



## WORKFORCE & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- UNITE-LA hosted its first Future Forward Forum this October, where students heard from local healthcare and tech employers. Students cultivated career connections and learned how to apply for paid internships and programs to increase their awareness of living-wage career pathways in these sectors.
- On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a virtual Job Skills Workshop, where over 30 attendees learned about resume building and interviewing skills. A panel of employers/recruiters discussed their hiring needs and provided tips to youth on increasing their employability.
- On December 15<sup>th</sup>, over 200 students from Huntington Park Institute of Applied Medicine joined the **Exploring Careers and Health Care** session, which focused on mental health. Speaker Gabriella Rivera, MPH, shared her experience pursuing a career in the mental health field and spoke about the importance of college education as a vehicle toward a fulfilling career.

## COLLABORATION & INNOVATION

### L.A. Compact

- In October, the new L.A. Compact agreement was finalized and signed--with over 20 partner institutions, including the County Board of Supervisors, institutions of higher education, etc. The L.A. Compact continues its commitment to cradle-to-career success across L.A. County. The latest Compact agreement adds new goals and metrics, and pinpoints 5 new collective **beliefs, with the goal of bridging the gaps that exist in our early care and education, K-12, higher education, and workforce systems.**
- **The L.A. Educator Pathways Partnership (LAEPP)** received new, LAUSD-aggregate and IHE-specific narrative reports, prepared by our consultant, EdAnalytics, and facilitated by UNITE-LA. The reports document findings on teacher preparation, performance and retention for recent graduates who became teachers at LAUSD—with a focus on STEM teachers. The LAEPP workgroup debriefed on the reports at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, offering feedback and discussing usage of the findings for continuous improvement at their respective institutions.

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

- In November, The ACCE Foundation convened its first joint meeting of ACCE's Education & Talent Development Division and Economic and Community Development Division in Oklahoma City. The meeting brought together 35 chamber professionals for learning, conversation, and networking, with highlights from Oklahoma City's placemaking and Compact work.
- In December, ACCE Foundation's Fellowship for Inclusive Economic Growth held their second two-day virtual convening covering topics on community-wealth building, supporting small businesses, and creative ways to increase access to business capital.
- ACCE co-hosted a Smart Justice webinar in December with the Salt Lake Chamber and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce on "How Chambers Participate in the Clean Slate Initiative."

### Educare

- Educare hosted the Hilton Foundation for the first in-person funder visit since the start of the pandemic. With the support of Long Beach Unified School District leadership, Educare Advisory Board and Educare staff, the foundation toured Educare to learn more about how the program ties into Hilton's interest areas.
- On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell visited Educare. The tour showcased high-quality early childhood education and its role in helping close the achievement gap before kindergarten.

## COLLEGE ACCESS & SUCCESS

- UNITE-LA staff joined LAUSD's very first Black Student College Fair hosted at Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) in November 2021. LA Cash for College helped recruit and organize a team of volunteers, including staff from the LASC Financial Aid Office that helped students complete their financial aid applications.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

### Grants Awarded in Quarter 4

- Ballmer- \$750,000/3yrs
- College Futures Foundation - \$500,000
- CCF- \$100,000
- HAAS Foundation - \$80,000
- Irvine Foundation - \$400,000
- National Skills Coalition (ACCE) - \$200,000

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>- L.A. Cash for College Financial Aid Workshops:** *Information on financial aid & college resources. Register [here](#)*

**Feb 24<sup>th</sup>- L.A. Compact Charting Progress Dashboard launch:** *For more information, contact [lcatanzarite@unitela.com](mailto:lcatanzarite@unitela.com)*

## HIGHLIGHTS:



Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell on an in person visit to Educare on October 21<sup>st</sup> for the first time in five years. Pictured here with Educare Public Affairs Director, Genetic Brown.



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At the December virtual Job Skills Workshop, employers/recruiters provided tips on increasing employability to 30 attendees. The virtual Job Skills Workshop was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 30 attendees had the chance to listen to an employer and recruiter panel about tips to increase employability.