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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Hosts Hawthorne Teen Center 10th Anniversary Celebration

HAWTHORNE – More than 100 youth, parents, civic leaders, educators and elected officials attended a celebration marking the 10th anniversary of the Hawthorne Teen Center, December 19th at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. The celebration was hosted by the SBWIB which also operates the center.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel opened the festivities with a brief history of the Teen Center and was followed by Hawthorne Mayor Alex Vargas who welcomed everyone and congratulated the Teen Center staff and the SBWIB. State Senator Steve Bradford congratulated the center staff and SBWIB and presented a Senate Resolution commemorating the event. He then joined with Mr. Vogel, Mayor Vargas and Hawthorne City Councilmembers Olivia Valentine and Alex Monteiro, Centinela Valley Union High School District Trustee Hugo Rojas, Superintendent Greg O'Brien, Hawthorne School District Superintendent Helen Morgan and other dignitaries in presenting awards to four student volunteers that have served the Teen Center for the past few years.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to: Treasure Steele for Academic Achievement; Chioma Marks and Kaya King as Teen Center Ambassadors; Carlos Juarez for Sports Achievement, and Cesar Monreal for Best Attendance.

Students from the MGM Dance Academy of Hawthorne presented a choreographed dance to the holiday music and testimonial speeches were given by former Teen Center students Destiny Camacho and Xavier Thomas.

The SBWIB also operates the Inglewood Teen Center as well as four One-Stop Business and Career Centers that serve the communities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Carson, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale and Redondo Beach.

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Hawthorne Teen Center Photo Caption



Outstanding student volunteers at the Hawthorne Teen Center pose with dignitaries after receiving recognition certificates during a celebration honoring the Center's 10th anniversary.

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