



Vital Link

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Vital Highlights!

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT OF ROCKSTARS
IN OUR COMMUNITY

Career Educator Breakfast a Success!



With over 80 attendees of educators, counselors, and local businesses gathered at the Urban Workshop, Vital Link's annual Career Educators Breakfast radiated

an inspiring energy from wall-to-wall. Keynote speaker, CEO/ Co-Founder of the Tesla Foundation, Keith Kaplan emphasized one clear message, the time is now.

Kaplan also communicated a very new & exciting plan of elevating awareness and a celebration of STEM students' success with developing a platform of project-based learning recognition. Vital Link couldn't be more proud to announce at this year's CEB, the new partnership with the Tesla Foundation and our collaboration of many exciting projects in the near future.

A big thank you to our host Urban Workshop, Thrivent Financial, Zen Garden Florist, Tesla Foundation & Keith Kaplan for their support in our event this year. Looking forward to an exciting 2017-2018 school year!



House of Representatives Special Recognition: Manufacturing Week!

"It was cool to see how airplane parts are made from start to finish" stated a Foothill High School Student.

In just one week, almost 500 students were able to visit a business or college and immerse themselves in the world of Advanced Manufacturing. Vital Link is honored to have been awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition from Congressman J. Luis Correa and the House of Representatives for our "invaluable service in organizing this year's Manufacturing Day".



Vital Link would like to thank our supporting partners, NOCCD Doing What Matters Program, CACT, and CMTC. We want to thank our education partners, Fullerton College, Santa Ana College, Orange Coast

College, Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College. Also a big thank you to all of our Orange County businesses including, Hydraflow, M & R Engineering, Prototype & Short Run Services, Reborn Cabinets, Senga Engineering, and Urban Workshop. All of which opened their doors for students to explore their future careers in Advanced Manufacturing. Thank you to all!



Special Thanks to our Partners!

Corporate and foundation grants are essential to Vital Link's effort to help thousands of students to transition into meaningful careers. We gratefully acknowledge the following corporations for the month of October.

Fluor awards a \$8,000 grant to Project-Based Learning & STEM Showcase

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Vital Link is pleased to announce that it has received an \$8,000 grant from Fluor. Funds will be supporting Vital Link's Project-Based Learning programs as well as STEM

& the Arts Showcase, which is the culminating event, displaying all Project-Based Learning student accomplishments.

"Fluor supports youth organizations and initiatives that develop leadership skills and build character and resiliency. Vital Link's programs build these skills in the students they serve and help prepare them to become the professionals we will hire in the next ten years" stated DeeDee Rosenthal, Community Relations Manager. Thank you Fluor for your all of your support! For more information on Fluor & the difference they are making in our local community, visit: www.fluor.com

Ingram Micro awards a \$3,300 grant to Vital Link

Vital Link would like to also thank Ingram Micro for their continued support and recent \$3,300 grant which will help to

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continue to support current and ongoing program such as Energy Invitational

and Rescue Robotics Program. These program helps provide Orange County middle school, high school and college students experience real-world opportunities by utilizing the Performance Engineering model of build, test and modify to maximize the performance of their robots and cars. To learn more about Ingram Micro, please visit www.ingrammicro.com



ESET Cyber Academy-Thank you!

THANK YOU family, friends and Vital Link community for supporting our efforts in the recent ESET Nonprofit Pitch Fest. Because of all of YOUR efforts, Vital Link was named a Finalist and our organization will be receiving a \$2,000 grant!

Executive Director, Kathy Johnson stated, "It was really inspiring to see all of the love and support from so many of our partners & friends. I am so grateful for everyone's efforts in voting for the ESET Pitch Fest and support, thank you VL supporters!"

These funds will be going directly to a new Cyber Security Academy for women which is in the planning stages of being launched this upcoming Summer 2018! The academy will be a coalition of local businesses, colleges and nonprofit organizations including Webster University, E2VE, Security X, Chick Tech, EON Reality and the Tesla Foundation.

For more information regarding the new Cyber Academy for Women and how you or your company can get involved please

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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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