

# Reentry Retreat Proposal

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There are currently  
*NO - @ - ZERO*  
leadership retreats  
specifically for reentry  
students - *except this program!*



# Reasons Reentry Students Do Not Attend Other Campus Programs

Feel out of place or “too old”

Content not tailored to their interests

Don't have childcare

Don't feel invited or welcomed

Overwhelmed/stressed



## 2024 Reentry Retreat Evaluation

*“I enjoyed it and I'm glad I came.”*



## Attendance

2023

- 80 students registered, 40 students attended
- 15 children attended the camp

2024

- 110 students registered, 63 students attended
- 16 children attended the camp (23 registered)

**“Really fun program  
where I was able to  
interact with many  
other students my age!”**

**Can't wait to come back next  
year”**

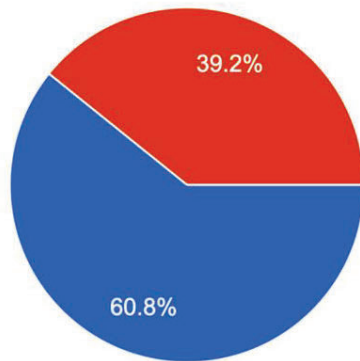
**“Very nice staff, informative  
and delicious meal.  
Thank you.”**



## Connections with Peers

Did you meet someone new at the program?

51 responses




- Yes, and I have plans to keep in touch.
- Yes, but I'm not sure if we'll keep in touch.
- No

**“It was actually really fun!  
Not cringy or awkward.  
Nothing really dragged on  
too long”**




## Student Takeaways

- "I learned that there was a program for previously incarcerated students, I learned some new names, and I learned how to better work as a team through the team origami project"
  - "The resources offered by the ICC, the career fair that's going on next week, and the opportunity to be an orientation leader."
  - "There are more reentry students than I was aware of, you have a year after graduation to make an appt with icc, and you can continue going to icc events any time after graduation."
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# 2025 Reentry Retreat Proposal

Incorporating feedback from 2024  
Retreat





## Reflections from 2024 Retreat

- Students would like more time to network with students who are not sitting at their tables
- Due to unpredictable winter weather, a scavenger hunt may not be the best idea
  - Reentry Retreat Part 2 in spring to run this activity
- Good idea to have raffle prizes given out at the end of the event - encouraged students to stay for the whole program
- Student committee was a great addition - brought creative ideas and provided a professional development opportunity



## Changes for 2025 Retreat

Speedfriending

Student organization fair

Caricature artist

Multiple, brief campus resource presentations





# Retreat Details

Saturday, January 25, 2025, 9am-3pm, Student Community Center

75 student attendees; 15 children of student parents

## Agenda

9-9:30am:	Check in and Breakfast
9:30-10am:	Networking Activity
10-10:30am:	Brief Campus Resource Presentation
10:30am-12pm:	Team Game and Speedfriending
12-12:45pm:	Lunch
12:45-1:45pm:	Student Organization Fair
1:45-2:15pm:	Student Performance (Acapella group, Taiko Drumming, etc.)
2:15-2:45pm:	Brief Campus Resource Presentation
2:45-3pm:	Raffle Drawing


\*\*Kids Camp goes until 3pm; Caricature Artist will be doing sketches from 10am-2pm



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## Budget

SCC Multi-Purpose Room Rental:	\$1,200
Room Reservation Fee:	
\$35	
Breakfast, lunch, and snacks for participants:	\$5,000
Caricature Artists:	
\$700	
Youth Programs Camp:	
\$975	
Tshirts:	
\$1,500	
UCD Bookstore Gift Cards for Committee:	\$300
Decorations:	
\$200	
Raffle prizes:	
\$500	
STEM/Art Kits for children:	
\$300	







# Learning Outcomes

- Identify services provided by key campus resources
  - Share an understanding of the reentry community and identity as a reentry student
  - Form connections with other reentry students
  - Describe involvement opportunities with student organizations
  - How to navigate campus systems
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