

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT COURT COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2025 OUTREACH REPORT



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# ABOUT US



The Court Community Outreach Committee chaired by the Honorable Julia Alloggiamento, consists of members that include judicial officers, court staff, educators, justice partners, attorneys, non-profit agencies, and government agencies as part of the team. Together they collaborate to plan and execute successful events aimed at their respective target audience.

Outreach involves organizing and executing events, programs, and initiatives aimed at engaging the community, educating the public, and fostering relationships between the Court and the community it serves.

These programs are designed to inform and empower various groups, such as students, legal professionals, and community members, by providing them with knowledge about the legal system, their rights, and how they can access justice. In addition, these events aim to foster a deeper understanding of the justice system, promote civic engagement, and provide mentorship opportunities to encourage future careers in justice and empower young individuals.



# COLOR OF JUSTICE



The Color of Justice program provides an opportunity for high-school students to engage with professionals including judges, attorneys, consultants, and community leaders. The goal of the program is to educate, inspire, and encourage students of diverse backgrounds to consider pursuing a career in law so that the legal field can flourish with these future leaders shaping our community for the better.

This year's distinguished keynote speaker, Justice Charles E. Wilson of the Sixth District Court of Appeal, delivered an inspiring address highlighting the significance of inclusion and representation in the legal system. His remarks reinforced the message that diverse voices and perspectives strengthen the judicial process and build greater trust within the community.

A compelling panel discussion featuring Byron Suarez, Deputy District Attorney, and Miguel Rodriguez, Deputy Public Defender, provided students with real-life perspectives on overcoming obstacles and pursuing careers in law. These powerful narratives were followed by interactive table discussions, where students engaged directly with mentors from diverse backgrounds.

This year's event saw overwhelming interest, with 79 students in attendance and a waitlist of eager participants, underscoring the critical need for initiatives that foster diversity and representation in the legal field.

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PROUDLY PRESENTS:

## Color of Justice

### EVENT PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS:

*Keynote Speaker:*  
Justice Charles E. Wilson



9:30am - 10:00am	Check-In
10:00am - 10:05am	Welcoming Remarks: Hon. Julie Emede, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Hon. Julia Alloggiamento, Chair Community Outreach Committee
10:05am - 10:15am	Keynote on Day & Goals Hon. Micaél P. Estremera, Judge of the Superior Court
10:15am - 10:45am	Panel Discussion: Life Stories & Empowerment Byron Suarez, Deputy District Attorney Miguel Rodriguez, Deputy Public Defender
10:45am - 11:15am	Table Group Discussion
11:15am - 11:30am	Keynote Address: Justice Charles E. Wilson, Sixth District Court of Appeal
11:30am - 12:00pm	Table Group Discussion (continued)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch and Table Group Discussion with Law Students
1:00pm - 1:15pm	Closing Remarks & Survey

COLOR OF JUSTICE | FEBRUARY 27, 2025 10:00AM - 1:30PM

*A special thank you to the California Judges Foundation  
for the grant that made this program possible!*

2025's program highlighting the agenda for the day and this year's distinguished speaker, Justice Charles E. Wilson.

*"The students attending this event are essential to solving society's most pressing challenges. Whether it's criminal justice reform, immigration rights, or privacy in the digital age—the future solutions are in this room."*

- Justice Wilson

Next Event: Feb. 6, 2026



# COLOR OF JUSTICE



Judge Alloggiamento, Justice Charles E. Wilson, and Judge Estremera.



Student from G.E.C.A offering words of encouragement.

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*“Every single one of us should remember where we came from, despite the education and career paths we choose. You can be successful in life with anything you do as long as you are passionate. Despite adversities and challenges we may face, just go for it and don’t let anything hold you back,”*

*- G.E.C.A Student*

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Students in discussion with their assigned table mentor.



Mentors for the event standing as a testament to how far they have come versus where they started.





# READ ACROSS SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The Court Community Outreach Committee selects one local under-resourced elementary school to “adopt” for Read Across Santa Clara County. Judicial officers personally select books related to justice, fairness, kindness, and other important virtues to read to the students and then donate to the school. Judicial officers wear their robes to the visit so that students can enjoy this reading session from “a real-life” judge and learn more about the values important to their role in our community.

