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Success in the face of great odds is the motto of the Urban League's Key Punch and Training Program (funded by the Regional Occupation Program of the County Board of Education and operated cooperatively with San Diego Community Colleges).

On June 23, 1972 at 10 A.M. the third graduation will be held at the center, 6251 Imperial Avenue. Fourteen young ladies will graduate and the most exhilarating aspect of the graduation is that all the young ladies will have to take time off from work in order to attend their graduation.

In spite of the many difficulties the trainees faced, the attendance and the performance were excellent. Lack of money, transportation, baby-sitting are just some of the problems but they perservered and now they join the ranks of the other 45 graduates of the center. The retintion rate of former Training Center students in jobs is 80%.

The next class, for which there were over 100 applicants, will start July 3. There will be two classes with twenty students in each. Applications are now being taken for the November class. The classes run for twelve weeks and last from 9-12 for the morning class and 6-9 P.M. for the evening class.

The graduates have formed an Alumni Association which had its first meeting on May 10th. The members plan to hold regular meetings and serve as an information center to the Training Program. The members plan a series of activities from which they can raise money to start

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a Scholarship Fund for needy trainees.

Pat Dunn, Project Director and Dorothy Sumner, Program Director of the Urban League will give certificates to:

Marchesa Davis, Betty Smith, Jan Bommer, Harvena Westmoreland, Arlene Stephens, Mary Jackson, Lillie Graham, Karen Roberts, Annie Kellum, Margaret Thomas, Jean Intaravia, Barbara Jackson, Roger McClendon, Glenda Morgan.