# Forestry Education & Job Placement Program Update

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#### Background

- Funding
  - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as part of the California Climate Investments Program
    - **\$480,000**
    - **7/20 2/24**
  - California Tahoe Conservancy
    - **\$351,000**
    - **4/21 11/23**
- Contracts
  - KCarr Consulting (Program Development)
  - SilkWeb (Curriculum Development)
  - KPS3 (Marketing)







#### **Forestry Summit**

- Over 100 Attendees
- Main Topics:
  - Forestry Workforce Gaps
  - Recruitment Strategies
  - Post-Incarcerated Pathways
  - State Policy Goals & Budget
    Priorities
- Next Summit Hosted by Foundation for California Community Colleges



## Forestry Program Structure

1 Foundational Skills Certificate

2 Certificate of Achievement

3 Associate of Science



#### Forestry Program Goals

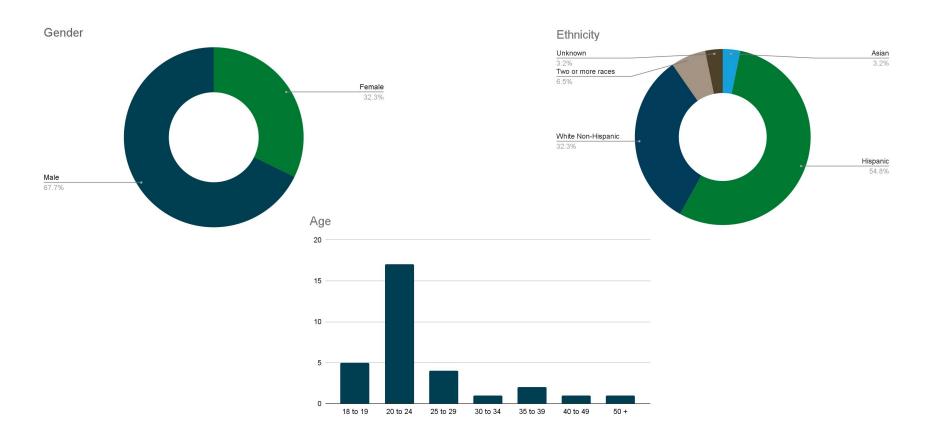
- Increase the skilled local workforce to help forestry and fire agencies meet their forest restoration and treatment goals
- Align to CA's Registered Professional Forester license requirements
- Recruit diverse students into the field of forestry
- Meet the schedules of students working in the field
- Make the program affordable (textbooks, equipment, scholarships)



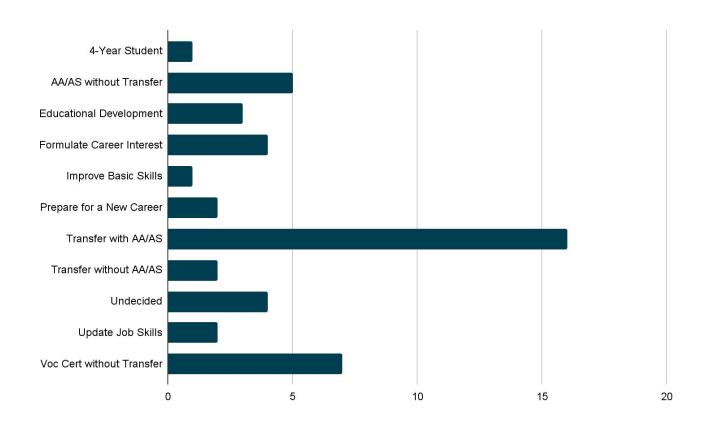
## Forestry Students



### Forestry Student Demographics



#### Forestry Student Goals



#### Next Steps

Launch Marketing Campaign - Winter 2023

Provide Continuity in Staffing - Winter 2023

Establish Job Placement - Spring 2023

Expand Program Offerings - Ongoing



#### Funding Sustainability

#### **Original Funding**

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as part of the California Climate Investments Program (expires 2/24)
- California Tahoe Conservancy (expires 11/23)

#### **New Funding**

- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (\$100,000)
  - Forestry & Fire Academy equipment to offset student costs
- Good Jobs Challenge (\$1.2M)
  - Forestry & Fire Academy staff, equipment and other program costs







## Questions & Feedback

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