

PROBATION'S MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING COURT DEPUTIES HOST STUDENTS AT LAX COURTHOUSE

UMED STUDENTS RECEIVE PRIVATE TOUR

"It's important to reach back, give back, and pull somebody else up and give the youth exposure."

~ Deputy Probation Officer II
Ranson



DPO II Ranson and District Attorney Humphrey

The Los Angeles County Probation Department partnered with "Educating Young Minds" and the Los Angeles Superior Court to host twelve female students from University Pathways Medical Magnet Academy (UMED) on a tour of the Airport Courthouse. "Educating Young Minds" is a community-based educational and tutorial program that provides supportive services and scholarships for young students.

Deputy Probation Officer II Ranson coordinated the day's activities. She also sits on the alumni board of "Educating Young Minds."

"It's a full-circle moment for me. I started as a student with "Educating Young Minds." Now, I enjoy working with the students and mentoring them. Today gives them a different perspective on the criminal justice system and the court system as a whole," expressed DPO II Ranson.

During the tour, the young ladies visited court departments 31, 71, and 90. In addition, they observed some of the court hearings and chatted with two female judges during their time at the courthouse.

"Our plan was strategically done to ensure the young ladies saw the women in the courts. We made sure they observed female judges and attorneys so they can see that this can be achieved, and this is possible," DPO II Ranson shared.



SDPO Ramirez, DPO II Ranson, Mr. Cook (UMED Teacher), District Attorney Humphrey, and Public Defender Blossom.

District Attorney Humphrey and Public Defender Blossom were also instrumental in executing the tour. They entertained all the young lady's questions and briefly educated them on the penal codes, court proceedings, legal terms, taking the judicial oath, felony convictions, and much more.

"Today was informative, and it was way different from the television shows we see. I'm really glad we came," expressed a student.

Thank you, DPO Ranson and SDPO Ramirez of Probation's Mental Health Housing Court Program, for coordinating the tour. It's efforts such as this that broaden the minds of young people and encourage them to continue dreaming big dreams.