In 2025 Bowers Elementary School, home to approximately 255 students, hosted the Court’s judicial officers as they read engaging stories to every classroom, encouraging a love for literacy and civic education. While Bowers Elementary is not a dual-language school, it serves a multilingual student population, with Spanish being one of the most common home languages. Recognizing the value of students’ linguistic backgrounds, the school prioritizes honoring and embracing their home languages and specifically requested bilingual readers for this special event. Judge Rebeca Esquivel-Pedroza incorporated both English and Spanish during her session with students to ensure everyone felt represented and engaged.

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*"Bowers Elementary School is a vibrant learning community serving students from infancy through 5th grade. Our student body is a diverse tapestry of cultural and linguistic backgrounds, forming a rich environment where students learn from and appreciate one another. We are excited to host Read Across SCC, celebrating the power of literacy to unite and inspire our community."*

*- Principal Adriana Reyes.*

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Judge Alloggiamento and Principal Adriana Reyes.

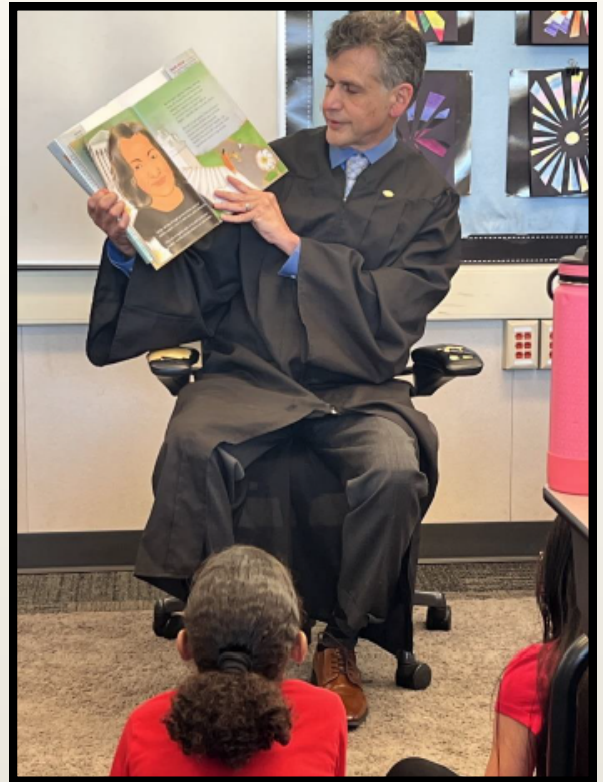
The Santa Clara County Superior Court remains committed to educational outreach, ensuring that students across Santa Clara County have the opportunity to engage with the judiciary in a positive and meaningful way. Plans are underway to continue this tradition, with Robert Randall Elementary School having been selected for next year’s Read Across Santa Clara County event.

*Next Event: Feb. 27, 2026*

# READ ACROSS SANTA CLARA COUNTY



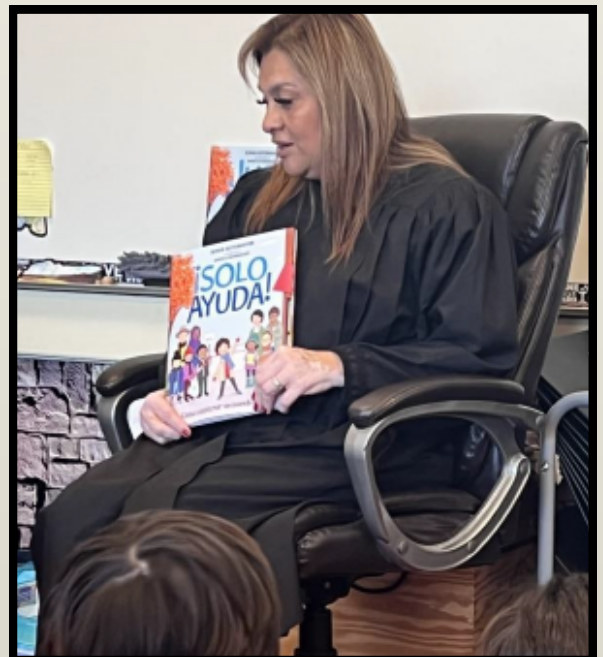
Judge Stebbins receiving a warm welcome from Bowers Elementary School students.



Judge Sivilla-Jones reading to a class about Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.



Judge Ibarra captivating the class with an intriguing story.



Judge Esquivel-Pedroza reading to a class in Spanish and English.



