COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND LIUNA PARTNERSHIP

Collaboration with Laborers’ International Union of North America help develop training programs for students interested in the Construction, Petrochemical and Utility Industry

COSTA MESA, CALIF., Dec. 16, 2016 – With large numbers of the current U.S. workforce facing retirement within the next five to ten years, many companies, even entire industries, are concerned about how to recruit and train the next generation of workers. One solution may lie in new partnerships and collaborative efforts between the education community and industry employers to train the next generation of our local workforce.

On December 14, during a regularly scheduled board meeting, the Coast Community College District Board of Trustees approved an agreement between Coastline Community College (CCC) and Laborers’ International Union of North America (LiUNA) Local 1309 to collaborate on the development and delivery of workforce development programs that focus on preparing individuals for a career pathway in the Petrochemical Industry.

This partnership has led to the development of training programs focused on safety and an expanded career pathways program that includes a Pre-Apprenticeship Safety Attendant Program and a Safety Technician Apprenticeship Program. Students who successfully complete these programs may earn industry and college certificates, as well as associate degrees through CCC.

The board-approved agreement will help strengthen the partnership between CCC and LiUNA Local 1309 that began with other projects and initiatives. CCC, a recipient of a California Apprenticeship Initiative Apprenticeship Accelerator grant, developed the Safety Technician Apprenticeship Program also in partnership with the Laborers’ LiUNA Local 1309 and industry training expert, Career Expansion, Incorporated.

Students have already experienced the benefits of the CCC and LiUNA Local 1309 partnership through these effective training programs. Mark Davis, an eight year Army Veteran, is a graduate of one of the programs and credits his current career success to the training received.

After hearing about the safety certifications offered through CCC’s Core Competency Construction training program, Davis knew that it would be a good fit for him to enhance his marketability, as well as gain nationally recognized certifications.
Following completion of the training, Davis was hired by Skanska, one of the biggest construction contractors in the world. Due to his experience, coupled with the training offered through CCC, he has received salary increases and promotions.

“The Core Competencies Construction program through Coastline enabled me to enhance my hands on experience, receive industry recognized credentials, and gave me a foot in the door to my current position with Skanska,” said Davis.

To date, over 95 participants, including 23 Military Veterans have completed CCC’s workforce development programs. These programs boast a job placement rate of over 90% in construction and safety jobs with companies such as Skanska, Turner Construction, Brinderson, and J.T. Thorpe among many others.

The Safety Apprenticeship Program is within the CCC Military Education, Corporate Training, and Business Development Department under the leadership of Executive Dean Joycelyn Groot.

For program information, contact Karen, Coastline’s Apprenticeship Grant Manager at (714) 241-6355 or email kconlisk@coastline.edu. To speak with the training coordinator Jason Vogel, call (310) 975-4026.

ABOUT COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
The Coast Community College District, headquartered in Costa Mesa, is the ninth largest district in the country. The District’s three colleges—Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa—serve nearly 50,000 students annually, providing traditional degree and transfer opportunities, career and technical training, basic skills, English as a Second Language and other community programs.

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