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Twenty-Nine Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Programs Named to 2018 Career Education "Strong Workforce Stars" List



(Dublin, CA) - Twenty-nine programs across the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District have been named among the 1,384 programs recognized as California Community Colleges 2018 Strong Workforce Star.

The California Community Colleges' Strong Workforce Stars are a listing of career education programs whose students show significant gains in factors important in building a skilled workforce and for advancing personal social mobility. Graduating students within the recognized programs see a substantial increase in earnings, attainment of a living wage and placement in a job closely matched with their field of study.

Chabot's Registered Nursing program received one of the 114 Gold Stars, the highest recognition awarded. Students graduating from Chabot's Registered Nursing program boost their earnings by 114 percent, 73 percent attain the regional living wage and 100 percent report securing a job closely related to their field of study. For a number of years, Chabot has boasted a 100 percent-pass rate with students taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The program also remains the only community college program with students placed at the Children's Hospital in Oakland and has developed an agreement with California State University East Bay (CSUEB) to count all courses completed at Chabot toward a student's bachelors degree.

Additionally, Chabot's Automotive Technology, Business-Transfer, Computer Application Systems: Software Specialist, Dental Hygiene, Early Childhood Development, Electronics Systems Technology, Fire Service Technology and Welding Technology programs were named among the 294 Silver Star distinction, while the college's Accounting, Administration of Justice, Administrative Assistant, Architecture, Business: Management, Early Childhood Intervention Assistant, Human Resource Assistant, Interior Design, Machine Tool Technology, Medical Assisting and Photography programs received one of the California Community Colleges' 975 Bronze Stars. Las Positas had nine programs receive a 2018 Strong Workforce Star. The college's Administration of Justice program received a Silver Star and the school's Automotive Electronics Technology, Computer Information Systems, Enology, Fire Service Technology, Interior Design, Liberal Arts and Sciences: Computer Studies, Marketing and Welding Technology programs earned a Bronze Star distinction.

Strong Workforce Stars can be viewed in the Workforce Recognition eShowcase on the California Community Colleges' Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy website. Every college in the California Community Colleges system had at least one program receive recognition and all programs being recognized are listed on the website.

The California Community Colleges have recently launched two online resources to help students and their families make informed decisions about their college education and career choices. In addition to relaunching the popular Salary Surfer website with updated data and new

resources, students can explore more than 100 career highlight videos that serve as a valuable exploration tool for students and their families to visualize a future in various career and career education fields. Through the website, students can compare salaries across fields and check to see which of their local community college programs is recognized for how well students do after graduation.

"The more informed students are about their chosen career and program of study at the outset, the better chances they have of reaching completion and transitioning into the workforce," said Van Ton-Quinlivan, California Community Colleges executive vice chancellor for Workforce and Digital Futures. "Salary Surfer and Strong Workforce Stars complement one another in providing information that is important for making a well-informed decision about college and career."

The California Community Colleges is the state's primary system for delivering career education, helping to lift low-wage workers into living-wage jobs and fueling regions with skilled workers needed by employers. Career education programs are at the center of a statewide effort to produce 1,000,000 middle-skilled workers by 2026, with work in the area being bolstered by the state's Strong Workforce Program, an annual recurring investment of \$200 million to increase the number of students enrolled in career education programs in demand by regional labor markets.

About Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

CLPCCD serves the San Francisco East Bay Area, particularly southern Alameda County, through its two colleges: Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. CLPCCD is governed by a seven-member board of trustees which is responsible for all policy decisions. Board members are elected from trustee areas by the registered voters of nine communities: Castro Valley, Dublin, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Sunol, and Union City.

About the California Community Colleges

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 72 districts and 114 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. California community colleges provide career education and workforce training; guaranteed transfer to four-year universities; degree and certificate pathways; and basic skills education in English and math. As the state's engine for social and economic mobility, the California Community Colleges supports the Vision for Success, a strategic plan designed to improve student success outcomes, increase transfer rates and eliminate achievement gaps. For more information, please visit the California Community Colleges website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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