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Santa Fe County Clerk's Office Partners with League of Women Voters and Capital High to Train Students in Voter Registration

Santa Fe County, NM — The Santa Fe County Clerk's Office, in collaboration with the League of Women Voters and Capital High School, recently held a Voter Registration Agent (VRA) training for a group of six Capital High School students. The training prepares students, who will soon lead their own voter registration drive on campus for fellow students, teachers, and staff.

This training is part of the High School Voter Registration Program, developed by Anne McDonald Culp of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County. Through this program, high school students receive certification as Voter Registration Agents (VRAs) from the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office, empowering them to register peers, teachers, and staff on their own campuses. Culp created the program to foster civic engagement among young people and to provide them with the tools to take an active role in strengthening democracy within their schools and communities.

The initiative was coordinated by Eric Brayden, who teaches government, economics, and AP Geography at Capital High. At the training, Rosangela Ortiz, Deputy Clerk of the Bureau of Elections, led the VRA presentation, while Clerk's Office staff Cindy, Jeannie, and Andrea supported the program by coordinating logistics and serving as notaries.

"This is a powerful example of how partnerships can engage young people directly in the democratic process," said Clerk Katharine E. Clark. "By giving students the tools to register voters in their own community, we hope to inspire lifelong civic engagement."

This program is part of the Clerk's Office's continued investment in youth outreach, alongside initiatives such as the "Future Voter" sticker contest, the Youth Engagement Advisory Board, KidsVote, and Democracy101 classroom presentations. Together, these efforts work to instill civic responsibility early and encourage students to become informed and active participants in elections for years to come.

For more information about voter registration or upcoming outreach programs, visit SantaFe.vote.

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