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SHERIFF VICKI HENNESSY ANNOUNCES LARGEST EVER FIVE KEYS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

San Francisco Sheriff Vicki Hennessy today announced that the San Francisco Sheriff's Department's Five Keys Charter High School will graduate its largest class ever in a ceremony to be held at Saint Mary's Cathedral. Eighty-four students from the school's 21 community campuses in the Bay Area will receive their diplomas before a proud audience of friends, families and mentors.

Five Keys Charter High School was launched in the San Francisco County Jails in 2003, the first charter high school in the nation to operate inside a county jail system. It soon expanded to serve adult learners and at-risk youth in community learning centers located in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

The "five keys" represent the five elements required for individuals to contribute productively to the community: education, recovery, family, community and employment. Nearly 1400 individuals have successfully completed high school at Five Keys.

"Today, we celebrate these 84 graduates for their hard work and commitment to earning their diplomas, and we wish them every success as they embrace new challenges," said Sheriff Hennessy.

"Five Keys Charter High School represents the very best of law enforcement and community engagement," said Executive Director Steve Good. "It is founded on the principle that education can change an individual's life for the better and can transform communities."

The Sheriff's Department's Five Keys Charter High School was the recipient of the Harvard Kennedy School's 2015 Innovations in American Government Award.

For more information on Five Keys and other Sheriff's Department's programs, please visit http://sfsheriff.com.

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