

# F.I.T.E.

From Incarceration To Education  
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Here in Salinas Valley State Prison in California, I've been seeing so many changes taking place and so many new opportunities for incarcerated trans people! From progressive prison and sentencing reforms like Propositions 36 and 57, resulting in sentence reductions and early parole consideration for lifers, to newly enacted legislation protecting basic "civil rights" of trans prisoners.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has also established a Division of Rehabilitative Programs which has produced many educational videos for the institutional closed caption T.V. channels. DRP-TV has shows on Wellness, Education, and Freedom T.V. channels.

One such program called From Incarceration To Education (FITE) has introduced me to the Underground Scholar Initiative (USI) at U.C. Berkeley, and

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now expanded to UCLA. As an incarcerated undergrad student currently enrolled at Hartnell College, i was inspired to write to David Maldonado at U.C.Berkeley to apply for USI.

Additionally, i was recently assigned to the newly implemented Peer Literacy Mentor Program (PLMP) as a tutor, which is training me as a peer educator for literacy students!

All of this will be helpful at my parole suitability hearing currently scheduled for July 28, 2020 by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH). i became eligible for early parole consideration under California's Prop. 57 - Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act, as i've served my full-term for a 'non-violent' third strike offense. i've been incarcerated for 30 years, and definitely look forward to eventually having a second chance at freedom!

i welcome anyone interested in helping me get released.

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to write me a support letter.  
Send all correspondence, support  
letters or job offers to  
me or my attorney at the  
addresses below. Help me  
get from Incarceration to education!  
F.I.T.E. for Freedom!

Thank you! ☺

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