

Dear Partner,

Welcome to the April 2018 edition of "South Bay Workforce Newsletter," the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

This information-packed eNewsletter will bring you up to date on happenings within our organization including upcoming events, encouraging stories of success and achievements throughout the South Bay Area.

We invite you to visit any one of our social media outlets or websites (see below) for additional information and resources.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel
Executive Director
SBWIB

[IN THE NEWS](#)

SBWIB Aero-Flex Team Successfully Registers First in the Nation - Aerospace Engineering Apprenticeship



Graduating interns of Northrop Grumman's HIP (High School Involvement Partnership) program and SBWIB's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program posed at their graduation ceremony at Northrop Grumman Corporation in Redondo Beach, CA.

The SBWIB and the Aero-Flex team of employers and partners have successfully registered the first Aerospace Engineering Apprenticeship occupation in the United States, sponsored by Tooling U-SME, a non-profit dedicated to advancing the manufacturing industry. This is also the first registered apprenticeship in the U.S. requiring a degree within the engineering

discipline. This new national apprenticeship, approved by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Office of Apprenticeship, aligns with the current nationwide effort to expand apprenticeship in America and creates an extended career pathway for anyone interested in becoming an Aerospace Engineer

[Read the complete press release here](#)

SBWIB and Magnetika, Inc. Commemorate Three New Graduates From the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Engineering Program



SBWIB, Magnetika, Inc. and UAC members award Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Engineering graduates. Pictured from left to right, back row: Catherine Holdbrook-Smith, Magnetika HR Manager; Ameet Butala, Magnetika Vice President; Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director; Joe Ahn, Northrop, Chair of Sector. Front row from left to right: Andrew Noda, Khanh Tran and Bushra Khan, Aero-Flex Pre-Apprentice graduates.

The SBWIB, Magnetika, Inc. and the Unilateral Apprenticeship Committee (UAC) members of the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA) program congratulated Andrew, Khanh and Bushra on their completion of the AFPA program and internship at Magnetika on March 7, 2018.

"On behalf of the team at Magnetika, I would like to thank you for your partnership and immense support. We are so proud of our graduates." expressed Catherine Holdbrook-Smith, Human Resources Manager, Magnetika, Inc.

Khanh, AFPA graduate, commented on his experience in the AFPA program, *"for me it was perfect and interesting. I improved my skills and got experience with Magnetika. It was a great opportunity to apply my knowledge in real work."* Khanh, is among the two students hired at Magnetika after completing the program.

[Read the complete press release here](#)

SBWIB Awarded Grant from EDD To Provide Career Development Opportunities for People with Disabilities

The California Economic Development Department (EDD) has awarded a \$350,000 Disability Employment Accelerator grant to the SBWIB to provide career development programs for people with disabilities. In partnership with El Camino and Harbor College, soon to graduate students with disabilities will receive 100 hours of paid work experience and assistance transitioning into employment.

SBWIB will also partner with the Uniquely Abled Project to deliver CNC Machine Operator training for individuals with high-functioning autism and provide work-based learning opportunities. SBWIB thanks employer partners committed to providing the work-based learning opportunities. These partners include Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, Haas Factory Outlet, Protech Knives, LLC, Advanced Theoretical Concepts, Inc., and Edelbrock, LLC.

[Read the complete press release here](#)

SBWIB Partners with Inglewood Airport Area Chamber of Commerce to Present the 37th Annual Job Shadow Day



SBWIB Executive Director, Jan Vogel; Councilman Alex Padilla and Mayor James T. Butts Jr. welcomed over 100 students to the 37th Annual Job Shadow Day at Inglewood High School on February 22nd, 2018.

The SBWIB, in partnership with the Inglewood Airport Area Chamber of Commerce (IAACC), Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD), local high schools and business members, presented this year's 37th Annual Job Shadow Day at Inglewood High School on February 22nd, 2018.

Over 100 students from City Honors, Inglewood High School, Morningside, Animo Inglewood Charter High School, Lennox Academy, and St. Mary's participated in the event. Students started their morning by hearing motivational speeches from five guest speakers.

"I loved it and I'm going to spread the word about this business," stated Lois, senior from City Honors

[Read the complete press release here](#)

[Inglewood News](#)

SBWIB Partners with Centinela Valley Union High School District to Present First Career Fair for High School Students

More than 200 high school 11th and 12th graders from the Centinela Valley Union High School District were invited to participate in the first annual Career Fair presented February 7, 2018 at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. The event was the result of a collaboration between the SBWIB and the school district.



Lawndale High School students ask career development questions from one of the business representatives that attended the Career Fair February 7th.

