

Team Excellence in Student Service Award 2023



Project Rebound

The Project Rebound team has provided support to nearly 100 formerly incarcerated students on campus. We celebrated 15 graduates in the Spring, including Aylaliya Assefa Birru, who was awarded the Dean's Medal for the School of Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies, and the President's Medal. We have expanded our support by receiving clearance to work with the youth at the Youth Detention Facility and have helped two youth transition directly to campus. Project Rebound also supports our incarcerated students at Folsom and Mule Creek State Prisons in the TOPSS program, several of whom have transitioned from incarceration directly to campus, including our recent graduate, Michael Love, who was accepted to a graduate program at Sac State and was also asked to return to Folsom Prison to give the commencement address with President Nelsen only 4 months after his release from custody following 35 years of incarceration.

Project Rebound is led by people with lived experience who devote their lives to expanding educational opportunities for currently and formerly incarcerated people. The success of the program is truly a reflection of the staff's dedication to the people they serve.

Team Excellence in Student Service Award Nominees

- Miesha Williams & My Sayamnath (Academic Advising Center Leadership Team)
- Academic Advising Center Team
- Financial Aid & Scholarships Team
- Office of the University Registrar Team
- Riverview Hall Custodian Staff
- Student-Parent Peer Ambassadors (Parents & Families Program)
- Student Organizations & Leadership
- Alan Dixon-Hurd & Michael Smith (Testing Center Leadership Team)