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## SIXTY-FIVE AT-RISK STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM SF HIGH SCHOOL

**What:** Community high school graduation for at-risk adults from Five Keys Schools and Programs.

**Who:** Sixty-five students, including four students who began their education in jail, will don caps and gowns to receive their high school diplomas or GEDs at a graduation ceremony.

**When:** June 11, 2018 at 11 a.m.

**Where:** First Congregational Church/Academy of Art University, 491 Post St., San Francisco.

**Why:** In 2003, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department launched Five Keys, which was the nation's first charter high school in the jails. Five Keys works with inmates and at-risk adults to gain high school and college education, which reduces the likelihood of criminal behavior. More than half the individuals in San Francisco's jails lack a high school degree, limiting employment opportunities upon re-entry.

### Results:

- Four of the 65 graduates began working on their high school degrees while incarcerated and continued attending school after they were released.
- Five Keys awarded high school diplomas or GEDs to 279 people last year.
- Since the school's founding in 2003, 1,450 Northern California Five Keys students have graduated.