

SBWIB 29th Annual Awards Ceremony

Intuit Dome - November 14, 2024

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JAN VOGEL Chief Executive Officer South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc. Provide the set of the

For over 42 years, under the guidance of our board of directors, the SBWIB has remained dedicated to delivering exceptional job training and placement services to adults and youth in the South Bay. We are deeply grateful to our local, state, and federal elected officials, whose backing has enabled us to secure grants and legislative support for innovative workforce programs now recognized on a national level.

Your participation and financial support this evening are crucial to sustaining essential youthfocused programs, including the Inglewood and Hawthorne Teen Centers and our Blueprint for Workplace Success Program. On behalf of our entire team, thank you for joining us and for your unwavering support of our mission.

Jan Vogel Chief Executive Officer

Opening & Welcome Remarks Mayor James T. Butts, Jr, City of Inglewood Jan Vogel, Chief Executive Officer, South Bay Workforce Investment Board Inc.

> Pledge of Allegiance Assemblymember Tina McKinnor

God Bless America Donald Perry, SBWIB Staff Member

Acknowledgment of Guests & Sponsors Jan Vogel

Dinner

Presentation of Esther Williams Award of Excellence Mayor James T. Butts, Jr., Past Recipient

Presentation of Wayne Spencer Community Service Award Jan Vogel

Special Recognition of Long-time Supporter of SBWIB Jan Vogel Presentation to State Senator Steven Bradford

Outstanding Business & Partner Award Recipients Glenn Mitchell, SBWIB Chairman Chris Cagle, Director of Business Services & Apprenticeship

> Outstanding Alumni Awards Jan Vogel

Outstanding Training Provider Recipients Laura Bischoff, Quality Assurance & Compliance Manager

> Closing Remarks Jan Vogel



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ESTHER WILLIAMS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Steven Ballmer, the esteemed owner of the Los Angeles Clippers and visionary behind the new Intuit Dome, has been awarded the prestigious Esther Williams Award of Excellence by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). Named after the SBWIB's pioneering first chairperson, Esther Williams, this award honors individuals who exemplify Williams' legacy of dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to elevating workforce opportunities in the South Bay.

As a Harvard graduate and former CEO of Microsoft, Ballmer's impact has been transformative, reaching beyond business to uplift communities. Through the Ballmer Group and the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation, he and his wife Connie have funded numerous initiatives, including a \$24 million grant to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Los Angeles and \$22.1 million to support California State University Dominguez Hills' Toros Teach LA initiative.

The SBWIB extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Ballmer for his invaluable partnership and unwavering support in helping to create life-changing opportunities. His contributions reflect the ideals and purpose of the SBWIB, improving lives and building brighter futures across our community.

Esther Williams was one of the pioneer members of the SBWIB and the first chairperson in 1982. Esther was well known for her commitment and leadership in making sure the Board fulfilled its purpose of providing the highest quality job training and job placement services for adults and youth in the South Bay.

The Esther Williams Award of Excellence is presented to those individuals who epitomize her record of service and commitment to the lofty ideals and purpose of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, and who strive to improve the quality of life in our communities through their professionalism and lasting contributions.



STEVE BALLMER Los Angeles Clippers Owner



WAYNE SPENCER AWARD



SUSAN SENIOR One-Stop Policy Chair, Executive Committee Member, Retired -Department of Rehabilitation

For more than three decades, Susan Senior has worked with a myriad of state, regional and national agencies and organizations, workforce boards, America's Job Centers of California, unions and employment contractors to ensure that students and adults with disabilities have access to resources in the community and collaborative partnership support to achieve their goals of employment, equality and independence.

For the past 25 years, Susan has been a dedicated and tireless member of the California Department of Rehabilitation and in her capacity as Regional Director for the greater Los Angeles/South Bay area, has contributed significantly to foster increased employment, specialized training, independent living, and equality for individuals with disabilities, as well as creating a second chance Rapid Engagement/Expedited Enrollment Program for the re-entry population in collaboration with the Watts Labor Community Action Committee.

As the Chair of the SBWIB One-Stop Policy Committee and member of the Executive Committee, Susan helped to create a program for clients with disabilities to participate in a paid work experience assignments with the Los Angeles World Airports iCARE Program.



Wayne Spencer, our Chairman of the Board for over two decades, infused our organization with his contagious passion for life. His unwavering enthusiasm transformed every meeting and special event, motivating everyone to excel. Beyond leading Spencer4Hire Security successfully for 40 years, he generously devoted his time and skills to various causes. He served on the Inglewood Airport Area Chamber of Commerce Board, where he was a former chairman, and contributed to the Rotary Club of Inglewood as a director and past president.

