Dear Partner,

Welcome to the "South Bay Workforce Newsletter," the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

This information-packed eNewsletter will bring you up to date on happenings within our organization, including upcoming events, encouraging stories of success and achievements throughout the South Bay area.

We encourage you to visit our social media outlets, which may be found below, for additional resources.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel
Executive Director
SBWIB

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**SBWIB's 24th Annual Alumni Awards Ceremony**

Join the SBWIB and South Bay business partners to congratulate and award participants who have successfully made it through various SBWIB programs, got training and found employment; also, to acknowledge and thank our many partners and community stakeholders.

Proceeds for this event support our youth programs and teen centers.

**Date:** Thursday October 10th, 2019  
**Location:** Torrance Marriott  
3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503

[Click here to purchase a ticket]

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**SUCCESS STORIES**
Meet Marisa Soto
Marisa Soto, Redondo Beach resident, was laid off from Time Warner Cable in 2015 after working almost 14 years with them because the company was in the process of being sold. She realized that employment opportunities had changed drastically and she needed to make a career transition in order to find her next dream job. So, she reached out to the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center for career transition support.

The One-Stop office offered various employment services to her including: employment leads, job fairs, access to local career networking groups and occupational skills training. Marisa received financial support through the WIOA program to earn her certificate in Social Media & Web Analytics through UCLA Extension, a 36-unit course.

Through her connections and support while at UCLA Extension, she was referred to her current job working as a Marketing & Communications Officer for the UCLA Film & Television Archive. She has also become a marketing consultant and started her own digital marketing agency. More of Marisa’s story may be found in her short story called, "In Pursuit of My Dreams - How Consulting Changed My Life."

“I would (and constantly do) tell others in career transition to reach out and take advantage of the services the One-Stop Center offers. Also, to be open to and listen closely to the advice they’ll get and make the most of it.”

Meet Amber Wynn
Hawthorne Resident, Amber Wynn, visited South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center in Gardena in the months following her layoff from Cal State University Fullerton. With an extensive background in nonprofit management, research development, and philanthropic consulting, Ms. Wynn attended an orientation and subsequently enrolled in the WIOA Dislocated Worker Program.

After completing a series of career counseling sessions, she decided to pursue a Community College Teaching Certificate Program through a valued I-TRAIN partner Cal State University Dominguez Hills in August 2018. According to Ms. Wynn, obtaining this industry recognized certification would allow her to transfer her existing skills and experience in nonprofit management to an academic setting as a college professor. More importantly, pursuing this certificate would grant her an opportunity for a “second career with stability and longevity”.

Ms. Wynn secured employment with Antioch University as an Adjunct Professor teaching Non Profit Management. She is responsible for designing lesson plans, developing course goals, and developing learning objectives for individuals in pursuit of nonprofit management careers. Her experience and industry knowledge within this sector coupled with newly acquired certificate facilitated her successful reentry into the workforce. She is grateful for the services received and has embraced her most recent career endeavor.

“I am so grateful to the One –Stop and the resources available. There are many people out there in need of hope and in need of services. Some may be one paycheck away from real hardships, and they need to know that help is out there. I was worried that at my age, I wouldn’t be able to have a chance at a second career. Thanks to my case manager and the one stop I was able to reach my goals. I tell everyone about the One Stop and the help that’s available.”
Meet Sesar Juarez

Sesar Juarez, 22 from Los Angeles, is a 2018 graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He was one of the first candidates to have been accepted into the new Bio-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program that enables students to gain on-the-job experience with leading bioscience firms throughout the region. By the end of summer, the SBWIB will have graduated more than 40 students who will have received training as bio-science pre apprentices at firms throughout Los Angeles County.

Sesar showed interest in the Bio-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program and enrolled in January 2019. He immediately submitted requirements and got started with the training. Sesar completed the first stages of his training by April 2019 and proceeded to work on his paid work experience.

Sesar completed 120 hours of pre-apprenticeship with the Pasadena Bio Collaborative and has recently been hired full-time as a Laboratory and Facilities Technician with Santa Monica – based Provivi, Inc.

