News for the Week of April 1, 2019

EL PROYECTO YOUTH & SOUTH LA WSC MAJORITY OF GRADS AT CEREMONY

Students from the El Proyecto Del Barrio YouthSource Center and South Los Angeles WorkSource Center comprised the majority of the 20 graduates at the Los Angeles Valley College Advanced Manufacturing Academy culmination ceremony on March 20, 2019. Now in its 13th year, about 50 percent of participants are between the ages of 18 to 29, and the program has a job placement rate between 85 and 95 percent, depending on the cohort, said Roberto Gutierrez, program manager of the LAVC Workforce Training Program. Students that graduate from the program are trained to become Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Operators, a highly specialized position where trainees handle computer-programmed machinery that perform functions such as drilling, cutting or shaping materials. Entry-level wages begin at minimum wage up and go up to $18 per hour, depending on previous work experience and the size of
the company. The valedictorian of the class recently started a job as a maintenance mechanic at MS Aerospace in Sylmar, where he will earn $24 dollars an hour, Roberto said. “The career ladder is healthy with opportunities in CNC set up, programming, inspection and machine maintenance,” Roberto said. Graduate Chris Newton expressed gratitude to the El Proyecto YouthSource staff for providing access to resources that helped him cover the cost of his classes and navigate a career pathway that did not involve college. “Taking this class was my education for me,” he said. Chris was also offered a job after graduation. He will be deburring and sanding rough edges of parts at a small precision machining and manufacturing company in Van Nuys.

CANOGA PARK/SOUTH VALLEY WSC FUNDS 7 SLOTS AT HR ASSISTANT ACADEMY

The Canoga Park/South Valley WorkSource Center provided funding for seven students to attend an accelerated six week Human Resource Assistant Academy Program at Los Angeles Valley College, with the goal of getting them back in the workforce right away. “I can’t tell you how much I learned throughout this course,” said student Amber Torres, who added that the program taught her valuable skills that will assist her while seeking employment. “You have opened my eyes to see other opportunities to pursue within my industry.” The academy was provided free of charge to approximately 25 job seekers, where students received intensive HR training, including HR compliance, investigations in hiring, cultural diversity in the workplace, ADA and OSHA compliance, basic payroll, Workers’ Compensation, and prevention of sexual harassment/discrimination. “We tailored our standard HR Assistant program to support displaced workers get back into the labor market with skill sets that meet – and actually exceed – currently employed professionals in the HR arena,” said Jonathan Arnold, Esq., who both directs and teaches in all of the Professional Extension Programs at LAVC. EWDD partner ResCare, which oversees the Canoga Park/South Valley WSC, Propel LA, and other partners provide funding for the program, allowing students to attend the otherwise $1,615 course for free. On Saturday, March 23, 2019, LAVC celebrated the recent HR Assistant Academy grads at a culmination event. “Thank you very much for providing this valuable course,” said student Cherrie Baker. “It was really informative and I enjoyed every minute.”
COMPASS ROSE COLLABORATIVE – CONSTRUCTION TOOLS, WORK BOOTS

Two participants from the Compass Rose Collaborative (CRC) recently became union apprentices, a young adult re-entry program administered by EWDD’s Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center. Participant Neru completed his safety pre-apprenticeship Multi-Craft Core (MC3), OSHA 10, CPR, and forklift training last fall. Since then, Neru had been working at a warehouse, with the goal of joining a union in 2019. CRC recently connected Neru to an employment contractor who oversees the LA Coliseum Renovation Project. Neru was then hired as an apprentice for the Reinforcing Ironworkers Local 416. In late March, CRC surprised him with a key component for his new job – work boots. Participant Ernie completed his Hazwoper 40 hours and OSHA 10 on March 1, 2019. Ten days later, Ernie was hired as an apprentice for the roofers and waterproofing union. CRC visited him at his transitional housing and dropped off his work boots.

“I’m so grateful for this opportunity and everything this program has done for me,” he said. “I never thought I would land a good job after going to prison.” The City of LA was one of three cities awarded the CRC grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL-ETA) in June 2018.

VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC HELPS STUDENT FIND JOB AT DELICIOUS AT THE DUNBAR

The Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Technical Trade College (LATTC) WorkSource Center helped job seeker Keith Richardson get hired at Delicious at the Dunbar. Keith had just finished an assignment working at the LATTC cafeteria. He wanted to work at least 32 hours per week at a restaurant while continuing his education at LATTC. Vernon-Central/LATTC WSC Career Coach John Wilson contacted the new restaurant Delicious at the Dunbar about available opportunities and after a successful interview, Keith was hired as a busser. Delicious at Dunbar is part of the Dunbar Village revitalization project. EWDD provided $500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds in support of the project, an economic development loan geared toward revitalizing a location once considered the heart of the Central Avenue jazz scene and cultural center of LA’s African American Community.
BUSINESS METRICS: *DUE TO UPCOMING REPORTING CHANGES, FIGURES ARE UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK*

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WORKFORCE METRICS: *(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

CalJobs *(online and mobile)*

- Registrations: 573
- 8% (↓)

WorkSource Centers

- Enrollments: 1,488
- 1% (↓)

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