The Wayne Spencer Community Service Award honors those, like Wayne, who collaborate with the South Bay Workforce Board and selflessly enhance their communities through volunteerism, leadership, and quiet advocacy for organizations striving to elevate our shared quality of life. Carson

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Dahzuri J. Morse is a single mother of a disabled 10-year-old child who previously worked in food delivery with Doordash, allowing her to bring her son along. Childcare posed significant challenges, compounded by her struggles with depression and anxiety. Receiving public assistance, she was referred to the South Bay One-Stop in Carson by her Los Angeles County GAIN TSE Liaison.

After enrollment, she participated in the Blueprint for Workplace Success training, gaining valuable career guidance and skills. With reliable childcare secured, she took on a Paid Work Experience assignment with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health. After six months of dedicated effort, Dahzuri was offered an Intermediate Clerk Typist position with the Department of Mental Health.



"There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Do not give up. South Bay Carson One-Stop can open the door for you to showcase your amazing skills. You too, can be another success story."

Knequoia J. Miles, a single mother, faced unemployment and relied on public assistance from the Los Angeles County Department of Public & Social Services. Referred by her GAIN TSE Liaison, she engaged with the South Bay One-Stop in Carson.

Following her intake and enrollment, Knequoia participated in the Blueprint for Workplace Success training, gaining career guidance and leadership skills. She completed a Paid Work Experience position with the City of Carson Housing Department.

Successfully completing her 10-month assignment, Knequoia applied for and secured a position as an Eligibility Worker with the County of Los Angeles.



Ms. Miles shared that along with her determination and the services she received from the SBWIB Carson AJCC she has been hired by the County of Los Angeles.

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At 21, **Kennedy Aaron** sought employment assistance through the South Bay One-Stop in Carson due to her lack of work history. After completing the intake process, she enrolled in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Youth @ Work programs.

With the support of her youth case manager and job developer, Kennedy received career counseling, interview preparation, and resume assistance. She completed a 160-hour paid work experience with Fresh and Meaty, followed by 300 additional hours of work experience through the Department of Rehabilitation. Discovering her passion for meal preparation, Kennedy secured a position at Grace Care Corporation, serving the elderly and individuals with disabilities in her community.



The Carson One-Stop helped her build incredible connections and gain great experience.

Kirkiella Carrington, a single mother of six and unemployed recipient of public assistance in Los Angeles County, was referred to the South Bay One-Stop in Carson by her GAIN TSE Liaison. Following enrollment, she participated in the Blueprint for Workplace Success training program, gaining valuable career guidance and skills. She then undertook a Paid Work Experience assignment, receiving necessary transportation and clothing support.

Despite personal and professional challenges, Kirkiella thrived, acquiring new competencies. Kirkiella Carrington was hired at Harbor UCLA Medical Center as an Administrative Clerk with the Human Resources department.



"The TSE Program is a valuable and resourceful tool that can assist individuals in overcoming challenges and introduce them to new networking opportunities. Every setback presents an opportunity for growth."

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Presley Noa, 19-year-old, sought employment assistance at the South Bay One-Stop in Carson. After completing the intake and enrollment process, she was assessed and enrolled under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. With tailored career counseling and planning, Presley established goals and enhanced her work readiness skills. Disclosing her experience of homelessness and a disability, her Case Manager connected her with the Department of Rehabilitation for additional support.

After completing 160 hours of paid work experience. Preslev found her passion for meal preparation and is now thriving in the food industry with Uncle Darrow's New Orleans Grill in Carson.

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Keyla Morris moved from New York City to Gardena, filled with hopes for a better future. However, she soon faced homelessness, relying on the support of family and friends. Undeterred, Keyla sought assistance from the South Bay One-Stop in Gardena, where she found essential support from the team for stability and career advancement. With prior experience as a Housing Navigator, she brought valuable skills to her new community.

The job developer at the South Bay One-Stop in Gardena connected her with an opportunity at the Restoration Diversion Services in Compton, where she secured a Case Manager position. Keyla's journey exemplifies resilience and determination, and she looks forward to making a positive impact in her community.



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Shyann Kelly - While working and struggling to meet basic needs, Shyann sought services at the South Bay One-Stop in Gardena. Recognizing her potential, case management enrolled her as an underemployed youth participant, paving the way for her career aspirations. Through dedicated counseling, Shyann identified her goal of entering the medical field and chose to pursue Phlebotomy.



