



## California Nisei College Diploma Project

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### WHAT CAMPUSES CAN DO



*AB 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.*



Establish a main contact person who will work with your school, community groups and the California Nisei Diploma Project staff to ensure all eligible students or their families are identified and recognized.



Create an advisory committee or task force of Japanese American, Asian Pacific Islander, and interested faculty, staff and student organizations on your campus and community leaders.



Compile a list of 1941-1942 Japanese American students who are eligible to receive an honorary degree and forward to the California Nisei College Diploma Project so we can assist in locating eligible Nisei.



Work with local Japanese American community groups (Historical Groups, Churches, Temples, Japanese American Citizen League Chapters, etc.) to further outreach to eligible Nisei and their families.



Gather stories and research on the honorees to share with your campus, student body, the local community and the media.



Notify local media and share your stories and experiences with your communities.



Invite honoree recipient(s) to participate and be recognized at campus-wide commencement ceremonies along with the graduating class of 2010.



Invite recipients' families to share in the recognition and honoring of diploma recipients.

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

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