

Legal Diversity Pipeline Program – Program Overview

Overview

The NALP/Street Law Legal Diversity Pipeline Program is an initiative designed to provide **information about the law and the legal profession to high school students of color** and to encourage them to pursue legal careers. The core activities include a training session for all volunteers and participating teachers, classroom visits to a diverse high school class, and a Legal Career Capstone activity. Depending upon local conditions, this program may be in person, virtual, or some combination of the two.



The program includes several interactive workshops for the students (such as a moot court, a mediation or contract negotiation exercise, or a simulated deposition) and a career activity to explore different practice areas or jobs in the profession. The classroom visits that precede the capstone cover legal topics that pertain to the workshops.

Street Law staff connect each law firm or agency to high school classes. Volunteers can include paralegals and administrative staff as well as lawyers. Program staff will train the volunteers in program implementation, inclusive teaching strategies, and lesson use at the start of each program year. Program support will be available through phone and email communication as the programs get underway. In addition, all volunteers receive access to an online library that includes all lessons and workshops, inclusive teaching strategies, and program administration checklists and tips.

Alexandria Bar Foundation

Street Law anticipates that its program with the Alexandria Bar Foundation and its affiliates will begin during the 2021-22 school year. Legal volunteers will collaborate with social studies classes at Alexandria City High School (formerly known as T.C. Williams High School). Volunteers commit to



attend the training as well as a classroom session, the Legal Careers Conference, or both. The training session is highly interactive and lasts about two hours. The Legal Careers Conference is typically a full-day experience where the host organization invites students to its office. Volunteers do not need experience in any particular area of the law or in teaching to participate!

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