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South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Teen Center Youth Participate in “A Day in the Life of a College Student” Field Trip at California State University Dominguez Hills

Hawthorne – Fifteen South Bay Area 8th grade students participated in the 2nd Annual “A Day in the life of a College Student,” July 14 & 15, 2015, which included tours, workshops, and an overnight stay on campus at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH).

The Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers are administered by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) through its One-Stop Centers and partners with CSUDH, which made the college experience tour possible. The tour is just one aspect of the South Bay Promise program, which helps area students to begin thinking about planning for their college education.

Fifteen students from the five area school districts (Hawthorne School District, Wiseburn Unified School District, Inglewood Unified School District, Lennox School District, and Lawndale Elementary School District) participated in the experience. The students participated in a college workshop, a Financial Aid Info session (FAFSA), campus highlights, college tour, Greek/club life at the campus introduction, as well as an overnight stay in the dorms at Dominguez Hills to complete their full college experience.

The South Bay Promise was developed by leaders from California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), El Camino College (ECC), Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD), Centinela Valley Union High School District (CVUHSD) and the SBWIB. South Bay Promise is designed to strengthen and create a seamless transition from IUSD’s Inglewood, Morningside, City Honors College Preparatory high schools and CVUHSD’s Hawthorne, Lawndale and Leuzinger high schools to college. Through the program, Inglewood Unified and Centinela Valley Union High School District students can qualify for guaranteed admission to El Camino College and/or California State University, Dominguez Hills. Upon completion of 60 semester credits, the El Camino College students are guaranteed transfer acceptance to CSUDH.

Gabriella Goetz, Senior Career Services Manager, Inglewood One-Stop, said “The students were very excited to have participated and wished the tour and experience could be longer. Many of them want to attend the school (CSUDH) and now know what they need to do to prepare and make it happen.”

Jan Vogel stated, “We need to get to kids as early as possible so they develop positive study habits going into high school and set themselves up for college. This is a great opportunity for students to see what life could be like as a college students and envisioning themselves in that role. CSUDH deserves a special note of thanks for making this possible and we hope to have even more participants next year.”



South Bay Area students participated in “A Day in the life of a College Student” at CSUDH, which included an overnight stay on campus