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Board supports Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center inmate education program

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors passed an item at the April 9 board meeting that will provide job skills to County inmates. As a result of the board's decision, the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center will now have an additional instructor for the Sheriff's Inmate Culinary Program. The program is in part of over 25 classes available through the Sheriff's Department Inmate Rehabilitation Through Occupational and Academic Development Systems (InROADS) program, which helps inmates attain employment and ease their transition upon release.

Students who successfully complete the program receive a Certificate in Competency in Restaurant Occupations from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and a Food Handler's Certificate from the County's Department of Public Health.

"We've seen people turn their lives around," said Miriam Gomez, Programs Coordinator for InROADS. Gomez says she strives to make sure that students are fully prepared for their reentry into the community, not just the workplace, "This program isn't just to prepare these individuals for work, the goal is to make them better neighbors. We want them to know how to properly present themselves and become valued members of the community."

The InROADS program also offers bakery, print shop, landscaping, computer and other vocational classes to inmates.

"Providing all County residents with the opportunities to succeed on their own is exactly why we carry out the programs and services we offer to the public. The Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center and its employees are working hard to help inmates self-achieve and prevent them from falling back into a cycle of crime," said Supervisor Gonzales.

For more information on the InROADS program, contact Miriam Gomez at (909) 473-2577.

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