



Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program

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The Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program is Recognized with Top Statewide Educational Honor

November 2, 2018 - Livermore, CA – The *Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP)* has been chosen as one of 51 recipients of the state’s leading educational honor, the Golden Bell Award. The Golden Bell Awards, now in their 39th year, are sponsored by the California School Boards Association to recognize outstanding public school programs for innovation, sustainability and best practices that facilitate positive student outcomes. *Tri-Valley ROP* will receive its award for **The Vision, the Partnerships, & the Resounding Success: Middle College High School at Las Positas College** at a recognition reception and ceremony on **Thursday, November 29, from 5 to 7 p.m.** at CSBA’s Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis located at 780 Mission Street.

The Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) works with its Member Districts - Dublin, Livermore Valley Joint, and Pleasanton Unified School Districts - to provide underrepresented, college-bound students an innovative, regional alternative to traditional programs. This is the Middle College High School (MCHS) at Las Positas College (LPC). The goal of MCHS at LPC is to give students an opportunity to experience success and pursue higher education. Our students’ future is their present, and students need immediate support and tools to access it. In the program, students receive these supports from designated college counselors, dynamic MCHS staff, and in their academic support class (AVID). Students complete their high school diploma while earning up to 44 college units, preparing them to meet their long-term educational and career goals. The program positions students to transfer to a four-year institution. The graduating cohorts are eager to attest to how this alternative program transformed their lives and futures.

“I want to thank Las Positas College and our Member Districts’ Trustees and staff at Dublin, Livermore Valley Joint, and Pleasanton Unified School Districts for having the faith and courage to take on a program that is truly an original,” said Julie Duncan, Tri-Valley ROP Superintendent. “This program is the definition of collaboration and regional partnerships that is hard to find anywhere in the state.”

A 17-member judging panel composed of experts from school districts and county offices of education reviewed the written entries and made the initial recommendations for the awards. On-site validators assessed the programs in action. The evaluator to Middle College remarked that the program was everything that was presented in the application and more and commended the wonderful partnership of the five premier educational organizations.

“The Golden Bell recipients exemplify the spirit of innovation and excellence for which all of California’s public schools strive,” said CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy. “The Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of outstanding education offerings in our state, and demonstrate the tenacity, vision and dedication of school leaders across California.” To learn more about the Golden Bell awards, visit the California School Boards Association’s Golden Bell website at <https://gb.csba.org/>.

Photo of 2018 Middle College High School Graduates representing all Tri-Valley ROP Member Districts

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Preparing People for College and Careers, Creating a World-Class Talent Pool

ABOUT TRI-VALLEY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM

Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) has provided market driven, high-demand career and technical education high school courses for the students of the Dublin Unified, Pleasanton Unified, and Livermore Valley Joint Unified school districts for over forty-seven years. Tri-Valley ROP courses prepare students for college and career with rigorous curriculum that integrates hands-on, relevant career experiences through on-site internships and job shadows. Offerings include Middle College High School at Las Positas College, Medical Occupations and Sports Medicine, Engineering, Environmental Science, Marketing and Business Ownership, Networking, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing, Public Services, Transportation, Child Development, and Media Arts. Tri-Valley ROP affords students the opportunity to obtain a career by choice not by chance. For more information, visit www.tvrop.org

ABOUT CSBA

CSBA is a nonprofit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts and county offices of education. With a membership of nearly 1,000 educational agencies statewide, CSBA brings together school governing boards and district and county office administrators to advocate for effective policies that advance the education and well-being of the state's more than 6 million school-age children. For more information, visit www.csba.org

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