

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **SUMMER EDITION 2025**



# WHATS HAPPENING!

## HIGHLIGHTS

This summer, Career Bound provided youth with meaningful opportunities to explore careers, build essential skills, and connect with mentors and industry leaders. From internships and tours to hands-on workshops in financial literacy, resume writing, and workplace readiness, our participants embraced every challenge with energy and curiosity. We witnessed incredible growth—not just professionally, but personally—as members gained confidence, strengthened their communication, and discovered new passions. These accomplishments were made possible by the dedication of our staff, the support of partners, and the generosity of our community.

As we gear up for fall, we celebrate a summer full of learning, impact, and purpose.

## WORKSHOPS



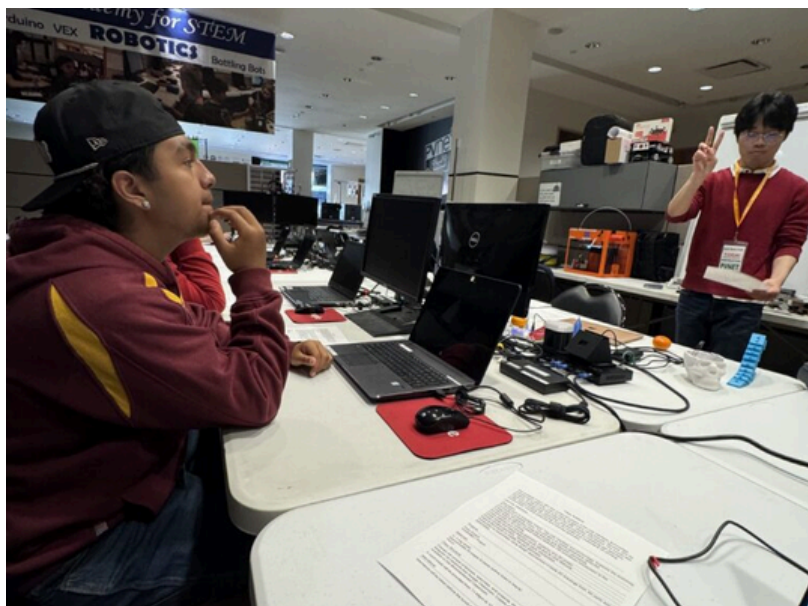
Throughout the summer, we hosted a series of dynamic workshops designed to prepare our youth for real-world success. From resume writing and interview preparation to exploring a wide range of career pathways, each session provided hands-on learning and opportunities for self-discovery. Members walked away with practical skills, a stronger sense of confidence, and a clearer vision of the steps they can take toward their future goals. These workshops played a key role in helping our youth feel more empowered and ready to take on new challenges.



We launched **Junior Career Bound** for our 6th–8th grade members—a new initiative designed to spark early interest in career pathways. Throughout the program, we explored career readiness in fun and engaging ways. Our members participated in interactive games, held meaningful conversations about different industries, and even stepped into the shoes of professionals during our “mini-intern for the day” experience.



# CRB ROUND UP!



We kicked off the summer joining **PVNet**, where our members explored the world of 3D printing. They learned the basics, worked through the design process, and brought their own creations to life. This hands-on experience sparked creativity and introduced them to STEM in a fun, engaging way.



## STEERING TEENS TOWARD SUCCESS

We also offered a comprehensive driver's education course, providing teens with the valuable opportunity to prepare for and obtain their learner's permits. For many participants, earning their learner's permit was a significant milestone—marking an important step toward greater independence and responsibility. The course combined classroom instruction with practical guidance, helping members build confidence behind the wheel and develop safe driving habits. This experience not only advanced their driving skills but also empowered them to take on new challenges as they move closer to full licensure and increased freedom.

We closed out the summer with two incredible culmination events—one for Career Bound and another for our Entrepreneurship program. These celebrations were a meaningful way to honor our members' hard work, growth, and achievements throughout the season.







# SKILLED TRADES



This summer, **42** members and alumni participated in our Beginning and Advanced Welding and Carpentry programs, diving into hands-on training in the skilled trades. For many, it was their first time working with real tools and materials, while others built on existing experience to refine their skills and prepare for advanced opportunities.



## PROUD TO PASS: CERTIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

By the end of the program, they were well-prepared to take their industry-recognized certification exams. We're incredibly proud to share that over **88% of participants passed**—an impressive accomplishment in such a short timeframe. Even more exciting, many members have expressed a strong interest in continuing their training into the school year, showing a deep commitment to their futures. We can't wait to support them as they continue growing into the next generation of skilled professionals.

This summer was just the beginning. As our members head into a new school year, we're committed to expanding access to career pathways, building confidence through hands-on learning, and opening doors to real opportunities in the skilled trades. The future looks bright—and it's being built by these young professionals.





# WORKFORCE CENTER



This summer, we hosted a group orientation for our new **Youth Development Interns** in partnership with MCS and the LA Harbor Workforce Center. The group included first-time job seekers and college-bound students exploring careers in youth development. They'll gain hands-on experience, build skills, and support our Club members throughout their internship. We're proud to help local young adults grow into confident, capable leaders.



## JOSEPH'S JOURNEY INTO TECH

Joseph, a Computer Science student at Cal State LA, is turning curiosity into meaningful innovation. With support from the LA Harbor Workforce Center and LA-Tech.org, he has developed projects such as a VR survival simulator, an ingredient-based recipe recommender, and interactive global data visualizations that showcase his creativity and technical skills. His dedication and passion reflect the power of supporting young talent through hands-on opportunities. We're proud to stand behind Joseph as he builds a promising career in the tech industry.

Marlyn first connected with the Los Angeles Harbor Workforce Center to refine her resume and explore a future in Human Resources. With determination and guidance, she took the next big step joining LA-Tech.org, a partner organization working to bridge underrepresented talent with LA's tech industry. A recent graduate of LA Harbor College with an AA in Communication Studies, Marlyn is now headed to Cal State Long Beach to continue her education and pursue her passion. We're incredibly proud of Marlyn's journey and all she's achieved. Her story is a powerful reminder of how support, vision, and perseverance open doors to a brighter future.