# YOUNG WOMEN'S POWER LUNCH



The Community Outreach Committee of the Santa Clara County Superior Court strives to provide positive exposure to the judicial branch, improve Court and Community relations, and inspire youth to make positive choices and engage in pro-social behavior.

These goals encouraged the Community Outreach Committee to develop a Power Lunch initiative to invite high-school and middle-school aged young women to attend a special, inspirational lunch with local female leaders, including judges, elected officials, attorneys, and education and community leaders.

The lunch provides an opportunity for small group mentorship, allowing the women leaders and the young students to exchange stories about their journeys, their challenges, and their successes with the goal of inspiring these future young leaders to make positive choices and achieve their dreams.

This year's event brought together over 120 attendees, including over 70 young women from middle school through high school.

The event featured interactive sessions designed to facilitate deeper conversations between mentors and participants. Icebreakers, breakout discussions, and interactive exercises that encouraged young women to share their aspirations, explore career pathways, and envision their futures in leadership roles.

**YOUNG WOMEN'S POWER LUNCH**  
03.27.2025 | 11:00AM-1:30PM

**Keynote Speaker: Hon. Shelyna Brown**  
Retired Judge of the Superior Court

Welcome & Introductions:  
Hon. Julia Alloggiamento, Judge of the Superior Court  
Hon. Julie Emede, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
Cassandra Staff, Program Manager II, Office of Women's Policy  
Hon. Kelley Paul, Judge of the Superior Court  
Maryana Khames, J.D. Candidate, UC Davis School of Law

11:15am - 11:45am	
11:45am - 12:30pm	Session with Mentors & Participants
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Sharing Out Activity
12:45pm - 1:00pm	Keynote Speaker, Hon. Shelyna Brown
1:00pm - 1:10pm	Icebreaker Activity
1:10pm - 1:30pm	<u>Closing Remarks, Surveys, and Distribution of Certificates:</u> Hon. Julia Alloggiamento, Judge of the Superior Court

A special thank you to the Office of Women's Policy for their generous contribution;  
and to the California Judges Foundation for additional support.

2025's program highlighting the agenda for the day and our event's keynote speaker, Judge Brown (ret.)

*"We are here to support one another. Who you are and who you want to be is more than enough. Do not let the noise drown out your dreams. Imagine who you want to be 10 and 20 years from now. Your older self will thank you for doing the work to accomplish your current vision."*

- Judge Brown (ret.)

*Next Event: March 25, 2026*



# YOUNG WOMEN'S POWER LUNCH



*Judge Alloggiamento, Presiding Judge Julie Emede, and Judge Paul.*



*A mentor offering insightful advice to high school students.*

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*"Your journey is uniquely yours, shaped by your experiences and challenges. Never let setbacks define you— there is always time to re-center, redefine, and pursue the most authentic version of yourself. Surround yourself with those who uplift you and be the cheerleader that someone else needs."*

*- Judge Paul*

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*Youth with their designated mentor and certificates of participation.*



*Judge Brown (Ret.) encouraging students to develop their mind-set, heart-set, and skill-set.*

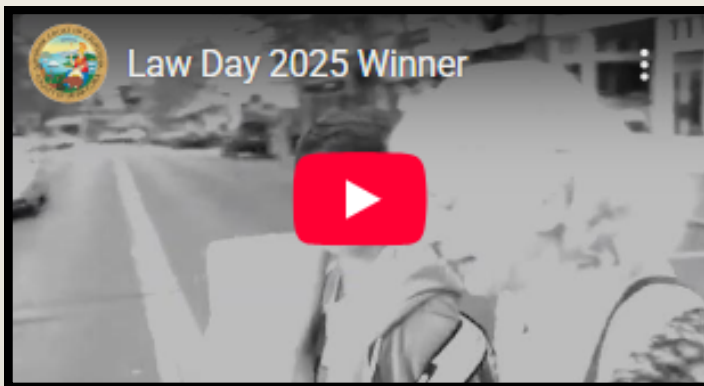
# LAW DAY VIDEO CONTEST



## Winning Submissions for 2025's Law Day Video Contest



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Starting in 2022, Outreach Committee member Commissioner Thai Van Dat spearheaded efforts to shift the Law Day poster contest to one soliciting videos from students on the ABA's annual Law Day theme. The contest invites students to participate actively in democracy by exploring and expressing their perspectives on fundamental questions about the democratic process.

