



Administrator's Corner

The Spring 2018 semester is off to a great start. We continue making progress on our 2017/18 program goals and have some exciting projects in the works for the 2018/19 school year.



- **WorkAbility grant:** 160 students have been placed in paid work experience jobs (our goal is 238 paid placements for the year). For the current semester WorkAbility funded student workers will earn either \$9.30 per hour (California Learners' Wage which is at least 85% of the minimum wage), or minimum wage (increased from \$10.50 to \$11.00 per hour on January 1st.)
- **Department of Rehabilitation Transition Partnership Program 'TPP' contract:** we are on track to meet our 2017/18 TPP referral and employment goals! We are also excited to announce that San Juan USD is revising our new TPP 3-year contract to provide additional services to 'potentially eligible students'; details are pending!
- **Coming soon - SJUSD Paid Internship Program**—we are in the process of developing the program design for a new Alta California Regional Center funded program that will enhance the competitive employment outcomes for our Alta eligible students. We hope to have this program in place for the 2018/19 school year.

Learn more and help us improve our programs through your participation in our quarterly SJUSD WorkAbility Advisory committee meetings; the next meeting is scheduled on February 26, 3:30PM at Laurel Ruff Transition School, 5325 Garfield Avenue, Sacramento.

Thanks to all who support our students and programs!
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New Business Partner at CalExpo

Exciting things are happening in WorkAbility. After many years of working with our student workers Richard Dunneback of Dunneback Stables is enjoying a well deserved retirement. It's with great gratitude that we wish him a happy, exciting, and restful retirement. It's been tough finding a new Animal Care work site and WorkAbility would like to Thank Donna Merrick, our TPP Job Developer for facilitating a new partnership at CalExpo with

the Tremblay Racing Stable and Manager Nathalie Tremblay. Tremblay Stables trains and cares for a variety of different horses. Our student's learn to care and tack up the horses for training and eventually races. We look forward to another successful relationship for our WorkAbility workers!



WorkAbility Works!

Power Bike



Another New Partnership

WorkAbility is happy to announce a new site where student workers can learn bicycle repair and maintenance and at the same time help junior high students learn the same. Maria Livingston attended a meeting where she made contact with Ken "Mac" MacPherson, Mac is a retired SJUSD teacher who is volunteering his time at Will Rogers MS creating a program he calls Power Bike. Students at Will Rogers spend time learning to build, repair and maintain bicycles on campus under Mac's watchful eyes. Laurel Ruff WorkAbility workers will spend some time being trained by Mac then act as trainers and help middle school students. It's a win-win situation for all involved. As our students will be working closely with middle school

students they are required to pass SJUSD background checks and will begin their WorkAbility experience at Will Rogers by the end of November. We look forward to this new opportunity and the avenues it will open up to our students.



How to Adult Festival



Sacramento Library is holding an event for students ages 12 to 19 who want to build their financial and job-hunting skills are invited to the Arcade library's first-ever "How to Adult Festival" on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Paseo Grande High School, located at 2444 Marconi Ave. in

Sacramento. No registration or payment is required, and parking is free at the high school or across the street at the Arcade library.

Local professionals and community members will lead sessions about banking, taxes and credit; basic sewing and clothes shop-

ping; basic cooking; socializing both on and offline; job-hunting; and more! Employers, voter registration and job-training organizations will also be on-site throughout the day.

For more information, email Molly Milazzo at mmilazzo@sacilibrary.org.

Sacramento Regional Transit Temporarily Reduces Student Fares



The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) will be reducing the price of monthly student bus passes from \$55 to \$20. The fare reduction is a part of a six-month pilot program to help increase ridership, including K-12 students who may not already use public

transportation.

The \$20 student monthly pass and \$10 student semi-monthly pass will go into effect on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, and will remain in effect through June 30, 2018. Advance sales of the January monthly pass have begun at the reduced price.



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High School Highlights

Bella Vista - Workers beginning soon. Student hired permanently by Carl's Jr. Several Independent workers identified and placed.

Casa Roble - Workers placed at two locations. One Independent worker identified.

Del Campo - Old Navy visits classroom for recruiting.

El Camino - All TPP Clients are working. The Spring semester will not include ILAS Or Pre-Employment Skills classes.

Encina - Will send workers to Power Bike as well.

La Vista - On going Career Assessments.

Laurel Ruff - 2 new business partners, Power Bike and Trambley Stables. Dog groomer visits school. Two students hired by SJUSD in Nutrition Services.

