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DA Program Encouraging Legal Careers for Minority Students Receives National Recognition

San Diego District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) announced today that a Diversity Pipeline Project aimed at recruiting minorities to careers in the criminal justice field has received a prestigious award from the National Association of the Counties ([NACo](#)). The DA's Diversity Pipeline program reaches out to local students, encouraging them to pursue higher education and careers in the legal profession.

"This program is an important step in the long-term goal of increasing the number of young people from minority communities who seek a career in law enforcement," said DA Dumanis. "In a county as diverse as San Diego, it is important that the faces of the District Attorney staff be a close reflection of the community. It promotes public trust and confidence in the justice system."

NACo will officially present the Achievement Award at a ceremony on July 13th in Kansas City, MO. NACo presents Achievement Awards on an annual basis, recognizing creative and innovative county programs.

The San Diego District Attorney's Diversity Pipeline Project began two years ago and is designed to increase and maintain diversity in the office and the greater legal profession. DA employees regularly make community appearances to educate students about the criminal justice system and promote careers as a prosecutor. Deputy District Attorneys strive to be role models for the youth and inspire them to succeed academically, morally and professionally.

Since 2006, the DA's office has reached out to more than 1,200 students in San Diego County through outreach events that include school presentations, tutoring and mentoring programs, career days, and job shadow days.

Information about the DA's Diversity Pipeline Project can be found on the DA's public website at sandiegoda.com. A diversity video featuring San Diego prosecutors with varied backgrounds is also available. You can watch the video [here](#).

Unlike many District Attorney offices in California, employees at the San Diego DA's Office mirror the community in terms of minority representation. "I am proud of the fact that our office is made up of a workforce that is as diverse as the community it serves," said Dumanis.

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