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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Sponsors Teen Center Youth to participate in “A Day in the Life of a College Student” Tour and Overnight Outing at California State University Dominguez Hills

Hawthorne – Fifteen South Bay Area 8th graders participated in the 3rd Annual “A Day in the life of a College Student,” July 13 & 14, 2016, which included a guided tour, informational workshops, as well as an overnight stay on campus at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH).

The Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers, which are administered by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) through its One-Stop Centers and partners with CSUDH, organized the tour.

The 15 participating students were from the five South Bay Area school districts (Hawthorne School District, Wiseburn Unified School District, Inglewood Unified School District, Lennox School District, and Lawndale Elementary School District). The students attended an admission workshop, a Financial Aid Info session (FAFSA), Greek/club life at the campus introduction and an alumnus-led, campus tour, as well as an overnight stay in the dorms at Dominguez Hills to give a glimpse into the college experience.

The event was part of the South Bay Promise, a program that aims to help area students with planning and preparation for college. Developed by leaders from California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), El Camino College (ECC), Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD), Centinela Valley Union High School District (CVUHSD) and the SBWIB, South Bay Promise is designed to strengthen and create a seamless transition from high school to college. Through the program, Inglewood Unified and Centinela Valley Union High School District students can qualify for guaranteed admission to El Camino College and/or California State University, Dominguez Hills. Upon completion of 60 semester credits, the El Camino College students are guaranteed transfer acceptance to CSUDH.

Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director stated, “This program provides these kids with a great opportunity to get a first-hand look at what a college campus looks like and what will be expected of them.” He added, “It’s never too early to start preparing for college and we provide guidance and events such as this to help them to be successful.”

Gloria Garcia, Hawthorne Teen Center Manager, “This was a great opportunity for students to hear from someone who has benefited from a college education and has a fresh remembrance of the experience. For these students, it ended up being an eye-opening experience.”



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