

# Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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**Christine A. Hoffman, Ed.D.**  
SoCal ROC Superintendent

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

John Giovati, Director of Programs/ Operations reported on the Introduction to Construction Career Academy. The Academy consists of four modules: Electrical, Plumbing, Welding and HVAC. Each module consists of 108 hours of instruction. Mr. Giovati stated that the purpose of the program is to give students an introduction to each of the components of Building and Trades. Upon completion, students will then decide to continue or focus in one of the module areas. The last module to be added in the future will be drywall/construction.



Leuzinger High School junior Noemi Nunez

## COMMENDATIONS / RECOGNITION

Atlas Helaire, Director of Programs & Student Support Services introduced Marco Lalau Owner of Bubbles Pet Spa. Bubbles Pet Spa serves as one of the SoCal ROC affiliates. Mr. Lalau thanked everyone for the recognition. Mr. Lalau reported that his interest in business began in college. Mr. Lalau stated that he currently operates pet spas at four locations and he



Arlene Staich, Bill Fournell, Sandra Suarez, Alice Grigsby, Trina Williams, Marco Lalau, Barbara Lucky, Tracie Wynand, William Watkins, Ed.D., and Al Muratsuchi

contributes his success to SoCal ROC. SoCal ROC students enrolled in Pet Grooming and Boarding receive valuable hands-on training at the various spas; many of the students have been hired by Mr. Lalau.

## STUDENT VOICES

Lucy Gutierrez, Career Guidance Specialist, introduced Tracie Wynand an adult student in the Veterinary Assistant program. Ms. Wynand stated that she graduated from Mira Costa High School. Ms. Wynand stated that her love for animals began when she was quite young. When she heard of the Veterinary Assistant course at SoCal ROC, Ms. Wynand knew that the course would help her fulfill her dream of becoming a registered veterinary technician. Ms. Wynand also commented that she just enrolled at El Camino College and plans to transfer to Cal Poly within two years. Ms. Wynand stated that she believes that SoCal ROC is a place where people can find out who they are and what they are passionate about and is grateful she was given this opportunity.

## STAFF REPORTS

Update on State Budget: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Laurie St. Gean reported on the status of the State budget and SoCal ROC's budget. Cash flow is monitored daily to ensure that SoCal ROC has sufficient funds to meet all monthly obligations including payroll. The deferrals that the State has imposed on all school districts makes the monitoring extremely critical given the revenues are received much later than in the past.

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## STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

Update on Building A Modernization: Superintendent Hoffman provided a PowerPoint presentation showing old and current photos of the various portions of Building A undergoing modernization. Dr. Hoffman commented that the project is coming along very well and she is pleased with the progress. Dr. Hoffman again encouraged any Board Members who have not already toured the project, to please do so.



Top: Phlebotomy classroom in progress; Bottom: Dental Assisting Classroom after demolition

Top: Emergency Medical Technician classroom after demolition; Bottom: Nearly completed Human Resource Office on the 2nd floor of Building A

## GENERAL

Presentation/Discussion - Career Pathways: Superintendent Hoffman and Dr. St. Gean presented a PowerPoint on Career Pathways. Dr. Hoffman reviewed the Pathway goals, which include:

- Maximize opportunities for students
- Increase awareness of CTE programs
- Strengthen planning process with students
- Ease transition from secondary to post-secondary education and/or workplace
- Align training with employer needs
- Provide strong academic skills and real-world problem solving skills

Dr. Hoffman stated that currently there are 15 industry sectors recognized in the CTE Framework. Pathways include courses that are identified as introductory, concentrator and capstone. Most courses offered at the Center are identified as concentrator and capstone, while many introductory courses are offered on the high school campuses. Dr. St. Gean commented that all of the course outlines at SoCal ROC are aligned with the academic standards and the CTE standards and the courses as appropriate are A-G approved.