The 2025 Law Day theme urged youth to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation. Our civic lives tie us together as one "We," whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through military service, or through working together every day to fulfill the promise of E pluribus unum—"Out of many, one."

The 2026 Law Day Video Contest will award prizes in two categories – middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9 - 12). Santa Clara County students' entries are due March 31, 2026 and can be emailed to [events@scscourt.org](mailto:events@scscourt.org).

Information about next year's Law Day theme can be found on the ABA's website at:

[americanbar.org/groups/public\\_education/law-day/](https://americanbar.org/groups/public_education/law-day/)

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*"We are committed to fostering an environment where youth are encouraged to express themselves creatively and actively participate in meaningful dialogue regarding the importance of engaging in civic discourse about the rule of law."*

- Commissioner Thai Van Dat

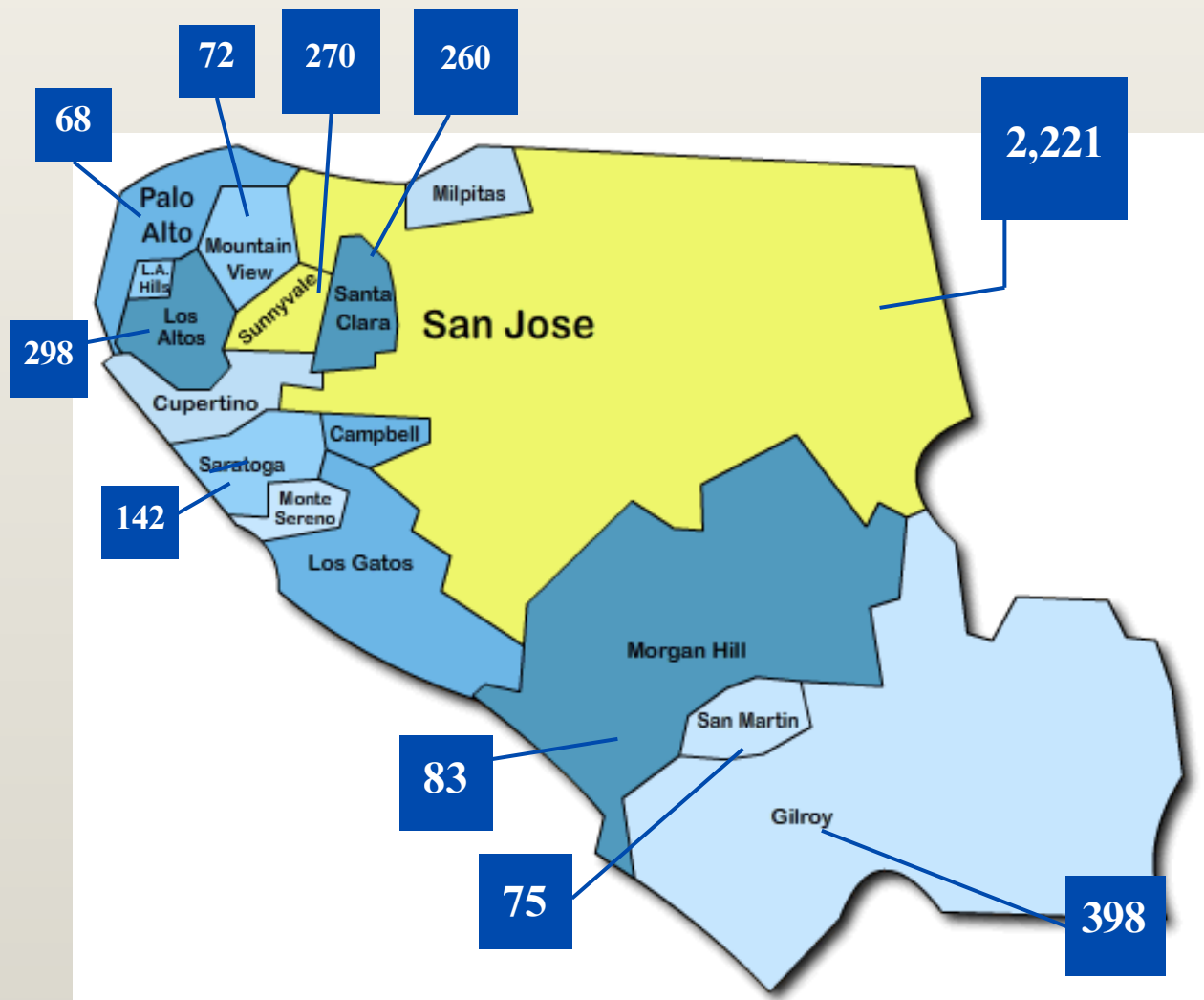
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# CONSTITUTION MONTH

