



Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Workplace Professionalism recipients Crebin Bergado, Itzell Carranza, Gabriela Perez and Juan Tafolla.



Global Safety and Security students who worked in the Port Police Division are pictured with Ron Boyd, Port Police Chief; Wendy Lopez, intern; Edgar Echevarria, intern; Cristina Mederos, intern; Stephanie Lopez, intern; Claudia Romero, Port Police; Eloina Gonzalez, Port Police; and Lt. Al Rosario, Port Police.

# Harbor Thanks Summer Interns

■ Harbor Dept. bids farewell to graduates of its sixth annual internship program.

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HARBOR — On Thursday, Aug. 31, the Harbor Department recognized the 38 participants of the sixth Summer Internship Program, which included for the first time students from the Global Safety and Security (GSS) Academy, along with the students from the International Trade Academy (ITA) at Banning High School in Wilmington. The internship program was an inception of the Port of Los Angeles' Human Resources Development Officer and Club Rep, Martin Chavez. This summer, the program employed a college intern who had graduated from Banning in 2002, Brenda Espinosa, a UCLA student double majoring in history and Spanish. She assisted the students in preparing for an internship as well as coordinating the employers and workshop presenters for the summer program.

The students earned an opportunity to interview for jobs with employers by maintaining academic and attendance standards, passing the Test of Adult Basic Education, preparing a personal statement, a resume and the "toughest" interview they ever had administered by Martin Chavez, with assistance from Brenda. The students selected to interview with employers worked from July 5 through Sept. 1. This summer employer-interviewers included California Cartage Company; Conoco-Phillips; Sims Hugo -Neu Proler; Moffatt & Nichols Engineers; Computer Consulting Operations; Spirit Cruises; Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority; U.S. Coast Guard; DCA Civil Engineering; Price Transfer; Tra-Pac; SSA-Marine; Los Angeles Maritime Institute; L.A. Maritime Museum; and Watson

Land Company.

The culmination program was hosted by Martin Chavez, who applauded the interns for their maturity and professionalism during the summer and for setting a high standard for future students to achieve. Dr. Myrna Rivera, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District, District 8, thanked the students for being shining stars and setting the example for the quality that can be achieved by LAUSD students. Dr. Rivera also revealed that Banning High School had achieved the highest test scores of all the District 8 high schools. She also gave admiration to the Port, Brenda and Martin for their work preparing the students and appreciation to the employers for their support of the Banning High School academy students and for providing them with a valuable work experience.

The City Employees Club and Western Medical Group (WGM) sponsored the student awards. The Outstanding Student Award is presented each summer to the student who had exceptional attendance, participated in every workshop, and displayed professionalism throughout the program. This year, it was awarded to Daniel Toledo, who has a 4.2 grade point average. He gave a speech highlighting the standards the students had to achieve to be considered for an internship, the experiences they received, and the future they could expect after having been given a glimpse of what they have to do if they wanted to pursue careers in the diversity of jobs they had this summer. Daniel had an opportunity to work at Moffatt and Nichols with a civil engineer - David Vigil, P.E., also a Banning High alum and a great role model. The Student Leadership Award was presented to Jesse Trujillo, who enjoys a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the Banning football team. With the awards, Daniel and Jesse were presented each



Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Outstanding Workshop Excellence awardees Jimmy Luna, Lorena Rodriguez and Daniel Toledo.

with two Dodger game tickets by Western Medical Group.

Each Friday workshop, the students were given exams in word analogies, vocabulary, mathematics, reading comprehension, and essay/research assignments. The Workshop Excellence award, sponsored by the Club, which provided Regal movie tickets, was earned by Toledo, Lorena Rodriguez (3.8 gpa) and Jimmy Luna. Workplace Professionalism Awards, for students who displayed proper business etiquette at work and during the workshops, and gained an understanding on how to interact in the workplace, were presented to: Itzell Carranza (3.7 g.p.a.), Juan Tafolla, (3.1 g.p.a.), Crebin Bergado (3.3 g.p.a.), and Gabriela Perez (3.6 g.p.a.), who completed and presented a PowerPoint of her research findings on the Port's Fish Harbor to the Financial Management Division.

The Club congratulates and wishes all the ITA-GSS Interns continued great success in their future. We also applaud the employers and the Harbor Dept. for "Opening the World Today and Preparing for Tomorrow" by giving these outstanding students an opportunity to learn and earn during the summer of 2006.



Jessie Trujillo, intern, with Capt. Jim Morgan, Port Pilots. Jessie received the Outstanding Leadership Certificate.



Martin D. Chavez, Harbor, congratulates the 2006 Outstanding Intern recipient, Daniel Toledo, who worked with Moffatt and Nichols Engineering.



Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Outstanding Personal Development recipients Rafael Juarez, Stephanie Lopez and Marisol Morales.



Dr. Myrna Rivera, District K Superintendent, thanks the employers and parents for allowing the interns to participate in the Summer 2006 Internship Program.



Brenda Espinosa, a Banning High School graduate, shares her experience as a college intern working with the students and their accomplishments.



Gabriela Perez, intern, worked with Tracy Zuliani in the Port's Financial Management Division.



Cristina Mederos shares her summer experience with guests at the Culmination Ceremony.



Patricia Ramirez, intern, worked with the Port's Information Systems Division. She is pictured here with Jane Broadwell and Dora McClendon.



Guests and students enjoy the reception hosted by Pasha Stevedoring following the Culmination Ceremony.



The Summer 2006 International Trade Academy and Global Safety and Security interns.



Wharfingers Division employed two ITA students: LaJuan Kennedy, Wharfingers; Sandy Luna, intern; Yesenia Dominguez, intern; Linda Vigil, Wharfingers; and Laurie Strong, Wharfingers.



Martin D. Chavez, Harbor, welcomes the guests to the sixth Culmination Ceremony of the International Trade Academy and Global Safety and Security Intern Program.