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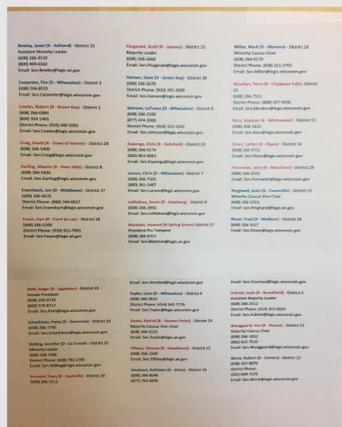
# Advocacy: Is This Justice?

PEAC 400  
Capstone  
Projects

Students completing the Peace and Justice Minor were assigned the task of creating a program proposal. The six students in the class focused on a variety of issues including water treaties, international women's rights, and gun control. In addition, two students created two different policies regarding the incarcerated population.

## Restorative Justice

"I have been working to understand the penal system and corrections for about a year now. It started with personal interviews with two women who worked in the prison as teachers for over a quarter century, then turned to a focus on juvenile corrections and restorative justice, and ended with a campaign to stop a new prison being built."  
- Maggie McConnaha '18

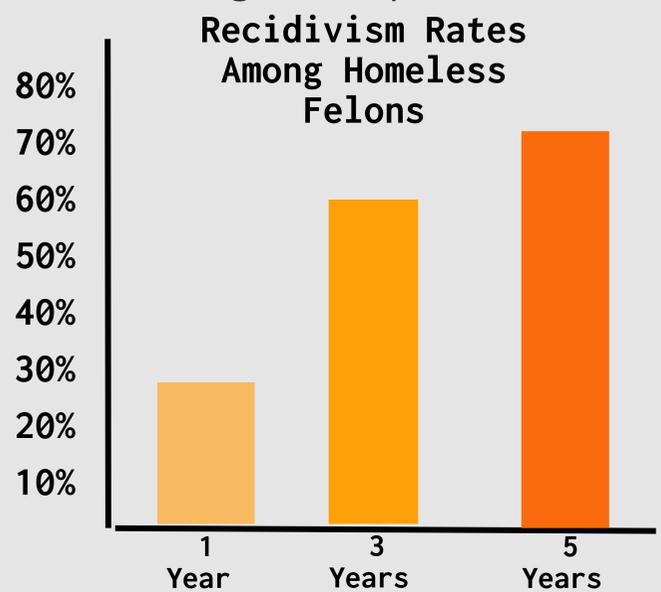


### In March, Maggie Coordinated a Phone Drive to Stop the Building of a New Prison.

- 381 calls were made to local government officials.
- The phone drive was successful! The bill did not pass.
- Maggie plans to continue her work in restorative justice after graduation. She is currently working on a book about two women who developed a community-building program at Green Bay Correctional Institution.

## Housing & Recidivism

"I became interested in this topic through my internship with the Brown County Housing Authority. After talking with a number of our applicants, I discovered that many families with felony backgrounds struggle to find housing after release. I am proposing a program that sponsors non-violent offenders to obtain housing so they can focus on their rehabilitation."  
- Leigha Casper '18



- Previously incarcerated individuals are often prohibited from receiving housing assistance.
- Few landlords are willing to rent to those with felony backgrounds.
- Homelessness after incarceration is very common, without stable housing, many re-offend to survive.