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## **FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE GRADUATES FIRST CLASS AT SACRAMENTO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**Sacramento** ---- A partnership of the California Department of Real Estate, the NID Housing Counseling Agency (NID-HCA), and Sacramento Charter High School graduated its first financial literacy high school class and will present certificates of completion to the students on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Sacramento Charter High School.

The financial literacy course, which was created and developed by the California Department of Real Estate, teaches the fundamentals of finance to high school students at the junior and senior levels. This is the first class to use the course that will be offered in the Fall of each school year at Sacramento Charter High School. Students that successfully complete the course will earn five units of credit and a certificate of completion.

The focus of this course is on saving and investing, credit card debt, loans, rental and lease agreements, buying, borrowing and budgeting.

"Education is crucial if we want to learn from our past mistakes," said Bill Moran, Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner of the California Department of Real Estate. "This course will help students avoid the pitfalls that surround every financial decision and give them the tools for a successful financial future."

"Education is the foundation for prudent decision making," said Jacqueline Carlisle, Executive Director, NID-HCA, a HUD-approved non-profit organization with 25 years of experience in housing counseling and community building. "The future stewards of the resources of this great State will learn valuable information which will equip them in making informed financial choices for years to come."

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