For over 14 years, the Court has celebrated Constitution Day, September 17, by visiting 5th grade classrooms to teach about the Constitution, including separation of powers, the three branches of government (with a focus on the third branch), rights and obligations under the Bill of Rights, and the Rule of Law. Due to overwhelming interest, the Court expanded the program to Constitution Month to promote visits by active and retired Judicial Officers to 5th grade classes throughout the entire month of September. To make sure every request is filled, some classes receive visits from justice partners such as deputy district attorneys, deputy public defenders, or local civil attorneys, with the option for a visit from a judicial officer later in the year.

This Countywide Initiative supports Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero's Power of Democracy Initiative and the Judges in the Classroom program. The Power of Democracy Initiative promotes civic learning and engagement for all K-12 students in California.



*In 2025, we reached over 3,800 students in Santa Clara County.*

*Next Event: September 2026*



# CONSTITUTION MONTH



*Judge Gogo photographed with a class of civically engaged 5th graders.*



*Commissioner Thai Van Dat providing a lesson about the Constitution to attentive students.*

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*“Civic education provides students with a deeper understanding of our democracy and the importance of their role in it. These students—our future jurors, lawyers, litigants, and leaders—learn about their fundamental rights and responsibilities, the separation of powers, the independence of the judiciary, and other key concepts directly from judges who apply the Constitution every day.”*

*- Judge Alloggiamento*

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*Hon. Julia Alloggiamento celebrating and sharing the Constitution's teachings.*

During Constitution Month 2025, nearly half of Santa Clara County's sitting judges, 43 judicial officers, joined 6 justice partners and attorneys to visit approximately 67 fifth-grade classrooms. We reached more than 3,800 students with in-person, hands-on lessons.

In 2024, we reached over 3,700 students in Santa Clara County.

# LEGISLATORS DAY



The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, hosted Legislators' Day 2025 to strengthen relationships with elected officials, legislative staff, and community representatives. The day provided an in-depth look at the Court's operations, innovative programs, and service delivery models under the theme "Edge on Efficiency."

The event included a welcome by Presiding Judge Julie Emede, followed by morning and afternoon court observations at the Hall of Justice and the Family Justice Center Courthouse, a luncheon and speaker panel with Q&A, and specialized track sessions highlighting the Court's key service areas:

- Family & Domestic Violence Court and the Self-Help and Facilitator's Office
- Mental Health Treatment Court
- Racial Justice Act, Post-Conviction, and Competency Courts



The poster for Legislators Day Agenda features the Great Seal of the State of California on the right side. The text on the poster includes the title "LEGISLATORS DAY AGENDA", the subtitle "SANTA CLARA SUPERIOR COURT VISIT", the date "September 25, 2025", the location "191 N First St San Jose, CA 95113", and a link to "Register Here". The agenda is organized into a timeline with specific times and activities, including registration, welcome, court observations, lunch, and departure.

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10:15 AM	●	Presiding Judge Emede's Welcome												
10:30 AM	●	Morning Court Observation												
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3:00 PM	●	Departure from Observation												

2025's program highlighting the agenda for the day.



Presiding Judge Julie A. Emede welcomes state and local legislators during the Court's 2025 Legislators' Day.

Next Event: (TBA) September 2026



# LEGISLATORS DAY



*Judge Paul, Assistant Presiding Judge Eric S. Geffon, Judge Peterson and Judge Duong.*



*Elected officials engaging in dialogue with Court leadership regarding concerns and collaborative opportunities.*

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*By opening our doors and sharing how justice is delivered every day, we strengthen the partnership between the judiciary and the legislature—each of us working toward the same goal: a fair, efficient, and accessible justice system for every resident of Santa Clara County.*

*-Presiding Judge Julie A. Emede*

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*Court leadership and personnel photographed with elected officials and their representatives.*



*Judge Peterson leading guests through the Hall of Justice.*



# EDUCATOR'S DAY



Annually, the Court Outreach Committee hosts teachers, counselors, and school administrators from across the county in a full day event for educators that discusses important issues that intersect between educators and their students and the courts. We work in collaboration with all of our partners to find appropriate topics and speakers.

