South Bay Workforce Investment Board Partners with Centinela Valley Union High School District to Present Career Fair for High School Students

HAWTHORNE – More than 430 high school 11th and 12th graders from the Centinela Valley Union High School District participated in the third annual Career Fair presented March 5th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. The event was co-sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Invest Board (SBWIB) and the school district.

District Superintendent Greg O’Brien welcomed the students and urged them to take full advantage of the time they would have to learn from experienced professionals who were in attendance. Students from Hawthorne, Leuzinger, Lawndale and Lloyd high schools attended the day-long event.

Students had the opportunity to engage with representatives of businesses and nonprofit agencies based in the greater Los Angeles region and learn how they had gained employment in their career field and what should the students do to better prepare themselves for the workplace. They also attended breakout sessions covering professional communication skills, and financial literacy. Among the employers participating were Los Angeles World Airport, Ritz-Carlton, The Black Aerospace Workers Association, Los Angeles Fire Department, Arconic Fastening Systems, IBEW Local, American Red Cross, PRN Ambulance, CA Conservation Corps, FBI and FedEx.

In addition to interacting with employers, students also participated in a Financial Literacy workshop hosted by Kinecta Credit Union and Blueprint for Workplace Success work readiness hosted by the SBWIB.

The SBWIB has developed a number of workplace learning opportunities for students throughout the South Bay including tours of worksites, speaker series in the classroom, career days and job shadowing sessions enabling students to work alongside professionals in the workplace.
Lawndale High School students discuss career development opportunities with a representative from the CA Conservation Corps during the Career Fair March 5th presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and Centinela Valley Union High School District.