



Cheers To Another Year!

Vital Link celebrates another year of success! This was an exciting year as Vital Link produced several new programs adding to our existing schedule. These new programs included a one-week *Engineering Academy* held at the **Urban Workshop**, the *Medical Careers in Action* mock surgery in partnership with the **Orthopedic Education Research Institute** at **Hoag Hospital**, and provided the logistical support for **Tustin Unified School District** and **NOCCCD School of Continuing Education Career Fairs**.

In addition, we expanded our *Regional Advisory Boards* to reach the San Bernardino high schools, ROPs, and community colleges. Our *Career Exploration Exhibit Day* has expanded to include the Newport-Mesa and Saddleback Unified School Districts. Vital Link has supported the integration of the Career Technical Education interactive hands-on experiences into the *College and Career Nights* in the following school districts: Anaheim, Garden Grove, Irvine, Newport-Mesa, Placentia-Yorba Linda, Saddleback Valley, Santa Ana, and Tustin.

Vital Link is honored to have impacted the lives of 30,414 students in the 2016-17 school year. This would not have been possible without the continued support of our business and educational partners and the community at large.

Featured Program

Vital Link partnered with Newport-Mesa Unified School District for their *2nd Annual Vex Competition!* On Saturday, June 10, 2017, 24 Elementary Teams and 12 Secondary Teams (middle school and high school) gathered at Estancia High School to put their robotic engineering skills to the test. The one-day event included several rounds of competition where students practiced, tested, and perfected their robots. Families and teachers came and cheered on their teams!



We're Gearing Up For Our Summer Academies

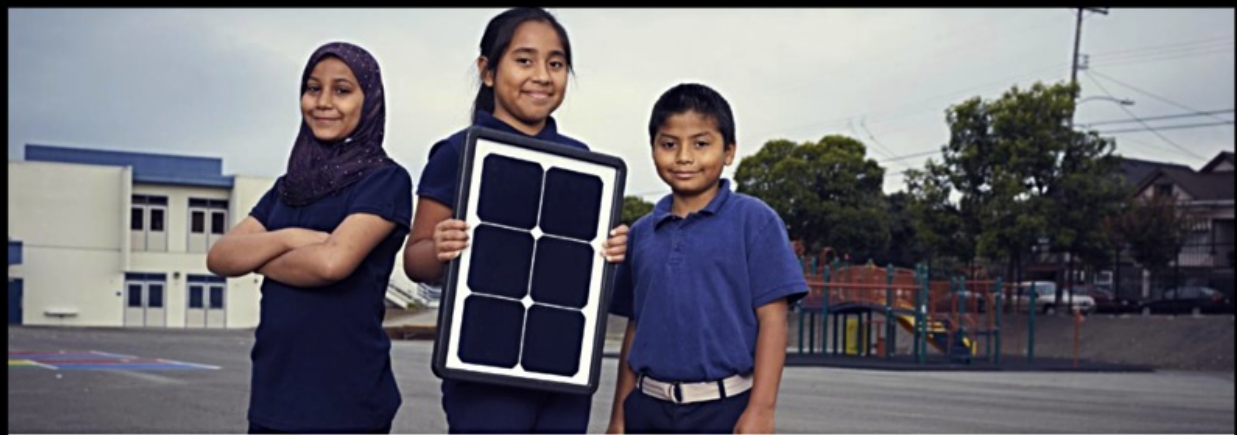
We're stepping into summer full of energy! Since the summer of 2013, Vital Link has joined **SunPower® Corporation** to support their *Summer Solar Energy Academies*. The academy introduces high school students to the solar electric industry work environment. Students work in teams to create a solar business and develop a residential solar project proposal that is presented in a professional manner. Through this 'learn-by-doing' framework, students gain a real-world perspective of the solar energy industry and the careers that are available. Over 100 students will have the opportunity to participate in this year's *Summer Solar Energy Academies*.

Academy Dates:

Santiago Canyon Community College: Santa Ana - June 26 - 30

Bourns Technology Center: Riverside - July 10 - 14

Palomar College: Escondido - July 17 - 21



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About Vital Link:

Vital Link, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization (Tax ID# 33-0632256), provides creative and professional programs that focus on leading edge job skills and job development curriculum. We reach over 30,000 students each year through Career Exploration Programs, support services and use of the Vital Link curriculum. Encouraging students to make the connection between their education and their future career is the foundation of Vital Link and will impact lives today and in the future.

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