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## **FIVE KEYS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 18 IN-CUSTODY STUDENTS**

San Francisco Sheriff's Department Sheriff Vicki L. Hennessy is pleased to announce that 18 incarcerated men and women attending the Department's nationally acclaimed Five Keys Charter High School will receive their high school diplomas or GED in a graduation ceremony. Chief Deputy Paul Miyamoto will emcee the event and present the keynote speech. The graduates' families and friends are invited to join in the celebration.

**WHEN:** January 19, 2017  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.-noon  
**WHERE:** Hall of Justice, 6<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium  
850 Bryant Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets  
San Francisco

"Providing inmates the chance to graduate from high school, or even just learning to read is an investment in safer communities and the smart approach to corrections," Five Keys Charter High School Director Steve Good said. "We know educating inmates makes our communities safer, but it also makes economic sense. For every \$1 we invest in educational programs, we save \$7 on incarceration."

"Many people who come through these doors don't have high school diplomas," Hennessy added. "Thanks to Five Keys and its collaboration with the Sheriff's Department, we're able to offer educational services to people who need it most. Graduating is a milestone and can make a difference."

Founded in 2003, Five Keys Charter High School is the first charter high school in the nation to operate inside a county jail system. Today, it serves incarcerated populations in several counties, including San Francisco, Alameda and Los Angeles, as well as adult learners and at-risk youth in community learning centers. In 2015, Five Keys was awarded Harvard University's Kennedy School Innovations in Government Award.

The name Five Keys stands for the five elements needed to support successful reentry to the community after incarceration: education, family, recovery, employment and community.

For more information on Five Keys and other Sheriff's Department programs, visit [www.sfsheriff.com](http://www.sfsheriff.com).

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