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South Bay Workforce Investment Board’s Teen Center Youth Participate in “A Day in the Life of a College Student” Tour at California State University, Dominguez Hills

HAWTHORNE, CA – Fifteen South Bay Area 8th graders participated in the 5th Annual “*A Day in the Life of a College Student*,” on July 25th and 26th, 2018. The field trip consisted of a guided tour through campus, informational workshops, and an overnight stay at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH).

This event was made possible by the Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers, administered by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) through its One-Stop Centers and with the partnership of CSUDH.

Students started their college experience at the Hawthorne Teen Center as they engaged in dialogue and got to meet one another before taking a bus to CSUDH. The participating students were from the five South Bay Area school districts (Hawthorne School District, Torrance Unified 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), an alumnus led campus tour, introduction to Greek/club life at the campus and an overnight stay in the dorms.

Students were encouraged to ask questions and did so during the workshops and throughout their college experience. Participating student, Malik Bailey, from the city of Hawthorne expressed, “I’m happy I was able to be part of the experience and I wish this trip was longer.”

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel stated, “This is a great program for students to get a personal feel of what college is about and what they need to do to get there.”

This ongoing event is part of the South Bay Promise, a program that 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 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.

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: Fifteen South Bay Area 8th graders participated in the 5th Annual “A Day in the Life of a College Student,” July 25th and 26th, 2018. The field trip consisted of a guided tour through campus, informational workshops, and an overnight stay at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Pictured are participating students and SBWIB staff; Gloria Garcia and Rodrigo Herrera.

