

Community Briefs

Pregnancy Help Center Celebrates 30th Annual Walk for Life

The Pregnancy Help Center in Torrance, held its 30th Annual Walk for Life South Bay last month. Over 200 walkers came out to enjoy fun, food, festivities and a 5K walk along the beach in support of the Center and its free services such as pregnancy and STI testing and ultrasound. The festivities also celebrated walkers who have participated

since the beginning of the event. The 5K began from the south side of Veterans Park in Redondo Beach. Participants also had the opportunity to win raffle prizes, while enjoying bagels, coffee and fellowship. The Center has served the South Bay for over 40 years.

– *Source and Photo from Pregnancy Help Center*



From the "Selfie" booth: Virginia Perches, volunteer; Norma D. Grove, staff; Jeanne McLeod and Connie Liegey, volunteers at the Walk for Life.

Torrance Students Receive Cal Poly Irrigation Scholarships

On May 19 at the 2016-17 Agricultural Engineering Society End of the Year Banquet, 26 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo students from the BRAE department were awarded various irrigation scholarships including the Daisy J. Hudson Agricultural Irrigation Career Scholarship, the John Merriam Memorial Scholarship, and

the Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference for USBR Scholarship.

The scholarships were awarded to those studying BioResource and Agricultural Engineering or Agricultural Systems Management (ASM).

Soojin Park, from Torrance, is currently a student in the BRAE Department and was

one of two recipients for the John Merriam Memorial Scholarship. Professor Merriam was an internationally known irrigation consultant who taught at Cal Poly for 20 years. His students, both here and abroad, remember him for his inspiration and dedication to teaching. Professor Merriam and his family established the Merriam Endowment for Irrigation and Water Management within the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department at Cal Poly. The endowment provides assistance to faculty and students in the field of irrigation. An annual scholarship is made to students interested in irrigation.

Lauren Burke, from Torrance, is currently a student in the BRAE Department and a student employee of the ITRC. Lauren was one of several recipients for the Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship. Daisy J. Hudson was

a life-long resident of Porterville in Tulare County, who served as General Manager of the Sausalito Irrigation District and has exceptional career experience in the agriculture and water industry. Daisy believed whole-heartedly that agriculture's two most important assets are water and people. Her appreciation for women in the industry and Cal Poly attendees from a rural background led her to establish the Agricultural Irrigation Career Scholarship at Cal Poly, or the Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship.

The scholarship provides needs-based financial assistance to hard working students who intend to pursue active careers related to water after their undergraduate studies in the areas of irrigation, water science, or water engineering at Cal Poly.

– *Source: Cal Poly*

AMETLL Consortium School Maker Faire Attracts More Than 900 Participants

The third annual Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium School Maker Faire took place last month and featured more than 900 high school students, educators and family members from five South Bay regional school districts joined with representatives from 47 high tech companies and technical schools to showcase advanced manufacturing techniques, robotics competitions and STEM Related Exhibits.

The Consortium teamed with the Centinela Valley Union School District (CVUHSD), El Camino College and the Hawthorne High School of Engineering to present the event which was part science fair but with a county fair atmosphere celebrating creativity and invention, as well as providing a venue for tech enthusiasts, crafters, artists, hobbyists, engineers and

entrepreneurs to showcase what they make. Attendees also were able to participate in interactive science and engineering activities. Complimentary food and refreshments were provided by the Hawthorne High School of Culinary Arts and other on campus organizations.

The 2017 Faire was sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), Kinecta Federal Credit Union, CVUHSD, and El Camino College.

The Consortium was established in 2013 and is comprised of educational and industry partners including the SBWIB, committed to the principles of Linked Learning, an approach that energizes students through interdisciplinary curriculum, project-based learning and the integration of Career Technical Education with traditional academic disciplines.

– *Source: SWBIB*

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