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Local Youth Graduate and Earn High School Diplomas Through South Bay Workforce Investment Board's YouthBuild Program

HAWTHORNE – Students graduating from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) YouthBuild Program were honored in June with a drive-in graduation ceremony conducted at the YouthBuild Lennox campus.

The YouthBuild Program enables 16-24 year olds who did not finish high school, to have a second chance to earn their diploma or G.E.D. and gain occupational skills training in construction as well as leadership development. They also completed college readiness and career development courses and had access to licensed counselors to discuss personal issues and develop success plans.

The Class of 2020 consists of 20 graduates who returned to the campus one by one by appointment with a limited number of family members and friends attending the ceremony along with YouthBuild faculty and staff members (safe distancing and compliance observed).

“During these most trying times, we could not be more proud of these young adults and the entire YouthBuild staff and faculty who made this possible,” said SBWIB Jan Vogel. “Many of the graduates have already set their sights even higher and enrolled in local community colleges and trade schools this Fall.”

Key partners in the SBWIB YouthBuild program include Century Center for Economic Opportunity CCEO, YouthBuild Charter School of CA and Habitat of Humanity of Greater Los Angeles.

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. During the current pandemic crisis, individuals and business operators needing services must call ahead to schedule an appointment. For further information, please call (310) 970-7700.

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Photo caption: Local youth gain their high school diplomas through South Bay Workforce Investment Board's YouthBuild Program. Graduates were honored the last week of June with a drive-in graduation ceremony conducted at the YouthBuild Lennox campus.

