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Legal sisterhood in Westchester

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More than two dozen young women who aspire to be attorneys are visiting the Westchester County Courthouse this afternoon to meet with professional women who might someday become their mentors.

The legal field trip is part of the first annual Summer Justice Academy at Pace Law School, sponsored by the New York chapter of the National Association of Women Judges.

The 25 young ladies live in what Pace described as “underserved” school districts, attending high schools in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and two Catholic schools in the Bronx.

The timing of the academy coincides with the confirmation hearings of U.S. Supreme Court candidate Sonia Sotomayor.

The summer academy offers the young ladies college prep-level law courses and leadership training from judges, law school professors and legal practitioners.

Among the professional women who will speak with the would-be lawyers are Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore Pace Law School Dean Michelle S. Simon, Westchester Women’s Bar Association President Debra Scalise and state Supreme Court Justices Judith Gische and La Tia W. Martin.

The week-long academy ends Friday.