



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR



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WHATS HAPPENING!

HIGHLIGHTS

Career Bound members continue making incredible progress! From financial literacy wins and digital portfolios to polished resumes and career plans coming together, our teens are putting in real work to prepare for life beyond high school. They're showing up focused, prepared, and determined to grow their skills, explore career paths, and take concrete steps toward their goals. With the support of dedicated staff, school partners, donors, and industry collaborators, our members have access to the guidance and resources they need to succeed. March reminds us that meaningful progress happens when consistency, support, and ambition come together.

WORKSHOPS



March has been a month full of hands-on learning and exploration for Career Bound members. Across our locations, teens participated in interactive workshops, project-based activities, and one-on-one case management designed to build career skills and personal confidence. From exploring different career pathways to setting achievable goals, members are actively taking steps toward their futures. Their dedication and engagement demonstrate how practical experiences, personalized guidance, and strong support systems combine to create momentum and real growth.



Our Career Bound teens recently began building digital portfolios to highlight their achievements and prepare for future education and career opportunities. Thanks to Daniela at the **Wilmington Digital Studio**, they also had the chance to take professional headshots to include in their portfolios—perfect for future applications and networking. These portfolios are an exciting step in helping teens showcase their skills, set goals, and take charge of their futures.



CRB ROUND UP!



In collaboration with both the College Bound and Career Bound programs, members attended the **Pathways to Possibilities Expo** at the Port site. The event offered interactive, hands-on experiences designed to prepare members for the workforce. Participants engaged in resume-building workshops, mock interviews, dress for success, and tables on managing their digital footprint. The expo equipped members with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to take meaningful steps toward their academic and career goals.



During the expo, Career Bound facilitated a **Resume Writing** booth alongside a **Dress for Success** booth, providing members with hands-on opportunities to prepare for professional settings. At the Dress for Success booth, members explored a selection of donated professional clothing from our sites, tried on outfits, and selected pieces to keep for future use. They then put their choices into action immediately by wearing them to the next station, where they participated in mock interviews with board members and volunteers. This setup gave members a realistic, full-circle experience—connecting presentation, confidence, and professional communication. Members received personalized feedback on both their resumes and interview skills, helping them gain practical tools, build self-assurance, and take meaningful steps toward career readiness.

Members recently visited **Los Angeles Fire Dept. Station 85** in Harbor City, where they explored a range of career pathways in healthcare and emergency response. During the field trip, they learned about roles such as EMTs, paramedics, and firefighters, gaining hands-on insight into daily responsibilities, required training, and the work environment.

The experience also provided valuable information on potential salaries, benefits, and long-term career opportunities, helping students envision future possibilities in these critical professions.





SKILLED TRADES



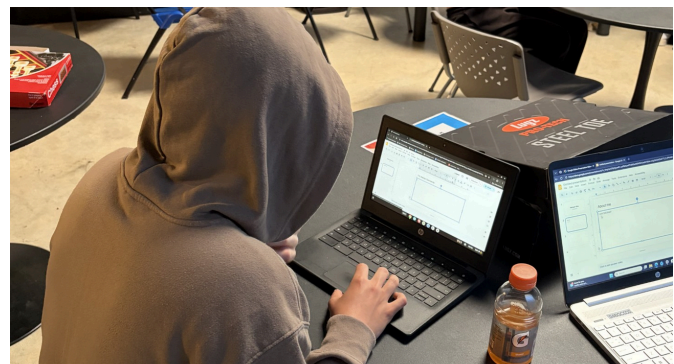
The Skilled Trades Program continued to offer hands-on learning and valuable support to members across all sites. Members practiced real-world techniques while workshops emphasized communication, professionalism, and career readiness. In addition to technical skills, participants received guidance on workplace expectations, teamwork, and problem-solving, helping them prepare for future internships and career opportunities in the skilled trades.



MORE THAN WORKSHOPS: PERSONALIZED MEMBER SUPPORT

One-on-one case management has remained a key priority for the Skilled Trades Pathway program. Members participate in ongoing individualized check-ins that include grade monitoring, attendance reviews, and goal setting to help ensure they stay on track academically and remain engaged in the program. These meetings provided an opportunity for personalized guidance and support, allowing staff to address challenges early while reinforcing accountability, progress, and overall members success.

Saturday classes also played an important role this month, providing members with additional opportunities for hands-on practice and skill development. These sessions allowed participants to deepen their understanding of trade concepts, work on projects, and receive extra guidance in a more focused learning environment. Attendance remained strong, and members continued to show growth in both their confidence and technical abilities.



WORKFORCE CENTER



Workforce Center recently led a hands-on workshop with our Youth Development interns from the San Pedro Boys & Girls Club focused on leveraging AI tools to strengthen their resumes. The session demystified key resume sections and provided practical strategies for building a strong resume using high school and early work experiences. Interns also learned tips and tricks for researching job opportunities, tailoring resumes to specific roles, and using AI to generate practice interview questions and sample answers, helping them feel more confident and prepared for their next career steps!

Workforce Coordinator Oscar Godinez recently tabled at the Pathways to Possibilities College and Career Event. During the event, Oscar connected with high school seniors and participants to share information about workforce services available after their Boys & Girls Club experience. He highlighted how he currently supports Club alumni who are in college or recent graduates through resume updates, job leads, and connecting them to opportunities aligned with their experience. Additional services discussed included career preparation for the skilled trades, with an overview of entry requirements and steps participants can take now to begin preparing for careers in those fields.

