



VITAL WAYS TO GIVE

#GI^{VE}INGTUESDAY™

Be a Part of #FundADream for Giving Tuesday!



This year, on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, Vital Link will be part of a call-to-action that will change the calendar and help make history. We are celebrating a day dedicated to giving when families, students, businesses, community centers, charities and others will come together for #GivingTuesday. We are proud to be part

of this movement to celebrate and encourage generosity and smarter giving during the holiday season.

You can join the movement by also being a part of #FundADream and supporting a dream career! Vital Link works to turn ideas into DREAMS by connecting our youth to local businesses and professionals. We cannot do this without you! Donate today and you will support connecting a student to their dream career!

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Vital Highlights!

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT OF ROCKSTARS
IN OUR COMMUNITY

Back to Play actor "breaks a leg" at Hoag Orthopedics Institute

Have you ever wondered what steps an athlete takes to get "Back to Play" after suffering an injury? 128 students from four Orange County high schools were able to experience a real-time mock-surgery and the physical therapy process at Hoag Orthopedic



Institute earlier this month. Actor Jake Tallo played a baseball player who tore his meniscus and underwent a mock surgery, physical therapy, and strengthening exercises in order to get "Back to Play".

The energy in the auditorium at Hoag Orthopedic Institute radiated from wall-to-wall as students were locked-in and engaged in a very realistic and informative experience. Following the Back to Play, students were able to personally interact with the medical team ranging from Medical Assistant, Anesthesiologist, Scrub Tech, Athletic Trainer, MRI Technologist, Performance Coach and many others. This interactive exchange allowed students to ask pressing questions regarding education, skills needed, demands from the position and an insider's look into the medical profession.

We couldn't express a bigger thank you than to Hoag Orthopedic Institute & Vanessa Andranco for all of their efforts in making this event a HUGE success. Hoag Orthopedic Institute is a non-profit corporation founded by Hoag Orthopedic Institute physicians, and exists to foster education, research, and community outreach in orthopedic medicine.

A sincere thank you to a collaborative effort with Doing What Matters, Hoag Foundation Donors, ProSport Physical Therapy & Chase Cameron Performance for being rockstar sponsors!



Giving Special Thanks to our Partners!

The month of November is a time to GIVE THANKS & we would like to gratefully acknowledge the following corporations:

Allstate Volunteer Henry Morales awards Vital Link The Helping Hands in the Community Grant



Thank you to Allstate volunteer Henry Morales for being a positive force for change in our community. Henry Morales donated his time and enabled us to receive an Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the

Community grant. The Allstate Foundation supports the causes that Allstate agency owners, financial specialists and employees care about most by providing Helping Hands in the Community grants to nonprofits where they volunteer their time to bring out the best in their communities.

Edwards Lifesciences Foundation awards a \$2,500 grant to Vital Link

Vital Link would like to thank Edwards Lifesciences Foundation for the recent contribution



Edwards Lifesciences

of \$2,500 to support our Project-Based Learning programs including the ocMaker Challenge program. Because of support from our donors, we have been able to provide Career Technical Education programs for teachers and their students throughout Orange County.



OC Educators Take Pulse of Current Trends

With the ever-evolving technology that is changing instantaneously around us, it is evident that the medical field is advancing just as rapidly. Educators had a first-hand experience to place their fingers on the pulse of current trends in the medical sector by attending the Medical Regional Advisory Board at Axis Research & Technologies.



Attendees were not only able to hear from Medical panelists JoAnn Cunningham from Pacific Dental Services, Kathelina Johnson from United Health Group & Peter Nguyen from OC Acupuncture, but were also able to hear an informative keynote from Shelly Coffini & Amy Sessner from Meridiun.

At Meridiun, they better monetize human understanding by providing context and relevance to what you currently see (visual technology), what you hear (audial technology), where you are standing (Geo-location) and how you are connected (mobile device + cloud IoT). This was evident when Amy Sessner and Megan Hernandez from Axis Research & Technologies gave attendees a tour of their facilities including labs which allow individuals to utilize these technologies, and featuring an augmented heart that came to life with a click of an iPad!

Thank you again to our host Axis Research & Technologies, our keynote speakers from Meridiun, and all of our rockstar medical panelists for a successful evening!

Vital Link, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit 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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