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MEDIA ADVISORY

Pittsburg Unified School District and Pittsburg Chamber Collaborate on Two Career Centered Programs for Students

Pittsburg Chamber collaborates with Pittsburg Unified School District to offer a career fair and mock-interview opportunities. The two events are on separate dates (4/26 and 4/28) and will feature volunteers and business owners from the Pittsburg community who are focused on helping prepare high school students for the job force. Dozens of local business owners will be at the CareerLINK Expo on 4/26, offering advice and job opportunity information to high school students. Then, on 4/28, local volunteers will host mock-interviews for students, helping them have a better understanding of the interview process, tips for success, and suggestions on dos and don'ts during interviews. The goal of these events is to help prepare students for life after high school and what to expect when applying for a job or entering a career path.

“Our CareerLINK Expo provides a great opportunity for many of our students to interact with local businesses and employers,” said Todd Whitmire, Principal, Pittsburg High School. “Specifically, our students will have the opportunity to learn what skills are needed and required both from local and regional employers. This includes soft skills

such as customer service and working on a team. In addition, they will learn about fields that are in demand and will push them to identify post high school education options that allow them to pick a career field that has great employment opportunities!”

“The Pittsburg Chamber believes that students are tomorrow’s workforce and the goal of this effort is to create a space where schools can partner with local employers to help prepare students for purposeful transitions from high school to post-secondary education, training and jobs aligned with local high-wage, high-skill, or high-demand STEM careers,” said Monica Couture, President & CEO, Pittsburg Chamber. “As well, employers have the opportunity to have one on one time preparing students for what it is like to go into the real world and apply for a job with confidence. The feeling shared by all is that these two events are valued, rewarding and promote a sense of community pride and togetherness.”

WHO: Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce along with local businesses host CareerLINK Expo and InterviewLINK Project for high school students

WHEN: CareerLINK Expo April 26th 7:30am - 1:00pm
InterviewLINK Project April 28th 8:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: Pittsburg High School Gym, 1750 Harbor Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565

WHY: CareerLINK Expo and InterviewLINK Project are geared at connecting tomorrow's workforce with today's employers

WHAT: Career Fair (4/26) and Mock-Interviews (4/28)

PHOTO OPP: Photo and video opportunities are available. Please contact Nicky Mora, District Communications if you plan on covering these events.

About Pittsburg Unified School District

Awarded the College Board’s Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll award in 2016 for expanding access to college, [Pittsburg Unified School District](#) (PUSD) is one of 130 school districts across the nation recognized for creating opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students. PUSD is a K-12 district serving the community of Pittsburg, California. Founded in 1933, the school system is committed to providing an excellent opportunity for all students to learn. Comprised of eight elementary schools, three junior high schools, one comprehensive high school, one alternative education high school, an adult school, independent study options, and a preschool program, the school district serves more than 11,000 students. PUSD is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, fifty minutes outside of downtown San Francisco.

About Pittsburg Chamber

The mission of the Pittsburg Chamber is to advance business, commerce, and community. Our vision is to ensure the City of Pittsburg is recognized as a great place

to live, work, and visit. For more information about the Pittsburg Chamber, go to:
<http://www.mypittsburgchamber.org/>
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