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Director of Bard Prison Initiative receives Smithsonian American Ingenuity Award in Education

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ANNANDALE >> Bard College's Max Kenner, the executive director of the Bard Prison Initiative (BPI), received a 2014 Smithsonian American Ingenuity Award in Education.

The award recognizes 10 of the year's most amazing achievements and the innovators behind them in nine different categories.

Kenner created the initiative as an undergraduate at Bard in 1999 and has overseen the program, which assists nearly 300 students across six campuses in correctional facilities in New York State. The program has been granting degrees since 2001.

Kenner has become a leading advocate for the national restoration of college-in-prison and is also the co-founder of the Consortium for the Liberal Arts in Prison.

He was a 2013-14 fellow-in-residence at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American history at Harvard University.

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