“My success in following my desire to work in bio-manufacturing was due to the Bio-Flex program and the “real skills” that I was able to learn.”

IN THE NEWS

U.S. Department of Labor Awards $12 Million Grant to West LA College/SBWIB Led Collaborative

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded a $12 million grant to a West Los Angeles College/SBWIB collaborative that will be part of a national effort under its Growing Advanced Manufacturing Apprentices Across America (GAMAAA) program to prepare and place 5,000 workers into pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship roles in advanced manufacturing with a focus on the Aerospace and Bioscience industries over the next four years. The grant was the only one awarded to a California applicant and will support training of new hires and incumbent workers.

Read press release here

NEWSBREAK LIVE - City of Torrance Coverage here

Los Angeles Community College District

Spot on California Coverage here

MyNewsLA.com Coverage here

California News Wire- Patch Coverage
Twenty-three students graduated from the SBWIB's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program on Friday, July 26, 2019. Students and parents/guardians were celebrated during graduation held at the SBWIB offices in Hawthorne. Pre-Apprentices successfully completed and earned certificates for Track I - work readiness training called, "Blueprint for Workplace Success", Track II - SME ToolingU occupational skills training and Track III - work experience training.

Read press release here

The fourth class of formerly incarcerated adults were recognized June 14th during ceremonies marking their graduation from the SBWIB's week-long Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy in cooperation with the Los Angeles Central Parole District and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The event was presented at the Inglewood One-Stop Business & Career Center.

Read press release here
Read Daily Breeze article here
Read Inglewood News here

Watch Hawthorne Community T.V. Coverage here
Selected South Bay middle and high school students from the Inglewood Unified School District and Centinela Valley Union High School District, partook in a 2-week program with the National Summer Transportation Institute, offered by the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology at Cal State LA from June 27th through July 15th. Students visited Flabob Airport in Riverside, CA on Saturday, July 13, 2019, where they each got to fly an airplane with an instructor for 20-30 minutes. The program concluded with a graduation dinner on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Eight of those students were offered to participate in the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, Florida. Only 32 students from California and around 200 in the Country are selected to participate in the National Flight Academy!

Read press release here
Daily Breeze coverage here
Hawthorne Press Tribune Coverage here
Inglewood News Coverage here

Watch the videos below to learn more about each program

National Summer Transportation Institute for Students - Caltrans News Flash #181
Delta inspires students with hands-on experience at National Flight Academy
South Bay Teen Centers Youth Participate in "A Day in the Life of a College Student" Tour and Overnight Stay at CSUDH

Sixteen South Bay Area seventh to ninth graders participated in the 6th Annual "A Day in the Life of a College Student" field trip at California State University, Dominguez Hills. Students got a tour of the campus, attended workshops and experienced an overnight stay at the dorms from July 9th to July 10th, 2019.

This ongoing event is part of the South Bay Promise, made possible through the partnerships of the Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers, the SBWIB and CSUDH.

*Read press release here*

*Hawthorne Press Tribune Coverage here*

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**Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship**

Next group of incumbent students who will train under the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program to advance their job skills.
Aero-Flex is an employer-centric ‘earn and learn’ model for engineering. Employers flex their own program and curriculum, build their workforce pipeline, and get access to a pool of candidates with work-readiness skills and entry-level technical skills.

The Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program allows the pre-apprentice to learn about exciting careers, connect with top employers, continue to college, a registered apprenticeship, and/or employment.

Aerospace Engineering Apprentices get on-the job training, obtain technical skills education in aerospace topics and gain an opportunity to graduate employed.

For more details and information, download the flyer [here](#).

**Visit the Aero-Flex site here**

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**SBWIB Honors 40 Cadet Graduates During 16th Annual Fit For Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy Award Ceremony**

High school students were honored May 30th during the 16th Annual Fit For Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy Graduation Ceremony held at Rogers Park in Inglewood. The program was presented by the SBWIB.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel opened the ceremony and thanked the training and business partners who annually provide financial support and tutoring. “The effectiveness of this program is shown in the fact that of the 98 percent of the students who complete the program, 90 percent of them go onto post-secondary education,” he said.

