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**The South Bay Workforce Board sponsors 50 Hawthorne High School Students to attend special Shades of Blue STEM Educational Webcast in Los Angeles**

**INGLEWOOD** – Fifty students from Hawthorne High School’s School of Engineering, attended a special SHADES OF BLUE E-Learning webcast, an interactive online presentation in conjunction with the SHADES OF BLUE Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) educational initiatives, at the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) provided transportation for the students, teachers and chaperones. Eric Grice, Executive Director of the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF), Clark W. Robinson, President, Chairman of TASF, and Theodore Lumpkin, past President of LA Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., attended the event and were on hand after the presentation to give personal accounts and answer student questions.

Mr. Grice stated, “On behalf Mr. Lumpkin and Mr. Robinson, as well as the TASF Board, I would like to thank the SBWIB and the academic organizers for bringing together a terrific group of inspiring students from the Hawthorne Math and Science Academy.” He added, “We are so pleased to be a part of encouraging the next generation of students to enter STEM careers. It is our hope that today's webcast and personal interaction will plant a seed of inspiration that will flourish for years to come.”

The SBWIB, facilitated participation in the event as part of the Career Pathways Program, which is funded by the Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Work-Based Learning grant. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) is the organization tasked to provide work-based learning activities and provide support to local engineering and advanced manufacturing academies to expose them to careers in the industry thereby bridging the gap between schools and companies.

SHADES OF BLUE is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to mentoring, tutoring, counseling, and arranging referrals for young people who desire to pursue STEM careers. Although SHADES OF BLUE primarily focuses on aviation and aerospace, the same level of assistance is available to all students. Within the organization are numerous professionals, subject matter experts' who provide a support system for mentoring and job placement that will maximize the probability of success of students who choose a career in STEM-related fields.



Theodore Lupkin Jr., past President of the LA Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., (L) and Clark W. Robinson, President, Chairman of TASF (R), pose along Hawthorne High School students and teachers.