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**South Bay Teen Centers Youth Participate in “A Day in the Life of a College Student” Tour and Overnight Stay at California State University, Dominguez Hills**

**HAWTHORNE, CA** – 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 (CSUDH). 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 South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and CSUDH.

The event started at the Hawthorne Teen Center as students gathered, received mock college packets with acceptance letters and participated in activities to get to know one another. Some activities included questionnaires for college housing and a game of power rock paper scissors where students were taught the importance of cheering for others despite challenges in life. This year, participating students were from three South Bay area school districts (Hawthorne School District, Torrance Unified School District and Inglewood Unified School District).

Participating student, Kayla, expressed her expectations, “I’ve been to a few campuses, but none like this and I haven’t spent the night. I’m looking forward to learning more about what college is like and asking different questions,” she stated.

The South Bay Promise, aims to help area students with college preparation. 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, the South Bay Promise is now open to students from all school districts. This program enables students to have access to higher education and services such as tutoring, counseling and other support programs they need to be successful and transfer or graduate and enter the workforce. “More students are learning and experiencing the college path by getting the opportunity to visit campuses, we want to continue showing them the opportunities and support they have from their communities,” stated SBWIB’s Executive Director, Jan Vogel.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Career Centers within its South Bay service area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne providing no cost adult, youth and business services. For further information, please call (310) 970-7700 or visit sbwib.org.

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**Photo caption:** South Bay Area students participate in 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “A Day in the Life of a College Student” at California State University, Dominguez Hills with an overnight stay from July 9<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

