

## What You Can Expect to Learn:

- An overview of the criminal justice process.
- The roles of law enforcement, prosecutor, defense attorney, judge and probation officer in a criminal case.
- Diversity and racial issues within the framework of the criminal justice system.
- Perceptions of disparity in the criminal justice system.
- How you can have a positive impact on the criminal justice system.



## To apply visit:

[www.sacda.org](http://www.sacda.org)  
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## Application Deadline:

March 22, 2024

## Qualifications:

You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in Sacramento County.

## For Questions:

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# Citizens Academy

April 2 to June 11, 2024

TUESDAYS FROM 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

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## What is Citizens Academy?

Citizens Academy is a FREE 10-week course designed to inform and educate on the criminal justice system, develop relationships, and establish trust by opening lines of communication.

## The Mission & Vision of Citizens Academy

The Mission is to provide information and resources, mutual learning, critical analysis of issues, and exchange of ideas and perspectives.

The Vision is to achieve improved relationships and communication within the criminal justice system.



There are several unique components to the Citizens Academy:

- A broad range of class topics and discussions.
- A diverse group of speakers and participants.
- Field trips to the District Attorney's Crime Lab and Sacramento Police Department's 911 Communications Center.

## Spring 2024 Class

### Tentative Schedule & Topics:

- Week 1:** Introduction to Law Enforcement Agencies in Our Community
- Week 2:** The Role of the District Attorney: Anatomy of a Prosecution & Special Challenges for Prosecutors - Collaborative Courts - Community Government Relations Bureau
- Week 3:** "Can We Talk?" Understanding Use of Force
- Week 4:** Semper Justitia
- Week 5:** "The Big Picture" - The Hypothetical Case: Anatomy of a Criminal Case From Offense, Investigation, Trial, Sentencing
- Week 6:** CSI Today - On Scene Investigations, Crime Lab Analysis - Gangs
- Week 7:** Specialized Areas of Prosecution - Victim/Witness, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Juvenile Prosecution
- Week 8:** Crime Lab
- Week 9:** Coroner's Office
- Week 10:** "From Rhetoric to Reality - Where Do We Go From Here?", Building Bridges & Partnerships and Community Participation

*\* All field trips are TBD*

## What Citizens Academy Graduates Say...

*"It's a wonderful program, we found out about it through NextDoor. It helps educate you and get you involved. It bridges the gap between the community and law enforcement."* - **Sylvia Franklin**

*"I loved how open everyone was, it was very transparent. We also loved the Sheriff's Department ride along and the different tours we got to take."* - **Jenny Franklin**



*"I really enjoyed this program. As a college student, I wanted to be part of the law enforcement program and I think this program gave me a better understanding of the District Attorney, the Defense Attorney, and law enforcement."* - **Zabrina Torres**

*"The Citizens Academy provided an informative, candid and revealing look at the inner workings of our law enforcement and criminal justice systems. We learned from knowledgeable insiders and were given a unique, behind-the-scenes view of the challenges they face everyday. Every class was fascinating."* - **Joe Selewicz**



2023 Citizens Academy Graduates