This all-day event gathers educators throughout the county to hear from local experts in a variety of fields, share stories of best practices, and leave with tools and resources to best serve their students.

Educator's Day 2025	
8:00am - 8:30am	Check-In & Networking
8:30am - 8:45am	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Chair Court Community Outreach Committee</li><li>Judge Julie Emede, Presiding Judge</li></ul>
8:45am - 10:15am	School Attendance Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alisha Schoen, DDA</li><li>April Crider, District Wellness Coordinator at CUHSD, MSW, PPSC</li><li>Kavita Narayan, Chief Assistant County Counsel</li></ul>
10:15am - 10:30am	Break
10:30am - 11:30am	South County Youth Task Force & San Jose Youth Empowerment Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bernice Aguilar, SCYTF Program Manager</li><li>Dr. Carmen Garcia, MHUSD Superintendent</li><li>Petra Riquero/Olympia Williams, City of San Jose</li></ul>
11:30am - 12:30pm	Lunch and Resource Tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>please see next page</li></ul>
12:30pm - 12:45pm	Civic Learning Award Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Chair Court Community Outreach Committee</li><li>Judge Julie Emede, Presiding Judge</li></ul>
12:45pm - 1:35pm	Civic Learning & Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dr. Anthony Oskar Alvarado, Principal of Ida Jew and Valle Vista</li><li>Raquel Topete, Principal of August Boeger</li><li>Kristina Ravo, SCCOE Coordinator</li><li>Greg Zieman, Peer Court</li></ul>
1:35pm - 2:15pm	Collaborations with the Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Chair Court Community Outreach Committee</li><li>Judge Kelley Paul</li><li>Judge Micael Estremera</li></ul>
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Surveys, Wrap Up, & Farewell

Attendees explored resource tables hosted by community partners, including Amigos de Guadalupe, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department, Civil Grand Jury, Parent Project, City of San José, South County Youth Task Force, Peer Court, and the Court Community Outreach Committee.

This year's topics included: School Refusal, Truancy/Chronic Absence, & Absenteeism, Family Resources, Prevention, and Alternatives, and Civic Engagement and Education.

Past topics have included mental health awareness and issues, social media issues, gang-involved youth, chronic absenteeism, mandatory reporting, understanding the Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Justice systems, and more.

*2025's program highlighting the agenda for the day.*

*Next Event: October, 15 2026*

# EDUCATOR'S DAY



Judge Alloggiamento (middle) with Civic Learning Award recipients Dr. Anthony Alvarado (Principal, Ida Jew & Valle Vista) and Raquel Topete (Principal, August Boeger).



Attendees visiting the resource tables during the lunch break.



April Cider presenting discussion on school attendance to attendees.

# YOUNG WOMEN'S POWER LUNCH PILOT



On December 4, 2025, a pilot Young Women's Power Lunch brought together 42 students and 14 mentors, including female judicial officers, attorneys, peace officers, and local leaders. Building on feedback from past events hosted, this luncheon introduced activities tailored for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade female-identifying students, with a focus on helping them prepare for life after graduation.

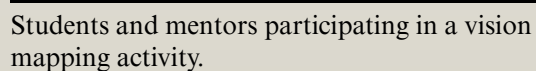
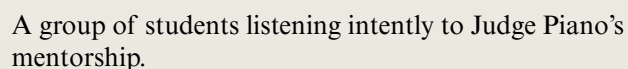
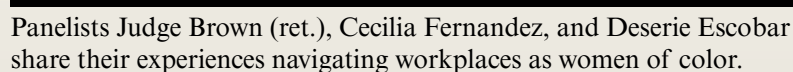
Students were paired with mentors and took part in activities such as vision mapping and personal storytelling, followed by small-group conversations. Mentors shared their own educational journeys and career experiences, offering perspective on navigating challenges and opportunities. The event concluded with students sharing reflections and goals, providing a meaningful close to the day's discussions.

Attendees were also invited to share reflections following the event. Students shared feeling welcomed and supported throughout the program and spoke positively about the impact of the experience, particularly noting the inspiring speakers, opportunities for reflection and storytelling, meaningful mentor and peer connections, and the encouraging, inclusive atmosphere.

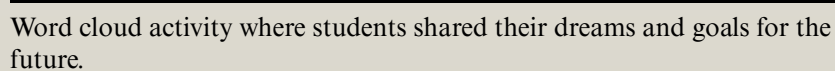


Group photo of empowered young women and mentors.





