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**Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning Consortium
present 2nd Annual School Maker Faire at Hawthorne High School**

HAWTHORNE – The Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium, in conjunction with El Camino College, partnered with the School of Manufacturing and Engineering at Hawthorne High School, to hold the second annual School Maker Faire on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

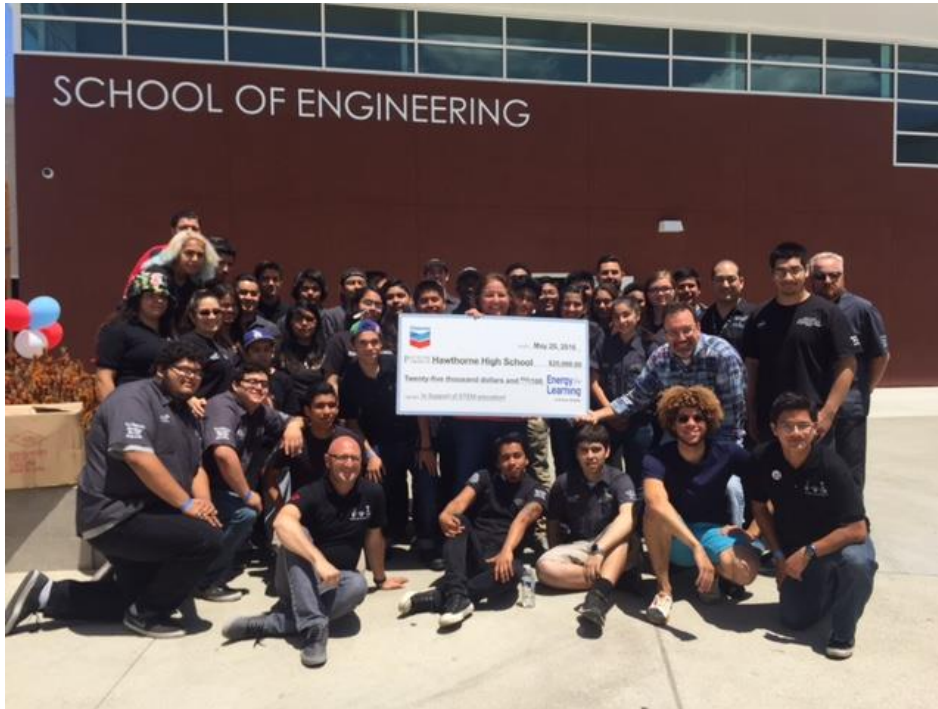
The public was invited to explore student and local business manufacturing projects and displays at Hawthorne High School. The AMETLL Consortium was established in 2013 and is comprised of educational and industry partners committed to the principles of Linked Learning and includes; Centinela Valley Union High School District Lennox Academy, Torrance, Compton, and El Segundo Unified School Districts. This commitment features an approach that energizes students through interdisciplinary curriculum, project-based learning, and the integration of Career Technical Education with traditional academic disciplines.

In 2014 the Consortium was awarded the California Careers Pathways Trust (CCPT) grant and pledged to address the significant workforce shortages in Los Angeles in the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology industries. The Consortium seeks to establish a new workforce pipeline for this industry by working closely with industry partners, respective unified school districts and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) by providing work-based learning programs and initiatives for youth. The aim of the Consortium is to develop clear pathways, which begin in elementary school and continue through advanced degrees.

This weekend's event offered families the opportunity to participate in science and engineering-based activities. Among the partners and exhibitors on hand were Northrop Grumman, El Camino College, Urban Manufacturing Alliance, Los Angeles Air Force Base, American Society of Civil Engineers, Build It Workspace, National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) Training Centers and Chevron El Segundo Refinery, to name a few. Lunch was provided by sponsor Kinecta Federal Credit Union.

Lily Craig, Chevron Policy, Government and Public Affairs Representative, was also on hand and presented a \$25,000 check to Hawthorne High School. Chevron's community involvement program includes significant financial investments to a variety of non-profit organizations, with particular emphasis of providing support in the areas of math and science.

Jan Vogel, CEO SBWIB stated, "It's incredibly important to get kids excited about manufacturing and engineering while they're young and find out what they need to learn for their chosen career path." He added, "This is the key to helping them be competitive for those highly-pursued careers."



Chevron presented Hawthorne High School with a \$25,000 check. Picture includes engineering students and teachers with Lucas Pacheco (Coordinator, Hawthorne High, School of Manufacturing and Engineering), Dr. Gregory O'Brien (Centinela Valley Union High School District, Superintendent of Schools), and Lily Craig (Chevron Policy, Government and Public Affairs Representative).