On Friday, February 14th, members of the Sociology Club visited a Women’s Correctional Facility. Upon entering the prison we were met by four female inmates willing and eager to share their stories. Each inmate shared with us the personal hardships—such as gang life, abusive relationships, and addiction—that led them to prison. Afterwards, we were able to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of prison life and the deeply flawed judicial system and parole process. This was an incredible opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of prison life as well as enhance our sociological understanding of crime, punishment, and the nature of the prison industrial complex. (Submitted by David Weissbourd)

Pictured below: Kristen Powell, Alyssa Irby, David Weissbourd, Marleigh Van Alderwerelt, Samantha Mayse, and Lexi McVean