[Read press release here](#)  
[Read Inglewood News here](#)
Fourteen Local Youth Gain their High School Diplomas through SBWIB's Second Change YouthBuild Program

The first class of students to graduate from the SBWIB YouthBuild Program were honored during their commencement ceremony June 21st at the Centinela Valley Center for the Arts on the campus of Lawndale High School. The YouthBuild Program enables those who did not finish high school, ages 16-24, to have a second chance to earn their diploma or G.E.D. and gain occupational skills training in construction as well as leadership development.

Read press release here

Visit the YouthBuild site here

Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and SBWIB Celebrate Father's for Father's Day

The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and SBWIB celebrated Teen Center fathers for the first Father’s Day event at the Hawthorne Teen Center on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Students invited their fathers to celebrate and spend an evening with them in celebration of Father’s Day weekend.

Read press release here
SBWIB YouthBuild aims to empower under-served young adults to rebuild their lives and community through leadership, education and technical training.

It works as an alternative to traditional school environments to provide students ages 16-24 the opportunity to fulfill their credits toward a high school diploma.

Download the English and Spanish flyer here

Visit the SBWIB YouthBuild site here

New Programs!
New programs are being created to service you. Visit the SBWIB and South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center's program flyer page to locate flyers on available programs. Feel free to download and distribute as needed.

**Flyers link here**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August 19, 2019: Machine Tool Technology Career Orientation**

Machine Tool Technology is open to Persons with Disabilities, including but not limited to Persons with Autism. ALL clients possibly interested in taking this FREE course at El Camino College in a supported classroom environment + career placement in positions up to $16/hour upon completion ($20+/hour if additional courses are desired) are invited to attend the Machine Tool Technology Career Orientation.

**When:** Monday, August 19, 2019  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** El Camino College: Industry Technology Education Center Building, Room 111

[Download flyer here](#)

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**September 7, 2019: Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing Perioperative Nursing Course - Los Angeles & Inland Empire**

Azusa Pacific University's Perioperative Nursing course is now accepting applicants! Space is limited for interested registered nurses and nurses and human resources leaders.

**When:** September 7, 2019 - December 14, 2019  
**Deadline:** Registration closes on August 25, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

[Download flyers here](#)

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**September 25, 2019: Job Fair**

Job fair in Lomita, hiring for the industries in administrative, accounting, clerical, flooring, healthcare, janitorial, security guard, warehouse.

**When:** September 25, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
**Location:** 1876 Palos Verde Drive North  
Lomita, CA 90717

[Download flyer here](#)
CALENDARS

One-Stop Career Centers are designed to provide a full range of assistance to job seekers under one roof.

The Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers are recreational centers where teens can have fun and learn through workshops, computers, games and field trips. Teen Centers reinforce the importance of staying in school and entering college. They also provide job training services and alternatives of gang involvements.

All services are at no cost!

View the South Bay One-Stop & Teen Centers monthly calendars for a list of resources here

CONNECT WITH US

For the latest information and events taking place in the South Bay Area, be sure to check us out on social media at the following outlets:

LinkedIn: (South Bay 1-Stop), (South Bay Workforce Investment Board)
Twitter: (@SouthBayWIB, @SouthBayJobsCA)
Facebook: (South Bay Workforce Investment Board - SBWIB, South Bay Jobs, Gardena One-Stop, Carson One-Stop), Hawthorne Teen Center, Inglewood Teen Center
Pinterest: (SouthBayWIB), Hawthorne Teen Center
Instagram: (SouthBayWIB), Inglewood Teen Center, Hawthorne Teen Center
YouTube: (South Bay Workforce Investment Board)

For more information and resources, be sure to visit
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SouthBayYouth.org
SouthBayJobs.org
iCareInglewood.com
CYS-la.org
Hawthorne Teen Center
Inglewood Teen Center

Visit SouthBayJobs.org for job posts and employment fairs