



**PRESS RELEASE**

June 25, 2019

South Bay Workforce Investment Board  
11539 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 500  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
Contact Jan Vogel: 310-970-7700

**South Bay Students Selected for the National Summer Transportation Institute and National Flight Academy Programs**

**HAWTHORNE, CA** – Fifteen selected middle and high school students from the South Bay will experience an interactive and academic 2-week program at the National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI), offered by the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology at Cal State LA starting June 27th through July 15<sup>th</sup>. Of the fifteen students, 7 from the Inglewood Unified School District and Centinela Valley Union High School District were offered to attend a 1-week program at the National Flight Academy (NFA) in Pensacola, Florida. Only 32 students from California and around 200 in the Country are selected to participate in the National Flight Academy.

The NSTI Program, a no cost program, is a transportation-focused career awareness initiative designed to introduce disadvantaged secondary school students to all modes of transportation-related careers, provide academic enhancement activities and encourage students to pursue transportation-related courses of study at the college/university level. Students will spend 2 weeks at Cal State LA while exploring careers in transportation, computer training, develop presentations and study skills, work on bridges, and take field trips to Union Station and the Metro Station.

The NFA is the world’s largest virtual aircraft carrier and the nations #1 themed learning adventure that allows students to experience the sound, smell and feel of a real aircraft carrier. Students live for 6 days in a multi-story, 102,000 square foot facility experiencing theme-park style thrills surrounded by advanced technology, flight simulators, and virtual reality games that ignite imagination and encourage learning.

Both programs require an enrollment process and are geared for students interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). “This academy is a national program, having these students from the South Bay selected is huge, it shows the dedication they have in these subjects and opens career opportunities to them from an early age,” stated SBWIB’s Executive Director, Jan Vogel.

The SBWIB has developed a number of workplace learning opportunities for students throughout the South Bay including tours of worksites, career days and job shadowing sessions enabling students to work alongside professionals in the workplace. 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 [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org).

# # #