

Worknet Newsletter

of Merced County

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LiUNA Pre-Apprenticeship Training Graduation

On March 17, 2017, Merced College, LiUNA, and Worknet of Merced County celebrated their first ever construction pre-apprenticeship training program graduation. This is the first construction pre-apprenticeship of this type in Merced County. Graduates of this program received training in a six week course aimed at creating a career pathway into the heavy highway and construction industry that teaches:

- Job Site Preparation
- Trade Math Skills
- Fundamentals of Blue Print Reading
- CPR Certification
- OSHA 10 Certification

Completion of this 6 week training course will provide graduates with a direct entry opportunity into the Laborers' Union Apprenticeship Program.



LiUNA representative and speaker Leonard Gonzalez

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Pre-apprenticeship graduates from this program are in high demand right now, especially in light of the \$1.6 billion UC Merced 2020 project, and other construction in the Merced County area exceeding \$30 million annually.

This pre-apprenticeship training is geared towards meeting that demand, and is specifically designed to give graduates marketable skills to enter into a career. Congratulations graduates! For information on how you can be a part of this training, please call 209-724-2000.



Worknet/HSA Job Fair

As part of Worknet of Merced County's mission to employers and job seekers, a hiring fair was held on March 7, 2017, at the Atwater Memorial Building. Seventeen employers were present at the job fair including Villara Building Systems, Bristol Hospice, Amie Marchini Senior Care, Foster Farms, Central Valley Concrete and Trucking, Black Oak Casino, Dole Manufacturing, Joseph Gallo Farms, T-Mobile Wireless, All American Plumbing and HVAC, Sensient Manufacturing, MCOE After School Programs, Quad Graphics, Livingston Community Health, EDD, and Golden Valley Health Centers. Employers were hiring for all position types. Just under a



hundred job seekers attended this job fair. For more information on upcoming hiring fairs, please see the schedule in this newsletter or call 1-209-724-2000.



Outreach to Local Employers

On March 15, 2017, Worknet and HSA staff was invited to tour the Dole Manufacturing Facility located in Atwater, California. A huge thanks to Felice Sanchez, Human Resource Supervisor, and her team for the tour. The tour highlighted the changes in the industry, covering all aspects of the operation from intake to boxing/shipping of the completed product. Currently Dole is hiring forklift drivers, box makers, maintenance workers, production positions, and sorter positions. Dole anticipates that they will be hiring up to 100 people for positions within their facility for the upcoming season. There will be a hiring event at Dole (7916 West Bellevue Rd, Atwater, CA) on April 26, 2017, call 209-724-2000 for details.

Foster Farms

On March 21, 2017, Worknet of Merced County in partnership with HSA and Foster Farms conducted a hiring event at the Foster Farms Livingston Plant. Foster Farms was, and is hiring for more than 300 positions. These positions are full time with benefits, and are spread over three shifts. Although the event had to be closed early due to weather, over 100 potential employees attended. These potential employees were given a tour of the



facility, interviewed, and drug screened, which if passed, were then hired by Foster Farms. Foster Farms still has positions open, and if you are interested please call 1-209-724-2000 for details.



Upcoming Events



Hiring Events!!

Ocean Beauty Seafoods

April 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Merced County

**Human Services Agency
1920 Customer Care Way
Atwater, CA**

Work in Naknek, Alaska!



Dole Packaged Foods

April 26th, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**7916 W. Bellevue Road
Atwater, CA**

**Must apply online
prior to job fair @
www.dolesunshine.com**



Ingomar Packing

April 26th, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Worknet
800 7th Street
Los Banos, CA**

For fast priority entrance, register at www.caljobs.ca.gov & pick up your CalJOBS card at any Worknet location



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