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Chabot College Hosts 400+ East Bay High School Students for 2nd Annual “Manufacturing Day” Event

*Teens Explore Workplace Experience Through
Partnership Forged by High Schools, College and Local Manufacturers*

Hayward, CA--- [Chabot College](#) and 11 Bay Area manufacturers will play host to more than 400 East Bay high school students on Thursday, November 3, to help build a pipeline for future workers. Students will visit two manufacturing sites each in the morning, and then explore avenues to pursue those fields through courses at Chabot College. The theme of this year’s event is “Chabot Today! Workforce Tomorrow!”

This marks the second year of the Manufacturing Day event, which follows a successful inaugural year in 2015. “Manufacturers reported very favorable reviews about our first Manufacturing Day last year,” said Chabot College President Dr. Susan Sperling. “The student feedback was equally enthusiastic, with many of the participants enrolling in the career pathway courses at Chabot College that can lead to employment in the manufacturing industry,” she added.

Student participants were selected from East Bay high schools in Castro Valley (Castro Valley High School), Hayward (Hayward and Brenkwitz High Schools), San Leandro (San Leandro High School), and San Lorenzo (Arroyo and San Lorenzo High Schools) who have demonstrated an interest in science, technology, engineering and math related (STEM) fields or applied technology.

“It’s critical to introduce high school students to the opportunities available in the manufacturing sector so that they can better understand its value to the overall economy and how it might be a good career fit for them. This event goes one step further and provides students with a pathway from high school to community college towards a manufacturing job,” according to Dr. Kristin Lima, Chabot’s Dean of Applied Technology and Business.

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Hayward Chamber of Commerce, and Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce join the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program and the Eden Area Pathways Consortium in partnering with Chabot College to bring the event to the East Bay by encouraging their respective memberships to participate.



For media questions or photo opportunities, please contact Guisselle Nunez a gnunez@clpccd.org or at (925) 485-5216.

The event is one of more than 2,500 held across the nation to focus on modern manufacturing in the United States. California is the nation's number one state for manufacturing in terms of total firms, jobs and output, with twice the number of manufacturing companies as the next closest state in this category. *

The state's electronic sector accounts for the most manufacturing jobs in California, employing 247,492 workers.** Chabot College offers a comprehensive curriculum in Computer Application Systems, Computer Networking Technology, and Computer Science, with a broad range of classes from which to choose. Other programs with an emphasis on manufacturing include Automotive Technology, Automotive Technology BMW, Electronic Systems Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Welding Technology.

Among the manufacturing participants are the Coca Cola Company, Energy Recovery, Koffler Electrical, Methods Machine Tools, Olson Steel, Oro-Loma, PCC Structural, Peterson CAT, Type A Machines, Urban Bloc, and Scandic Spring. Scandic is the largest spring and stamping company in Northern California and is a leader in making parts that include battery contacts, electromagnetic shielding, electrostatic discharge contacts, spring clips, latches and retainers, and belleville washers.

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