constitutional Rights in a Multicultural Society
- Environmental Science
- Art History
- Welding and Auto Tech (*Claybank*)
- Music Fundamentals

**AA/AS Degree Graduates: 8**

# Headcount



# Course Success Rate



## PPG DI Results (Course Success)

- Disproportionatly higher than overall Pop
- Disproportionatly lower than overall Pop.
- No DI

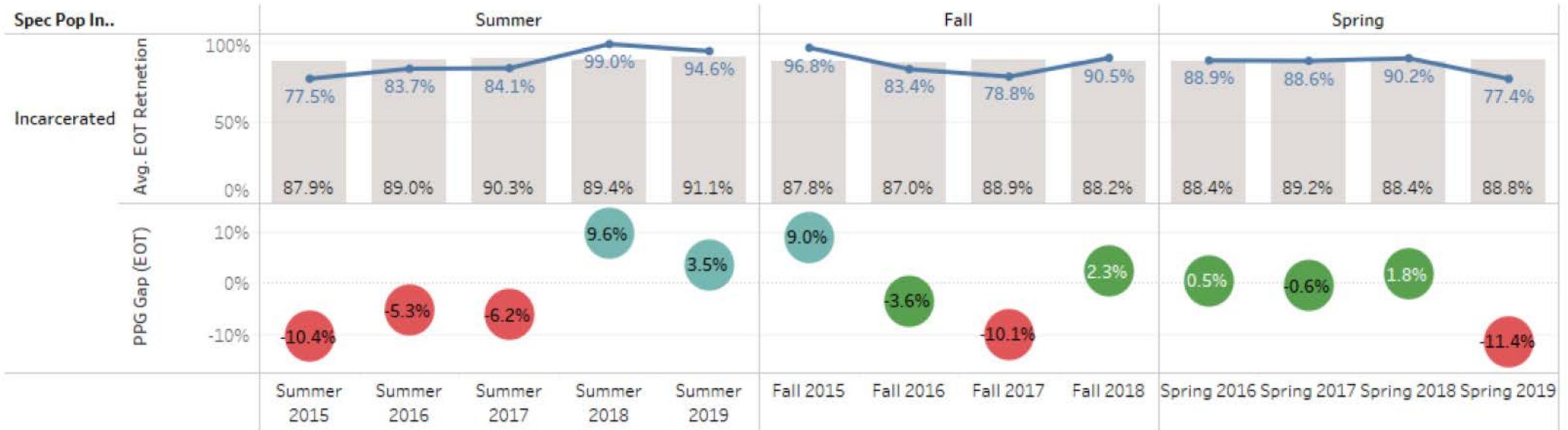
## Spec Pop Incarcerated

- Incarcerated

## Measure Names

- Avg. Success (Inst. Avg by Term)

# End of Term Retention



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- No DI

## Spec Pop Incarcerated

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## Measure Names

- Avg. EOT Retention (Inst. Avg)

# Student Success Metrics

- Incarcerated CSPA male students achieve 3-7% higher course success rates than our non-incarcerated male students during regular terms.

Source: SCC R&P Data 2018

- Solano Community College's success rate for incarcerated male African American male students is 16 percent higher than the success rates for African American male students on campus.

Source: D. Mukamal & R. Silbert. *Don't Stop Now*. March 2018

Students in prison who participate in an in correctional education have 51% lower odds of recidivating as those that do not participate.

*Source: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education: A Meta-Analysis of Programs That Provide Education to Incarcerated Adults. Rand Corp., 2013.*



# Barriers

- Poor communication between CSPS/CMF and SCC
- Lack of program ownership on corrections side
- Access to and funding for textbooks
- Access to technology
  - Paper applications
  - Education Plans
- Problematic scheduling parameters
- Lack of classroom space
- Standardized training for faculty
- Recruitment of faculty

# Next Steps

- Recruit faculty specifically for teaching assignments in correctional facilities.
- Hiring adjunct counselors to meet with students weekly as opposed to twice a semester.
- Develop a more robust professional development program for faculty and staff operating inside prison.
- Establishing an Advisory Committee on Corrections Education that will include faculty, staff, and administrators

# Next Steps (cont'd)

- Adopting Open Education Resources (OER) to defray textbook costs.
- Implement a Guided Pathways model beginning in Fall 2019

## CSP-Solano

- \* Political Science ADT
- \* Sociology ADT

## CA Medical Facility

- \* Business ADT
- \* Psychology ADT

- Expanding courses inside Juvenile Detention Facility in Fairfield.

# Upcoming Events

- November 6<sup>th</sup>: Legislative staff visit to CSPA and CMF
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>: Leadership Institute in Sacramento
- November 21<sup>st</sup>: Fair Chance Hiring Workshop, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, in the Honeychurch Boardroom
- November 25<sup>th</sup>: SOAR hosting screening of Ava DuVernay's documentary, *The 13<sup>th</sup>*, at 5 p.m. in Performing Arts Theater. Discussion will follow.
- January/February 2020: SOAR will host a screening of the documentary, *College Behind Bars* (PBS). More details to come.