

Quarter 3 2021



## WORKFORCE & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- **Real World of STEAM** served 172 youth over the course of 2020-21, with 3 cohorts each completing 40 hours of virtual programming. The [Real World of STEAM Evaluation Brief](#) confirms the program's success: 97% of students reported an increased understanding of STEAM careers, and 99% would recommend the program to others. Students found the program "amazing," "informative," and "beneficial." Students noted that, "Having POC presenters was very important...because it helps underline the possibility of working in STEAM as a person of color myself...understanding barriers and possibilities in STEAM."

## COLLABORATION & INNOVATION

### L.A. Compact

- **Los Angeles Opportunity Youth Collaborative (LA OYC)** released a case study on its efforts connecting foster youth with public workforce agencies via a shared referral process. The [report](#) includes 10 recommendations for improvement based on findings. Shortly after its release, LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced a motion endorsing many of the study's recommendations and directing county agencies to start an implementation plan and fiscal analysis.
- **Los Angeles Educator Pathways Partnership (LAEPP)** completed new analyses of STEM vs. non-STEM outcomes for IHE graduates teaching in LAUSD. Results are provided in new, tailored dashboards, which also analyze longer-term teacher performance, placement, and retention data.
- The **L.A. Workforce Systems Collaborative** did joint advocacy on the federal reconciliation bill and is exploring funding possibilities.

### Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)- Education & Talent Development (ETD)

- **ACCE** held their annual summit virtually July 19 – 21, with 1,200 attendees from across the country sharing industry best practices and celebrating chamber member successes.
- **ACCE Foundation and UNITE-LA** were awarded a \$1.3M grant from the Lumina Foundation to create a cohort of chambers partnering with community colleges and CBOs to develop and drive the growth of credentialing and degree programs in their regions—with the ultimate goal of placing low-income workers, particularly workers of color, in well-paid jobs with opportunities for career advancement.
- **ACCE Foundation and UNITE-LA** launched the new Fellowship for Inclusive Economic Growth, supporting 21 chamber staff and executives from across the nation to refine their inclusive economic recovery goals and build replicable programs and processes.

## POLICY

- The **R.E.A.L. Coalition's Education & Workforce Development Committee** convened, with updates from guest speakers Kris Perry (Deputy Secretary of Early Childhood Development & Senior Advisor to the Governor) on the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care; and Scott Adams (Deputy Director for Broadband & Digital Literacy) on CA's work to provide broadband equality throughout the state.
- **UNITE-LA** hosted a [webinar](#) with CA Community Colleges Acting Chancellor, Dr. Daisy Gonzales discussing identification of effective, equitable and culturally responsive strategies to support and prepare students for a rapidly changing economy. The webinar had 80 participants from non-profits, higher education institutions, state agencies and more. Watch the webinar [here](#).
- **UNITE-LA** hosted a [webinar](#) with CA State Senator, Maria Elena Durazo centering around the ways public, private and community stakeholders are leveraging budget investments to address key issues facing Californians, including childcare, workforce development, healthcare and homelessness.

## COLLEGE ACCESS & SUCCESS

- **L.A. Cash for College** kicked off our Virtual Workshop series on October 5<sup>th</sup> to provide information about the financial aid process, including applying for scholarships, completing FAFSA, and more. Workshops are available in English and Spanish and will be happening live throughout October. Register for future workshops or watch previous workshop recordings [here](#).

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

### Grants Awarded in Quarter 3

- Sobrato Family Foundation - \$25k
- CA Public Utilities Commission - \$150k
- Stuart Foundation - \$60k
- Atlas Foundation - \$75k
- National Skills Coalition - \$25k
- Kresge Foundation - \$360k
- Ralph M. Parsons Foundation - \$100k
- The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation - \$450k
- Boeing - \$50k
- The Lumina Foundation - \$1,297,826

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### YOUTH EVENTS:

**L.A. Cash for College Virtual Workshops:** [information on financial aid & college resources. Register \[here\]\(#\).](#)  
**WorkforceReady Live Session:**  
[Register \[here\]\(#\) & contact \[lear@unitela.com\]\(mailto:lear@unitela.com\)](#)  
[for event details.](#)

### Future Forward Forum:

[Register \[here\]\(#\) & contact \[jupadhyay@unitela.com\]\(mailto:jupadhyay@unitela.com\)](#)  
[for event details.](#)

### EMPLOYER EVENTS:

**LA HealthCare Employer Roundtable:**  
[Contact \[hnam@unitela.com\]\(mailto:hnam@unitela.com\) for information.](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS:



Real World of STEAM program manager, Jaideep Upadhyay, joined UNITE-LA partners for a press conference announcing the 1,000 Intern Initiative, providing tech internships to underrepresented youth.



LA OYC released a study on connecting foster youth with public workforce agencies. Study recommendations were included in a motion by L.A. County Supervisor Barger.



Dr. Daisy Gonzales, California Community Colleges Acting Chancellor, spoke at a UNITE-LA webinar about supporting students for the ever-changing economy.