Mesa Verde - AmeriCorp will be giving a presentation to the students soon. Student worker hired permanently by JC Penney's.

Mira Loma - Pre-Employment Skills class

beginning work.

Rio Americano - ILS class will be going to work site soon.

San Juan - TPP applications going out. Two Independent Workers identified.



Governor's 2018-19 Budget Proposal

Governor Brown releases his 2018-19 budget proposals. Reflecting a strong economic outlook, Governor Brown continues to increase investment in education and other program

areas, while leaving behind a very healthy surplus. The Governor proposed a total state budget plan of \$190.3 billion, that includes full funding for the Local Control Funding

Formula (LCFF) in K-12 education, with significant increases for other spending priorities. The proposed budget also set aside \$13.5 billion in the Rainy Day Reserve Fund, which is an increase of \$3.5 billion more than required by law.



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WorkAbility Works!



Who Is WorkAbility?

The office for the SJUSD WorkAbility Program is located on the campus of Laurel Ruff Transition School and can be reached by calling (916) 979-8610. WorkAbility offers SJUSD students with an IEP job skills with a goal of permanent employment. Julia Arrequin is our Coordinator as well as the Principal for Laurel Ruff. We are made up of 8 Youth **Employment Techs or YET's** who are either school based or Job Developers, Clerk Gerhardt Ratliff and Secretary Sherry Andersen. School based YET Maria Livingston serves students at Laurel Ruff **as well as students in Laurel Ruff's** Project Search Program; Jen Hall serves students at Bella Vista,

Casa Roble, and Mesa Verde; Jan Schiavone serves students at El Camino, La Vista, and San Juan; Laura Smith serves all 8th grade students and students at Encina; Michael Santillano serves students at Del Campo, Mira Loma and Rio Americano. WorkAbility Job Developers Sandy McNulty and Terrell Grant go out to the community contacting employers to find matches for our student workers. YETs and Job Developers work with the students matching them with local employers for training and paid work experiences. School based YETs work with teachers on career and self-advocacy, assessments, setting field trips to intro-

duce students to local community colleges and businesses, and coaching students with employment questions. WorkAbility partners with the Department of Rehabilitation offering the Transition Partnership Program (TPP) as well. WorkAbility YET Donna Merrick serves our TPP students by holding Job Clubs that include mock interviews, resume building, and job search skills. Donna also contacts local businesses to create partnerships for each TPP student with a goal of permanent employment.

Find Us At
sanjuan.edu/WorkAbility

DACA Information

Department of Homeland Security is accepting DACA renewals

Staff are encouraged to share with other staff members or families impacted by the proposed end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that renewal applications are currently being taken by the United States Citizenship and Immigrations Services office. Anyone who wants to file a renewal application and did not do so before Oct. 5, 2017 should do so as soon as possible as the opportunity may end depending on future changes or court orders. Visit the [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services](http://www.uscis.gov) website for more information and the appropriate forms.

In September, government officials announced that DACA would end and only some of the program's participants would be allowed to file for renewals by Oct. 5, 2017. Under a federal court ruling, renewal applications have resumed for the time being.

San Juan Unified is committed to educating all students regardless of their or their family's immigration status as required under federal and state law and providing a workplace that is inclusive of our community's diversity. Be sure to visit <http://www.sanjuan.edu/educationforall> to learn more or find additional resources.



Arcade Library Offers Introductory 3D Printing Classes Free

The Arcade library, located at 2443 Marconi Ave. in Sacramento, offers free introductory 3D printing classes on the first Friday of every month from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Students can learn the basics of designing and printing physical objects on a 3D printer.

Once students create their own designs, they will be able to print out the object to take home.

The course starts on the hour and doors will lock after the first 15 minutes.

To ensure a spot, students must register for the class before attending by visiting <http://www.saclibrary.org/events>. If you have a personal laptop, it is recommended to bring it with you to work on due to the limited number of computers.

Basic computer skills are a must. Parents/guardians of

enrolled children must be present during the course. For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit the Arcade library.



Upcoming Training for WorkAbility St

DOR TPP Contract Update Training: via conference call January 26

SJUSD Budget Training; WorkAbility Secretary, September 19 & 22

SJUSD Timekeeper Training; WorkAbility Secretary: via conference call October 2

October 6 - Professional Development opportunity for all SJUSD class ed St

Fall 2017 - Suicide Preven Training for all SJUSD St

“What Does Your Resume Look Like?”
Current WorkAbility Bulletin Board

