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Suffolk Community College, DA partner on training videos

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Through a new partnership, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office and Suffolk County Community College are producing a series of training videos for prosecutors in the DA's office. Produced with interns in the college's radio and television production program, the videos will be accessible online for prosecutors.

District Attorney Tim Sini said the office invests "heavily in top-class training for members of our team." When new prosecutors join our office, they undergo three weeks of training right off the bat, and even the most seasoned members of our team participate in the office's rigorous ongoing training program every single year on top of their busy schedules."

He added that having "these training materials available to ADAs on-demand at all times is an invaluable tool, and we are grateful to SCCC for making that possible."

Student interns shot several of the training videos at Arthur M. Cromarty Criminal Court Complex in Riverhead. It provided a "real life planning, shooting and editing experience," Prof. Gayle Sheridan said in a statement about the program.

“The DA’s team are the content experts, and we are the skilled production team,” she added. “Students learned how to combine those skills to produce an effective instructional tool. Using a multicamera approach gave students the chance to see and experience what the possibilities are as well as the complexities of a field production.”

The students worked through scripts and script revisions as well as blocking movements. They will now also learn how to do postproduction multicamera editing, which is an important skill for when RTV students are competing for jobs, according to Sheridan.