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Solano County Office of Education WorkAbility 1 Collaborative Annual Employer Appreciation and Fashion Show

The Solano County Office of Education WorkAbility I (WAI) program partnered with Benicia Unified School District (USD), Dixon USD, Fairfield-Suisun USD, and Vallejo City USD WorkAbility I programs, businesses, employers, and students to present a fashion show and employer appreciation event on May 3, 2018. "Our students receive invaluable experience by participating in the WorkAbility I program. All of our students, including our students with disabilities, deserve an opportunity to succeed and participate in the workforce," says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. The WorkAbility I programs recognized businesses and employers that have contributed to over 250 students achieving success in the workplace.

The WAI programs offer students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) the opportunity to complete their secondary education while also obtaining marketable job skills. WAI provides secondary students with an understanding of job seeking and job keeping skills. The employability of students improves through occupational class training and on-the-job subsidized or unsubsidized work experience.

Over 50 local businesses and employers in Solano County provide over 250 students, participating in a WAI program through their school district or the Solano County Office of Education, the ability to learn work skills in a competitive integrated environment. WAI programs provide comprehensive pre-employment skills training, employment placement, and follow-up for high school students receiving special education services who are making the transition from school to work, independent living, and postsecondary education or training. Program services are appropriate to individual student needs, abilities, and interests.

For additional information on the annual employer appreciation event, or if you would like to participate in the WAI programs, please contact Susan Labrecque at SLabrecque@solanocoe.net or (707) 399-4805.

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