If you don’t like the law, learn how to change it. Apply to the Public Policy School.

Are you passionate about law, policy, and social justice? Want to learn to public policy advocacy skills? Apply to be one of ten students who will train to become public policy advocates by Friday, November 14, 2014.

What is the Public Policy School?
The Institute of Community and Civic Engagement and the Department of Political Science have formed the Public Policy School to teach students about local, state, and federal government decision making processes so that they can become empowered and foster new laws and policies that meet their communities’ needs. Students will have the opportunity to put their public policy advocacy skills to work on trips to Sacramento and Washington DC in March 2015. All expenses for airfare, housing and meals will be paid for by the Public Policy School. All other expenses are the responsibility of the students.

Who May Attend?
Students accepted to the Public Policy School during the Winter 2015 quarter will be required to:
1. Be 18 years or older and commit to completing the trainings and attending all the events.
2. Be a U.S. citizen or resident who is able to travel by airplane.
3. Have attended some of the Fall 2014 talks (recommended)
4. Participate in all of the Winter 2015 Quarter weekly workshops.
5. Complete all weekly assignments in a timely and thorough manner.
6. Have successfully completed Poli 17/ICS 27 or be enrolled in it during the Winter 2015 Quarter*
7. Participate in weekly mentoring/training sessions totaling 3 hours (likely TTH 12:30-2:00)
8. Attend an in person interview during the week of November 17 and/or December 1st, 2014.
8. Complete all the necessary paperwork by December 31st, 2014.
*Requirement may be waived in extreme circumstances.

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Public Policy School Application
Please type and submit application to Jim Nguyen (nguyenjames@deanza.edu) by Friday, November 14th at 5:00 PM.

1. Name, address, phone, and email.

2. Tell us about your progress at De Anza College and any other college or university you have attended.
   a. Units completed
   b. Any incompletes and when they will be completed
   c. Your major
   d. When you expect to graduate, transfer or earn a certificate

3. What is your anticipated Winter quarter class schedule (list classes/times/units)? Include other responsibilities including work, family, etc., and how you will manage them along with your participation in the Public Policy School.

4. Have you participated in any clubs or organizations at De Anza, in high school, or in the community in the last year?

5. What experience or knowledge do you have of law, public policy or politics?

6. Provide two references one of which should be a teacher or instructor who has known you both in and outside of class for at least one quarter. Include their name, email address, and phone number.

7. Provide a short statement (200 to 400 words) discussing the following:
   a. Why you are interested in learning about law and public policy
   b. Your experiences and skills working in teams, engaging in political advocacy, and/or organizing groups of people to act together for a common goal.