- Judge Paul



# INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL OUTREACH EFFORTS



Throughout 2025, various judicial officers independently engaged in meaningful community outreach to strengthen public understanding of the justice system and foster civic education. These efforts included classroom visits, presentations to civic and professional organizations, and participation in local community events. Each judge coordinated directly with host institutions, tailoring their remarks to highlight the role of the courts, judicial ethics, and access to justice.

Collectively, these independent engagements extended the Court’s educational reach beyond formal programs, demonstrating the judiciary’s commitment to transparency, community connection, and civic partnership. Importantly, these outreach activities support the State’s Power of Democracy initiative, which promotes civic learning and public trust in the judicial branch.

Together, these interactions complement broader Court-led efforts such as Legislators’ Day, Constitution Month outreach, and the student art contest — reinforcing the Superior Court’s mission to build trust and understanding between the judiciary and the communities it serves.

**Mock Trials  
Presided**

**11**

**Courtroom  
Observations**

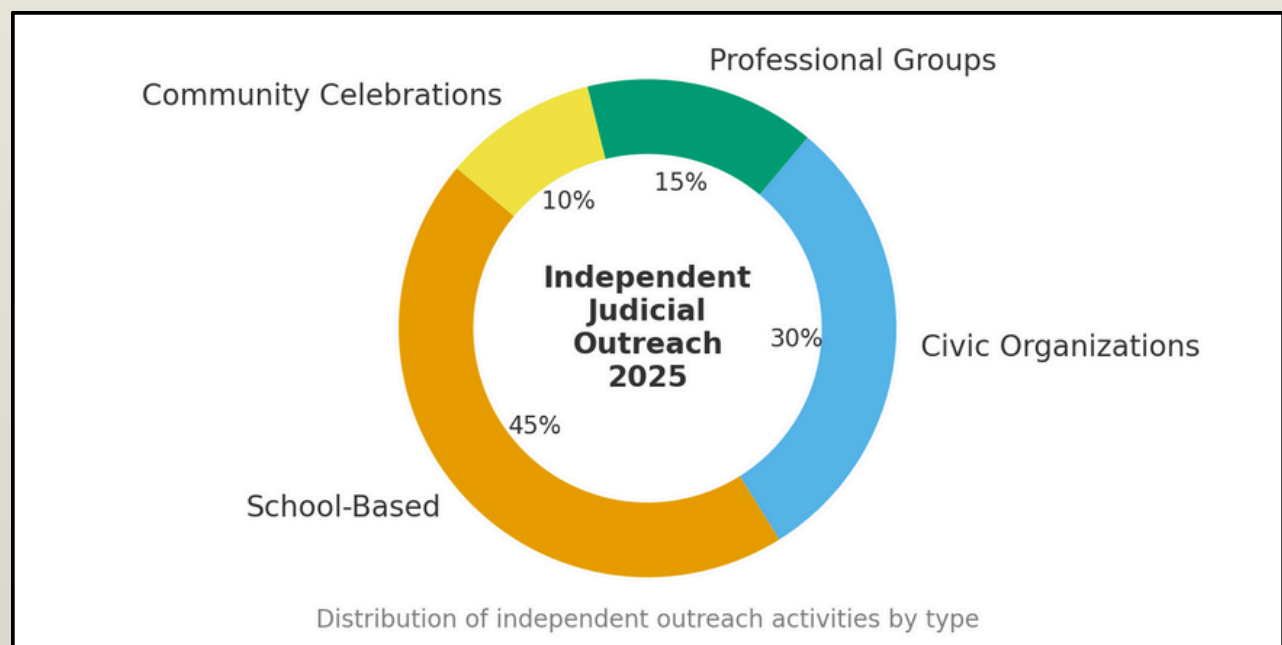
**8**

**Schools  
Visited**

**78**

**Students  
Reached**

**4,682+**





# CIVIC LEARNING AWARDS



The Civic Learning Awards, sponsored by California Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero's Power of Democracy Initiative, in collaboration with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, recognize public schools that incorporate high-quality civic education into their curriculum and culture. The initiative encourages educators to implement innovative programs, share best practices, and inspire students to become civic leaders in their communities. Schools of all sizes and grade levels are encouraged to apply, with the goal of fostering a culture of civic responsibility across California.



A celebratory photo opportunity upon the completion of the awards ceremony held on Sept. 20 at IJAVVE.

