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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Collaborates With Cal State University  
Dominguez Hills To Establish New Sports Turf Maintenance Program**

Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and Dr. James Lyons, President of Cal State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) congratulated the first graduating class of the Sports Turf Maintenance Program at the September 8<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony held at CSUDH. Graduates, ages 17 – 21, were joined by family and community members as they shared their personal experiences and demonstrated newly acquired knowledge of various soil compositions, fertilizers, irrigation systems and proper turf (grass) maintenance for sports fields. The eight-week summer training program is operated by South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers and was comprised of classroom training, hands-on work experience and exploratory field trips. “As graduates of this program, these young people now have the skills to get a good job in a growing industry and with more experience they can advance to even higher paying jobs,” explained Jan Vogel. Dr. Lyons encouraged the graduates to return to CSUDH for continued education, especially in Sports Turf Management where there are many career opportunities. For additional information, contact South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers at (310) 970-7700.

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