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Outstanding Businesses, Individuals Honored At 12th Annual South Bay Workforce Investment Board Award Ceremony



Some of the outstanding businesses and alumni of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board career training and development program during the past year pose with SBWIB President Wayne Spencer (third from left) following the annual awards breakfast last Friday in Hawthorne. *see SBW on page 3*

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Hawthorne Mayor Larry Guidi (at left) receives Esther Williams Award of Excellence from Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, during 12th annual SBWIB Alumni & Awards Recognition Breakfast Friday.

More than 300 civic leaders, business operators and graduates of job and career training programs were in attendance for the 12th annual South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Alumni & Awards Recognition Breakfast, November 9th, at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. Barbara Halsey, Executive Officer for the California Workforce Investment Board, delivered the keynote address.

Hawthorne Mayor Larry Guidi was the recipient of the Esther Williams Award for Excellence which was presented by SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. Mr. Vogel cited the mayor's tireless efforts over the years to strengthen the training and vocational opportunities for youth and adults offered by the SBWIB and his successful effort to support the scholarship fund that has provided thousands of dollars in financial assistance for graduating high school seniors and college students.

The primary focus of the award ceremony was to honor those employers, organizations and individuals who made outstanding contributions within the workforce investment community by educating, training and employing hundreds of people during the past year.

Among the honored employers

were: AT & T Government Solutions, The Aerospace Corporation, World Literacy Crusade, R & R Donnelly, Costco Warehouse, Teledyne, HomeTown Buffet, Don Harris Insurance Agency, Superior Super Warehouse, the Federal Aviation Administration, Bennecker Industries, Target, and Albertsons.

Wayne Spencer, Chairperson of the SBWIB Board of Directors, served as master of ceremonies for the event and presented individual awards to nine of the graduates who had successfully gained employment after completing career and vocational training through the SBWIB One-Stop Business & Career Centers during the past year. Mr. Spencer gave a brief summary of each of the individual's remarkable accomplishments that came about despite some severe obstacles and personal tragedies.

Mr. Vogel presented an overview of the SBWIB's annual performance and noted that more than 57,000 adults and youth received services within the nine city workforce investment area which includes the cities of Inglewood, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, El Segundo, Hawthorne and the newly added city of Carson. ■



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