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Granada High Career Fair Opens Pathways for Students

March 7, 2019 - Livermore, CA - Dan works for the Alameda County Sheriff's department and his job in the bomb disposal unit is both dangerous and fulfilling. He recently attended the 6th Annual Career Technical Education (CTE) Career Fair at Granada High School (GHS) on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 to inform students about a career in law enforcement. Dan, however, is not a big talker, so his partner, Alameda County Sheriff Deputy Brandon Dennington, answered questions. Brandon was able to provide information on the pathway to a career with the Sheriff’s department. Then Brandon knelt down and scratched his partner Dan, an explosives detection dog, behind the ears and invited the students to do the same.

Attendees walked into the GHS gym and were greeted by a beautiful refreshment table provided by Granada’s Culinary Arts students. Then they turned left or right to begin their journey around the perimeter of the gym to speak with eager company representatives. Granada’s Career Center and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley (RCLV) partnered for the first time this year as a way to grow the event. Over 30 businesses, both repeat and new participants, attended and spoke to over 500 enthusiastic students who had the opportunity to explore a wide variety of career paths.

There was something for every student, whether they were sure of their career path or still exploring. The air was charged with energy and possibility. Richard Goldstein, Director of Vocational Services for RCLV, stated, “It seemed apparent that both the students and the employers were benefiting from the interactions, and it’s a success for us when we can have a positive impact within our community. We were excited to bring additional career options to students. It was fantastic to see the real estate, health care, and construction booths so busy.”

GHS College and Career Specialist, Danielle Watson, was thrilled to have companies including Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Sandia National Laboratory, and Wente Vineyards return to the fair, and to add companies including Google, Associated Builders & Contractors, and Stanford Health Care to her robust list of participants. “The partnership with Rotary promises to increase the number of companies we can put in front of students,” said Watson. “We are grateful for their support and excited about next year’s career fair.”

College and Career Readiness is measured by the California Department of Education (CDE) as an indicator both of a student’s readiness to pursue college or career options after high school, and also of a district’s ability to fully prepare its graduates for success. In collaboration with Tri-Valley Regional Occupation Program (TVROP), LVJUSD offers career pathways as well as opportunities to engage in internship opportunities in a variety fields.
The CTE Fair helps inform students as they determine their high school course of study, as part of their preparation for college and career.

Photos courtesy of LVJUSD

Photo 1: The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley (RCLV)
Photo 2: Alameda County Sheriff Deputy Brandon Dennington and Dan, explosives detection dog
Photo 3: Electrical Reliability Services company representative engaging the Granada High School students

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LVJUSD is an award-winning district that serves more than 13,900 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade at nine elementary campuses, two K-8 schools, three middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, and two alternative schools. The LVJUSD features International Baccalaureate Programmes and a STEM pathway, TK-12. The mission of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is to ensure each student will graduate with the skills needed to contribute and thrive in a changing world. For more information about the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, please visit [www.livermoreschools.org](http://www.livermoreschools.org)

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