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SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD HONORS INDIVIDUALS AND JOB PROVIDERS

More than 300 civic leaders, elected officials, job providers and training institution representatives were in attendance at the 19th Annual Alumni Awards Breakfast presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), October 23rd, at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. The annual events honors recent alumni who have completed technical training in a variety of fields as well as the corporations that provided jobs and a variety of institutions and agencies that provided the training that was funded by grants made possible by the SBWIB.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel welcomed the attendees who came from all nine of the cities in the SBWIB service area. Among the participating elected officials were: Congresswoman Maxine Waters (35th District); South Bay area California Assemblymembers Steven Bradford (62nd District), Isadore Hall III (64th District) and Al Muratsuchi (66th District); South Bay area elected officials Mayor Chris Brown (Hawthorne), Mayor James T. Butts and Councilmembers Alex Padilla and Ralph Franklin (Inglewood), Mayor Robert Pullin-Miles and Councilmember Pat Kearney (Lawndale), and Mayor Pat Furey and Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft (Torrance).

The Keynote speaker was Bob Lanter, Executive Director of the California Workforce Association who highlighted the recently enacted federal Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act. . The SBWIB also honored Dr. Willie Hagan, President of California State University Dominguez Hills, as the 2014 recipient of the Esther Williams Award of Excellence. The presentation was made by the immediate past recipient, Inglewood Mayor James Butts.

Among the alumni who were recognized for completing technical training and successfully gaining employment were Georgina Placido and Jose Vazques of Gardena; Andrea Williams of Redondo Beach;

Rebecca Lerma of Lawndale; Roman Noriega-Radecki of Carson; Molly Mettler of El Segundo; Shane Warmington of Inglewood; Jeff Vaiola and Freddy Jackson of Hawthorne, and Stephanie Ramirez of Los Angeles.

The outstanding businesses and agencies that used the SBWIB One Stop Business & Career Center network to find employable youth and adults included: Walmart Neighborhood Market in Carson; Friends Outside of Los Angeles County based Pasadena; Carlisle Interconnect Technologies; ImageFIRST in Carson; Centinela Hospital Medical Center in Inglewood; Old Navy; Costco Wholesale in Inglewood; Farmer Boys Restaurant in El Segundo and Gardena; the FBI Southern California Region; Priority Import-Export Service in Inglewood; Serco, Inc.; Redondo Beach Unified School District; and, the YMCA Carson-Gardena.

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Wayne Spencer (at left), Chairman of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), presents Outstanding Achievement Award to Dr. Tom Stekol, Assistant Superintendent, Redondo Beach Unified School District, during the Alumni Awards Breakfast Oct. 23rd at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. The District was honored for its ongoing program to prepare high school students for the working world by utilizing the SBWIB's various resources.



Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts presents the prestigious Esther Williams Award of Excellence to CSU Dominguez Hills President, Dr. Willie Hagan. Accepting the award on behalf of Dr. Hagan is Provost Vice President of Academic Affairs Ellen Junn. The presentation was made during the 2014 Alumni Awards Breakfast put on by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) Oct. 23rd at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. The award honors individuals who strive to improve the quality of life in our communities through their professionalism and lasting contributions. Williams was the charter Chairperson of the SBWIB in 1982.



Hawthorne Mayor Chris Brown (at left) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board during the annual Alumni Awards Breakfast October 23rd at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. More than 300 civic leaders, community partners and elected official at the national, state and local level were in attendance. The annual event honors individuals who have overcome great hardship to rejoin the work force thanks to the services of the SBWIB One Stop Business and Career Centers. Employers and training agencies were also recognized.