[Read the complete press release here](#)
[Hawthorne Press Tribune](#)
[Lawndale Tribune](#)

Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce Names SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel 2017-18 Citizen of the Year



Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce names Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Hawthorne citizen of the Year for 2017-18. Pictured are Jan and his wife, Sandy, at the 2018 State of the City Address Luncheon featuring Mayor Alex Vargas. (Photo courtesy of City of Hawthorne)

More than 450 business leaders, civic officials and community members were on hand for the 2018 State of the City Luncheon featuring Hawthorne Mayor Alex Vargas, March 21st at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. Prior to the mayor's address, Patricia Donaldson, Hawthorne Chamber CEO, announced that the surprise recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award was none other than the annual event's perpetual master of ceremonies, Jan Vogel. The award was presented by last year's recipient - and longtime personal friend - Dennis Wild.

[Read the complete press release here](#)

[Watch State of the City Address video here](#)

SUCCESS STORIES



Spencer Shortland

Spencer Shortland, a 24 year old from Torrance, was seeking a job so he could earn the money he needed for tuition to continue his education at Los Angeles Harbor College. He had applied to 30 employers and had 20 interviews, but was not selected. Since he didn't have any work experience, Spencer turned to the Torrance One-Stop seeking advice and employment opportunities.

The One-Stop staff determined that Spencer was eligible for the **youth program** and conducted mock interviews to prepare him for an interview with **L3 Communications in Torrance** in a work experience internship. He was selected for the position and began a three-month on-the-job training program.

Upon completion of his internship, L3 staff was very impressed with his performance and hired Spencer into a full time position. Spencer will also be returning to college and majoring in the aerospace field.

"The One-Stop Center helped me get back on my feet by getting me into this internship with L3 and then a regular job. And now I'm being trained to fill an important position in the defense contractor/aerospace industry. They even want to support me through college and help pay for any certifications I get. Thanks to my caseworker Yesenia Tercero and the SBWIB, my life is back on track and my future looks bright. I would recommend SBWIB to anyone looking to start their career."

Dennis, a 28-year old native of Raleigh, North Carolina, came to California and settled in Redondo Beach in 2013. He gained employment as a building maintenance technician and porter for Alliance Residential, a real estate property management firm in Santa Monica. But in 2016 company downsizing resulted in him being laid off.

After researching his options for a couple months while drawing unemployment, Dennis decided to visit the Torrance One-Stop Business & Career Center in hopes of gaining some vocational training. He had previously earned his CompTIA A+ certificate and hoped to work in the computer field someday. The One-Stop counselor helped Dennis develop a plan to transition into the IT field and enrolled him in computer certification classes through **ABCO Technology in Los Angeles**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

18th Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Youth & Young Adults Job Fair

The Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Job Fair is around the corner! Young adults, ages 16-24 years, sign up for an opportunity to interview with over 60 employers and a chance to get hired on the spot!

Employers - mentor, train, hire a young adult. Sign up for an opportunity to have a 'no cost' table and interview hundreds of qualified young adults. Plus, network with over 60 companies and community agencies.

The 18th Annual Job Fair will take place **April 26, 2018 from 9am-12pm at the Juanita Millender - McDonald Community Center**. More details and sign up documents may be found at the following link.

**The 18th Annual
Blueprint for Workplace Success
Youth & Young Adults
Job Fair
2018**

**Juanita Millender - McDonald
Community Center**
Thursday, April 26, 2018 • 9am - 12pm
801 E. Carson St. Carson, CA 90745

Encouraged to attend:
• Young Adults Ages 16-24
• Blueprint for Workplace Success Certified
• Interested High School Youth Should Contact Their Counselor or a Career Advisor

Come Dressed for Success & Bring Plenty of Resumes
Must bring ID, Social Security Card, & High School Diploma (if applicable).

For more information contact a coordinator in your area:
Gloria Garcia (310) 970-7002
Hawthorne
Lomita
El Segundo
Lily Albarran (310) 680-3818
Inglewood
Lanana
Romeo Habron - (310) 680-3870
Carson
Elizabeth Belden (310) 538-7065
Gardena
Yvesla Tercero (310) 680-3832
Torrance, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach

Over 50 Employers Will Be in Attendance!
Past Employers Include:
Costco, TJ Maxx, Office Depot, GameStop, Target, GameStop, Yogurtland, Albany, US Bank, Party City

RSVP today by calling a representative in your area or by clicking <https://tinyurl.com/JobFair2018>

Sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board and South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers in partnership with:
CCBO YouthBuild, EDD, and the Department of Industrial Relations.

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2017 Blueprint Job Fair

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26: 18th Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Youth & Young Adults Job Fair

Young adults ages 16-24 are encouraged to attend this year's job fair. Come dressed for success and bring plenty of resumes.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: 801 E. Carson St. Carson, CA 90745

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[Hawthorne Teen Center](#)
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