



## Greetings!

We would like to introduce you to our Rising Scholars Program! Our program currently collaborates with Valley State Prison (VSP) and Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) to expand opportunities and to build strong pathways from incarceration to academia. We understand that students who have experienced the criminal justice system can face significant barriers to academic and career success. We strive to eliminate these barriers and are dedicated to opening opportunity and academic achievement for those who have been system-impacted.

In this packet, you will find information required to start the process to access our Rising Scholars Network and Merced College services. We look forward to meeting you to discuss how the Rising Scholars Program can assist you with your journey. Rising Scholars of Merced College is here to work with you towards success.

**Rising Scholars Staff**