

Q1 Insights | Jan - Mar 2026

Resilient Professional Community members breaking academic barriers

742
RPC Members

40
US States

11th
Mentorship cohort



Domini Ebron accepted to Walden University's Master of Social Work



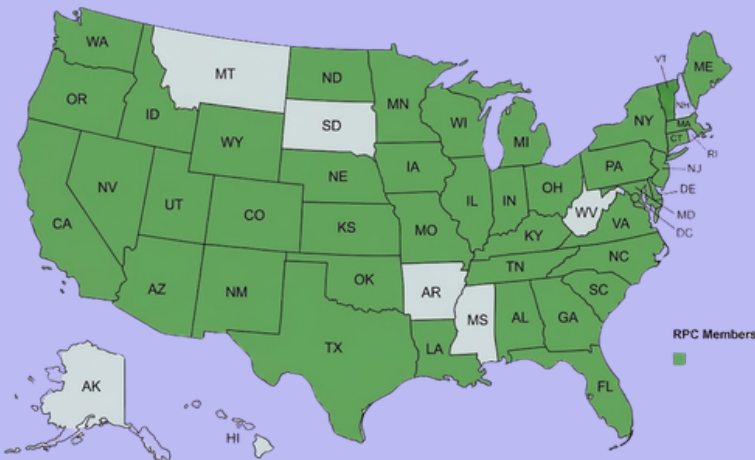
Kristin Brown completed her Master's in Law and Public Policy



One member passed prelims to become a doctoral candidate

New momentum in the Resilient Professional Community

Our community has grown by **35%** since December, with **190 new joiners** in the last quarter. Now spanning **40 states**, more people than ever are accelerating their professional growth in our active network. Through business courses, mentorship, and career support, our learners get to redefine their futures.



Major career milestones achieved by our members

Shani Shay's education work with incarcerated youth featured on CBS



Kevin Cann hired as a Financial Analyst at Blue Cross



One member received three job offers in one week



In-prison programs continue to flourish

64

Incarcerated learners

More incarcerated learners set to graduate this spring

MBA and JD students taught 64 incarcerated learners across Darden PREP, Wharton WORKS, and UVA Law, many of whom are excited to graduate in April.

41

In-prison instructors

Wharton WORKS celebrates its largest cohort to date

With 36 learners and 15 MBA instructors, increased demand this semester led to expansion beyond the Little Scandinavia unit at SCI Chester into the general population and two concurrent Financial Capability workshops.

30

Business & Reentry Law RPC learners

Our Business Law and Reentry course taught online

A \$70,000 Jefferson Trust grant funded our new Business Law for Reentry curriculum with UVA Law. Following our pilot at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, we have now launched a 12-week post-release course in the RPC.



UVA Darden MBA instructors learn to teach in prison

"I want to have a better understanding from a business owner's point of view on how to run a business legally and have the knowledge to help me be successful. I have benefited greatly from the other PREP classes in developing a business and financial plan for my future."

— Incarcerated Learner (2026)

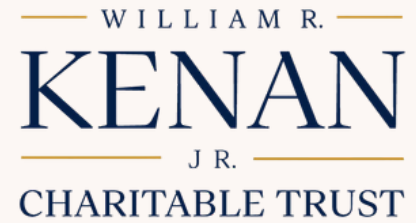
"I hope to learn from participants' lived experiences while contributing in a way that is respectful, meaningful, and genuinely helpful."

— JD Student Instructor (2026)

Growing support for our work

Kenan Charitable Trust

We secured \$700,000 from the Kenan Charitable Trust (KCT) to support in-prison program expansion and our higher education partnerships.



Gladden the Heart

We received \$27,000 from Gladden the Heart (GTH) to support the next development phase for 33Percent, an AI career assistant for justice-involved professionals.



Thanks to your ongoing support, we're moving closer to our mission: breaking cycles of incarceration and improving economic mobility for justice-involved individuals.

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