



UCF

ANNUAL REPORT

*I believe knowing what I know now, I'll be successful in life.
I believe in second chances.--Jay S. FPEP Student*

FY 2024



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**FLORIDA PRISON
EDUCATION PROJECT**

*Education is the most powerful weapon
with which you can change the world.--*

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Nelson Mandela



TO OUR SUPPORTERS

FPEP provides educational opportunities to incarcerated and system-impacted people, researches the benefits of prison education, and integrates the study of justice into UCF's curriculum.

Because of your support, this fiscal year we...

- Taught **18 classes** in **3 prisons** to **270 incarcerated students**
- Awarded **267 Continuing Education Certificates**
- Donated **35,000 books** to prisons throughout the state
- Curated an **art exhibition** and **panel discussion** at **UCF Celebrates the Arts**
- Hosted a panel discussion with **4 guest scholars**
- **Partnered with the Brevard Reentry Center** and **Central Florida Community Arts**



LOOKING AHEAD

Next year, FPEP plans to host a state-wide convening of the **Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison**, offer more classes, and involve more faculty and students in this important community justice initiative.

Thank you for your support,

Keri Watson
Director, Florida Prison Education Project

Today we walk with hope on our shoulders, believing tomorrow will be better than yesterday. -- Neeno L., FPEP Student

2024

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Received **\$120,000** in external grant funding
- Raised **\$6,714** in private donations
- Applied for a **\$750,000** Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant



(Left) **Jason Fronczek**, Volunteer Coordinator, delivered **35,000 donated** books to prisons throughout the state. (Above) Student volunteers sorted and packed books.

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Sponsored 12 faculty** at the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Summer Institute
- **Mentored 40 undergraduate volunteers**
- **Hired 3 system-impacted Knights**
- **Awarded a \$1,000 scholarship** to a system-impacted UCF Knight

Praise be to UCF for offering me a chance to learn and enlighten my mind, opening the dam that's been holding my thoughts at bay.
--Marco, FPEP student

FPEP SERVING INCARCERATED STUDENTS



In FY 2024, UCF faculty volunteers for FPEP taught **18 face-to-face classes** in 3 prisons to **270 incarcerated students.**



FPEP SERVING STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

In FY 2024, FPEP...

- Started a new magazine, *The FPEP Post*
- Sponsored a new RSO: **Students for Education in Prison**
- Awarded a **\$1,000 scholarship** to a system-impacted UCF Knight



FPEP SERVING THE COMMUNITY



In April 2024, FPEP faculty were honored at the CFRC Award Ceremony.



UCF faculty and students presented at UCF Celebrates the Arts.



In April 2024, FPEP joined UCF Celebrates the Arts and presented "#Faces of Russian Resistance," an exhibit on global incarceration and political prisoners. FPEP also hosted a one-hour panel discussion.

FPEP SERVING FACULTY

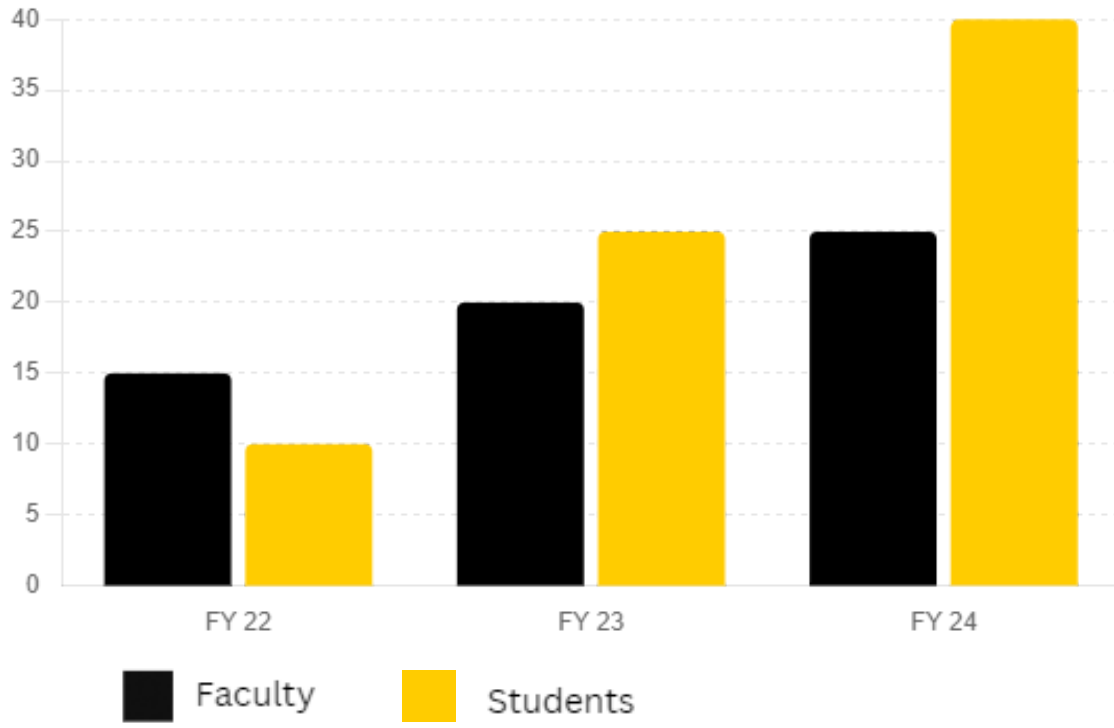
In May, 2024, FPEP sponsored 12 faculty at the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Summer Institute where participants interested in becoming part of FPEP engaged in three days of workshops and professional development discussions.



3-YEAR REVIEW

Faculty and Student Volunteers

FPEP CONTINUED TO RAISE CAMPUS AWARENESS AND ENGAGED MORE FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.



Book Donations

FPEP BOOSTED BOOK DONATIONS THIS YEAR AND STRENGTHENED THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.

