



## California Nisei College Diploma Project

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# Role of the California Nisei College Diploma Project Community Committees



*Assembly Bill 37, which became law on October 11, 2009, calls upon California's public college and university systems – University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and California Community College (CCC) – to retroactively grant an honorary degree to any student of Japanese American descent who was forcibly removed and subsequently incarcerated during World War II*

### Responsibilities include:



Be the main contact to work with your designated schools, community groups and the California Nisei College Diploma Project staff to ensure all eligible students or their families are identified, located and recognized.



Serve as a resource to the school for ceremony speakers, if requested. Also provide guidance on ceremony logistics, for the Nisei (i.e. shuttles from parking lot, handicap accessibility, etc.)



Create a committee of Japanese American, Asian Pacific Islander and interested individuals in your community to assist in locating eligible Nisei and their families.



Plan community gatherings to disseminate and review the lists of Nisei students.



Keep a database and update student lists with contact information as it comes in, and notify campus contacts of these updates.



Work with local Japanese American community groups (historical groups, churches, temples, athletic & cultural clubs, Japanese American Citizens League chapters, etc.) to further outreach to eligible Nisei and their families.



Gather stories and research on the honorees to share with your local community and the media.



Notify local media and share these stories and experiences.



Recruit a volunteer community photographer to capture images at the commencement ceremony.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the California Nisei College Diploma Project at [CANiseiProject@jccnc.org](mailto:CANiseiProject@jccnc.org).

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