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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Hosts Inglewood Teen Center’s 6th Anniversary

HAWTHORNE – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), Inglewood civic leaders, and educators celebrated the Inglewood Teen Center’s 6th Anniversary on October 3rd, 2019 at the Inglewood Teen Center, located at the Inglewood Public Library. The Teen Center, along with the Hawthorne Teen Center, are operated by the SBWIB.

The celebration opened with a few words from the City of Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Jr., “I really encourage all of you to look at the role models you have here, consider how much people care about you, who invest money and time to make sure that you have a place to be, to grow, and develop.”

The center has provided youth connections to additional resources including; the South Bay Promise program, El Camino College, Centinela Youth Services, California State University - Dominguez Hills, Inglewood Unified School District, and Los Angeles County office of Education’s Friday Night Live program. Teen center alumni, Ethan Hohl, now in his second year at El Camino College, spoke about his experience at the center. The employment assistance and tutoring the center gave him provided a link to the South Bay Promise Program, which paid for tuition his first year at El Camino College.

Present at the Teen Center Anniversary were also: Jan Vogel, Executive Director, SBWIB; Ralph Franklin, City of Inglewood Councilman; Dr. Porsha Cropper, Assistant Senior Deputy, Education and Human Development for Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor, Second District Office; Brandon Stansell, Field Representative, Assembly Member Autumn Burke’s Office; Dr. Jean Shankweiler, Vice President of Academic Affairs, El Camino College; Billy Campbell, SBWIB Board Member, The Campbell Agency, Allstate Insurance Company; Patricia Bennett, SBWIB Board Member, P&J’s Unique Bookkeeping & Tax Services.

Teen center recognitions were awarded to Joshu’ah Harris, the Rising Star Award; Denzel Campbell, Teen Center Ambassador Award, and Drea Williams, Member of the Year Award.

The Inglewood Teen Center is open Monday through Thursday from 3-6 p.m. 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. For more information on the Teen Center services, visit sbwib.org or call (310) 970-7700.

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Photo caption: The South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inglewood civic leaders and educators celebrate Inglewood Teen Center's 6th Anniversary, on Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 at the Inglewood Teen Center.



