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South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Hosts Hawthorne Teen Center Ninth Anniversary Celebration

HAWTHORNE – More than 100 youth, parents, civic and educational leaders attended a celebration marking the ninth anniversary of the Hawthorne Teen Center, December 7, 2017, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. The celebration was hosted by the SBWIB which also operates the center.

Hawthorne Mayor Alex Vargas welcomed everyone and congratulated the Teen Center staff and the SBWIB and thanked them for the many services they have provided to youth over the years. He then joined with SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel and Centinela Valley Union High School District Superintendent Greg O'Brien in presenting awards to four students. Kennedy Vasquez received the Academic Achievement Award, Destiny Camacho received the Teen Center Ambassador Award, Imani Herring won the Sports Award, and Darryl Fantroy was the recipient of the Best Attendance Award.

The center's youth choir performed a dance routine and sang some songs. The performers included Destiney Blackstone, Lauryn Cooper, and Lia Cooper.

"The Teen Center isn't just a safe haven where students can learn through games, computers, workshops and field trips, but it also reinforces the importance of staying in school and entering college and developing careers," Mr. Vogel noted.

The Hawthorne Teen Center, operated by the SBWIB, is open weekday afternoons from 3-6 pm. It is free to students and provides a safe environment for teens to get homework help, use computers, get counseling and socialize with their peers. It encourages students and teaches the importance of career preparation, including college exploration and workshops. For more information on the Teen Center services, visit sbwib.org or call (310) 970-7700.

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Hawthorne Teen Center Photo Caption



Hawthorne Teen Center outstanding youth volunteers were honored during the ninth anniversary celebration hosted by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Pictured with the students are, from left, Dr. Greg O'Brien, Superintendent of the Centinela Valley Union High School District; City of Hawthorne Mayor Alex Vargas; SBWIB CEO Jan Vogel, and Gloria Garcia, Teen Center Director.

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