# Building A Stronger Workforce Through Partnership

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## Message from the Executive Director

Important things are starting to take place this spring.
The Lompoc Job Fair is coming up this month, and stay tuned for information on the Youth Conference planned for this summer.
Below are some news articles about workforce developments going on in the County.



Raymond L. McDonald

### **Upcoming Events:**

Lompoc Job Fair April 20, 2017, 2-5 p.m. Location: Dick Dewees Community Center 1120 W Ocean Ave, Lompoc

#### Success Story:

"Greetings Mr. Servin,

This is [former Youth Program Participant], you use to be my case worker in Santa Barbara while I attended SBCC. I don't think I've given you the proper gratitude for all the kindness and support you've shown me during my time there and in the workforce with Goleta Valley Beautiful. I was able to obtain my AA degree in design and liberal arts 3.02 gpa and I'm in the process of transferring to SFSU to get BS in Environmental Studies emphasis in resource management/ policy and planning. I do want to go to grad school to get my Masters in this field as well.

Your hard work and service allowed me to have confidence in my future and seek out the skills and education I deserve. Much thanks, respect, and gratitude to you Mr.Servin:)

# CAREER PATHWAYS: PROJECT PAVES WAYS FOR YOUTH TRAINING, JOBS

By APRIL CHARLTON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY NEWS

A group of at-risk teens will put newfound job skills to the test when they begin working at area businesses in April as part of a



project aiming to keep youth off the streets and on a path to gainful employment.

"The goal of the program is to partner local industries with Santa Maria Valley youth to create a positive experience that would deter them from gangs and violence," said Luis Servin, Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board program manager.

The Workforce Development Board was awarded a two-year, \$2 million



Students in a job-training session for youth answer questions on a Career pathways class. The teens will begin working at area businesses in April as part of a project aiming to keep youth off the streets and on a path to gainful employment. LEN WOOD, STAFF

grant in May 2016 from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration to fund the inaugural Beyond Career Pathways for Youth Project. It was the only board in California awarded the funding.

#### **FULL STORY**

#### **EMPLOYER SURVEY FROM SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE**

Santa Barbara City College's Career Skills Institute (CSI) is continually developing and revising its curriculum to reflect the needs of regional employers. As part of that effort, we are conducting an Employee Skills Survey that will inform CSI as it designs courses, schedules and delivery models.

This is an important component in curriculum development to assure that employee needs are being addressed by SBCC/Career Skills Institute.

Your assistance in this community engagement is important to identifying specific SKILLS GAPS. Please forward the email below to relevant organizations and employers. This is a BRIEF SURVEY which will only take a few minutes.

Thank you for your participation.

### **SURVEY**

# DUBROFF: TRUMP'S BUDGET PRIORITIES WILL CREATE TRI-COUNTY WINNERS, LOSERS

By Henry Dubroff, Pacific Coast Business Times

A cardinal rule about covering politics these days is that it's never too early to speculate.

So, with the contours of the Trump administration's approach to budgeting just coming to light, it seemed timely to begin to try to sort out winners and losers among major tri-county institutions.

It's way too early to predict what will happen - indeed Donald Trump's surprising rise to the presidency was unpredictable and so are his Twitter bursts.

But it seems clear from the direction the White House has set that there will be winners and losers as the nation charts a new fiscal course.



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