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The Solano County Office of Education Celebrates Work-Ready Certification Recipients

Today, during an event held at the Sunrise Event Center in Vacaville, the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognized students who completed the Work-Ready Certification (WRC) program during the 2017-18 school year. SCOE offers the WRC program as an after-school extended training designed to help high school juniors and seniors develop essential work place skills identified, through a survey conducted with members of the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, as entry level aptitudes necessary for success in a variety of industries. They include demonstrating promptness, integrity, and working well as part of the team. Strong communication skills, accuracy, ability to use basic math, and customer service are also emphasized. Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson commented, “The Work-Ready Certification program successfully prepares students for that important transition between school and employment while also supporting the needs of our local business community. Solano County Office of Education is proud to provide such a great opportunity.”

As part of the program students develop a portfolio for job searches and interviews, including a resume and a cover letter. They also have the opportunity to go through a mock interview with local business representatives. In support of the program and as an incentive for students, participating businesses have committed to granting an interview to all the students who have received certification.

Estrella-Henderson further emphasized, “The Work-Ready Certification program perfectly exemplifies the type of collaboration necessary to support employment for students exiting high school. We are grateful to our school districts, the chambers of commerce, and all businesses supporting this effort.” Work-Ready Certification training is currently offered in the Fairfield-Suisun, Travis, Vacaville, and Vallejo City Unified School Districts and supported by the Fairfield-Suisun, Vacaville, and Vallejo Chambers of Commerce, and well as the Solano County Black Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Travis Credit Union’s Biz Kid\$ financial literacy curriculum is a key component of the Work-Ready Certification, teaching students how to manage their money, gain entrepreneurial skills, and analyze how to be successful at financial planning.

For questions regarding the Work-Ready Certification please contact Gillie Miller, Director of College/Career Readiness at gmillers@solanocoe.net.

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