In only its second year applying, Ida Jew Academy & Valle Vista Elementary (IJAVVE) earned the Civic Learning Award of Excellence from the Judicial Council of California. This is the highest honor offered by the state for schools promoting civic engagement. In 2024, IJAVVE received the Civic Learning Award of Achievement.

As recipients of the highest award, IJAVVE received a personal visit from Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero who was joined by Judge Julia Alloggiamento, Vice-Lead of the Power of Democracy Initiative, to present the award to IJAVVE at an event held for students, parents, educators, school staff, and judges.

August Boeger Middle School was selected as a recipient of the prestigious Civic Learning Award for the 2024–2025 academic year. The school earned the Award of Distinction, a remarkable achievement given that this was the first year administration applied.

Judge Alloggiamento, together with Administrative Presiding Justice Mary Greenwood of the Sixth District Court of Appeal, formally presented the award to school leaders, educators, and students.



Members of the Mount Pleasant School District Board, Principal Topete, Judge Alloggiamento, and Justice Greenwood

# CIVIC LEARNING AWARDS



## Plan Now for 2026's Civic Learning Awards!

- Applications will be posted on February 27, 2026.
- Deadline to submit is April 13, 2026.
- Honors are announced on Law Day, May 1st.

[powerofdemocracy.org/civic-learning-award](https://powerofdemocracy.org/civic-learning-award)

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*"This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and community. From Math Club and Green Club initiatives to an expanding Robotics program, our school is committed to fostering the academic, social-emotional, and civic growth of every student. Every day, I see the extraordinary effort of our students and staff in action."*

- Dr. Anthony Alvarado

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Educators from August Boeger Middle School's, joined by Judge Alloggiamento and Justice Greenwood.



Dr. Anthony Alvarado, Principal of IJAVVE, Judge Alloggiamento, Chief Justice of California Patricia Guerrero, Mount Pleasant Superintendent Dr. Elida MacArthur, and members of the Mount Pleasant School District Board of Trustees Members Melissa Got-Lopez and Derek Grasty

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*"By integrating civic learning into hands-on, project-based instruction, the school is not only teaching students about democracy but also giving them the tools to participate in it."*

- Judge Alloggiamento

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# WORK WITH US



In addition to the above-planned events, the Court Community Outreach Committee provides opportunities to engage with the Court through visits to the courthouses or by scheduling a judicial officer to visit the school.

## Judges in the Classroom:

In addition to Constitution Month, Judges are available to visit students throughout the school year in grades K-12 on a variety of topics.

Teachers can sign up for visits here: [powerofdemocracy.org/judgesintheclassroom](http://powerofdemocracy.org/judgesintheclassroom)

## Court Visits:

The Court welcomes community organizations and educational institutions to participate in organized visits. Court visits are tailored to the age, educational purpose, and time allocations of the individual organizations.

Most court proceedings are open to the public and individuals are always welcome to attend open proceedings to learn more about the court process. Large groups are recommended to arrange a court tour or visit through the court so that judges and deputies can be notified.

## Mock Trial:


Teachers or organizations may request a visit to the courthouse to engage in a mock trial. Depending on the age level, the Court can provide age appropriate scripts such as the People v. the Big Bad Wolf in the Little Red Riding Hood story or fact patters for students to prepare on their own.

Participation in a mock trial gives students a better understanding and appreciation of the third branch of government and the roles of the different players involved in a trial.

## Speakers:

Judicial Officers may be available to speak to members of the public, whether students or adults on a wide variety of topics. Please note that ethical rules limit the topics on which a judicial officer may present (e.g., judicial officers may not discuss pending cases or matters that may come before them).

 [events@scscourt.org](mailto:events@scscourt.org)

 [santaclara.courts.ca.gov/general-information/court-community](http://santaclara.courts.ca.gov/general-information/court-community)

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



*The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara proudly recognizes Judge Julia Alloggiamento for her exceptional leadership in advancing community outreach on behalf of our Court and throughout the State of California. As Chair of the Court's Community Outreach Committee and Vice-Lead of the statewide Power of Democracy Initiative, Judge Alloggiamento has been a driving force behind efforts to deepen public understanding of the judiciary, strengthen civic literacy, and build meaningful connections between the courts and the communities we serve.*

*This work would not be possible without the many individuals and partners whose contributions supported the programs highlighted in this report.*

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