



***South Bay Workforce Investment Board***

**MEDIA ALERT**

South Bay Workforce Investment Board  
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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board partners with Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce (IAACC), local schools and businesses to present 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Shadow Day**

**Inglewood** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) joined with the City of Inglewood, Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD), Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to present the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Shadow Day, February 25, 2016.

Dr. Vincent Matthews, State Administrator, Inglewood Unified School District, addressed 130 high school students (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) from City Honors High School, Inglewood High School, Morningside High School and Animo Inglewood Charter High School, and thanked them for participating in the job shadow day.

Dr. Matthews encouraged the students to make the most out of the opportunity they were about to embark on and stated “Realize that this day is about you, it’s about you learning as much as you can about these different jobs. Ask as many questions as you possibly can.” He added “Make sure when you enter the workforce that you enjoy what you do. There’s a difference between having a job and a having a career. With the career, you enjoy what you do, you’re passionate about it because you’re doing exactly what you were put on this Earth to do.”

The high school students visited 34 local companies, including Metro, Walsh Shea Corridors Contractors, United States Army, K-DAY (93.5) radio station, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Inglewood One-Stop Business & Career Center and SBWIB.

Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director, said “Programs such as this Job Shadow Day provide invaluable insights to students exposing them to companies and career choices that will pave the way for areas of study to prepare them for the real world.”

Jennifer Padilla, 18, a senior at Inglewood High School said she was excited about participating in the event. “I hope to learn and see how things operate in the day-to-day workplace.” Padilla plans on majoring in Psychology and is waiting to hear back from University of California, Davis. “I’ve been accepted to Chico and Dominguez Hills but Davis would be my first choice.”

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