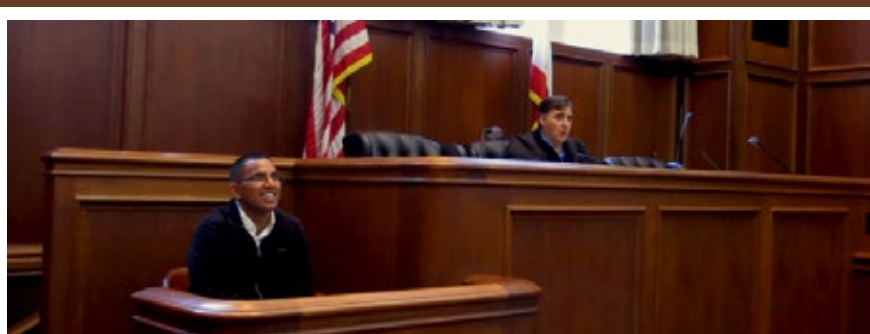




# SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY RECORD CLEARANCE PROJECT

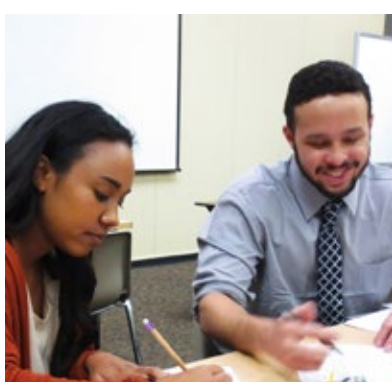
## 2015 Year in Review:

Maintained an overall **99%** success rate in dismissing clients' convictions in court and a **98%** success rate in reducing eligible felonies to misdemeanors.



Gave **29** community education presentations, for a total of **173** presentations to more than **6,400** people in the last **5** years.

In Elmwood jail, **93%** of those attending presentations reported learning new information about their rights.

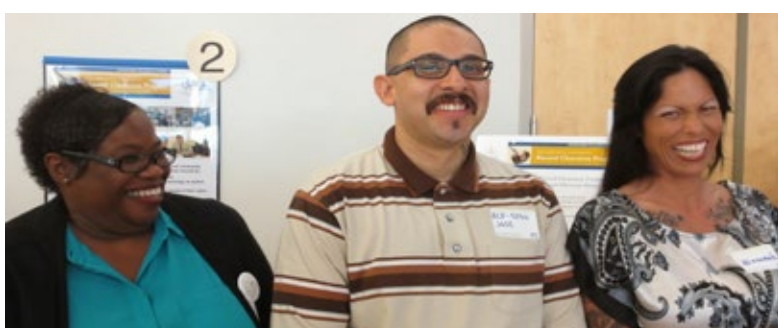


Held **5** Speed Screenings where attendees received individualized advice regarding their next steps toward expungement.

Of all convictions reviewed during Speed Screening events, **20%** were required by law to be dismissed, including many that were decades old.

Speed-screening clients were often unaware that convictions must be dismissed.

Achieved a preliminary recidivism rate of **14.6%** among clients of *Path to Expungement* mentoring program (recorded after an average 10.3 months following release).



Hosted **8** Columbia Law School students for the fourth annual Alternative Spring Break.

Partnering with Record Clearance Project students, in one week the students drafted **8** clients' court petitions and advised **19** women in custody regarding their next steps in the expungement process.



Hired part-time attorneys Policy Director Monica Smith and *Path to Expungement* Director Anna Stuart (thanks to a one-time award of residual funds from a class action).

## Looking ahead to 2016, the Record Clearance Project plans to:

- Teach its expungement class to people in Elmwood jail.
- Take part in an interdisciplinary SJSU team seeking funding to teach credit-bearing college courses to people in Elmwood Jail.
- Produce a video on its *Path to Expungement* mentoring program.
- Hold no-cost/low-cost LiveScan events to enable community members to easily get their rap sheets, using the LiveScan machine that the Justice Studies Department bought.
- Advance criminal justice policy initiatives at the national, state, and local level.
- Continue its life-changing work to make second chances a reality for people, families and communities.

Please consider helping Record Clearance Project clients and students with a tax-deductible donation.



"I am grateful to be a part of this amazing program that gives me the opportunity to change people's lives and give them hope for a better future."

— Student

"I want to thank the RCP. It has given me the opportunity to move forward. Now all the pieces of my life are together."

— Client

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Thank you. Very best wishes for a just and peaceful new year.

-The Record Clearance Project Team