Despite personal challenges, Shyann's determination and clear timeline for training demonstrated maturity and commitment. Successfully completing her phlebotomy training, she received job search support and quickly secured employment at Pine Street Healthcare Partners, showcasing the effectiveness of WIOA initiatives and South Bay One-Stop's resources.

HAWTHORNE

Rudy Aguirre was referred to the South Bay One-Stop in Inglewood under the INVEST program designed to provide specialized employment and training services for adult probationers. After facing challenges in securing employment due to his background, he sought assistance to achieve his career goals. Collaborating with his probation officer and career counselor, staff assessed Rudy's skills and created a tailored career pathway.



A business services representative identified a maintenance/driver position with a local employer, arranged an interview, and helped Rudy prepare. Rudy was successfully hired full-time and continues to experience meaningful growth and career advancement.



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Cassandra Perez, resident of Compton, engaged fully in the Bio-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program while completing her senior year at Dominguez High School. She successfully finished the Blueprint for Workplace Success course, as well as gaining technical skills in laboratory bio safety, pharmaceutical discovery, and gene therapy, along with valuable hands-on Amgen Biotech Experience.

Through interactions with SBWIB staff, Compton College, and the LA Promise Fund, she explored diverse career pathways in the LA life sciences. Funding for Cassandra's training was provided by Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, which also awarded her a \$500 stipend upon completion. Cassandra is now pursuing a major in the sciences at the University of California, Los Angeles.



"The guidance and support from the Pre-Apprenticeship staff and partners have been instrumental in shaping my understanding of the Biotech industry"

Sophia Rodas, dedicated Leuzinger High School student, was selected for the Culinary Careers Academy through a strong partnership between SBWIB and the Centinela Valley Union High School District. The program offered her Paid Work Experience, enabling her to explore a culinary career while learning workforce principles and teamwork skills for competitions.

Between both the Youth@Work and WIOA Youth programs, achieving over 320 hours of work experience, Sophia significantly enhanced her professional growth and confidence, aided by supportive SBWIB staff. Currently working at Tilly's at the Fox Hills Mall and interning at her former high school while pursuing sociology at Cal State LA, she continues to thrive with the guidance of SBWIB staff, striving to reach her full potential.



"The Inglewood One Stop helped me create lasting memories and connections with amazing people, all by giving me more experience in working within the community."

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Deborah Herrera, a Latin-American woman, faced uncertainty after losing her managerial position at Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma during the 2023 layoffs. Seeking new opportunities, she discovered the South Bay One-Stop in Torrance and its comprehensive resources through a career counselor.

The WIOA program played a pivotal role in her career rebuild, providing funding for training in California Labor Law and Human Resources Management, which facilitated her transition into Human Resources. With her counselor's support, Deborah successfully completed her MBA and secured a position as an HR Specialist in a private sector company that partners with S&P 500 businesses, applying her newfound skills and knowledge to foster organizational success.



"I highly recommend the South Bay One-Stop. The resources and training they provide are invaluable. Whether you are looking to sharpen your skills or begin a fresh start, they offer the guidance you need to achieve your career goals."

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INGLEWOOD

Bobby Patton was referred to the South Bay One-Stop in Inglewood under the INVEST program to access specialized employment and training services for adult probationers, aiming to learn a new trade and start his career. Working closely with Los Angeles County Probation and his career counselor, he focused on obtaining industry-recognized certifications to enhance his career mobility in the construction industry.

Partnering with Brother's Keeper, he successfully completed a preapprenticeship training program and received essential safety certifications. Just a week after finishing the program, Bobby secured a position as a flooring technician with Corradini Corporation, aided by comprehensive employment support.



Bobby is grateful for the opportunity and continues to have meaningful growth and career advancement.



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Adam Swearingen was referred to the South Bay One-Stop Center in Inglewood under the INVEST program to access specialized employment and training services for adult probationers. Despite completing a training program and obtaining his Class A license, Adam lacked the driving experience required by employers, limiting his opportunities in the transportation industry.

Collaborating with Los Angeles County Probation and his career counselor, it was determined that Adam would benefit from employment assistance. He was connected to a job developer and received essential support services. Shortly after, Adam secured a position with Freedom USA as a truck driver and is enjoying meaningful career growth.

"They provided an environment of

environment of understanding, and encouragement along with vital resources which made the transition back to society easier and applicable."



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J E d a Dislocated Worker Program Adriana Ojeda - After being laid off and struggling through an eight-month job search, Adriana felt discouraged and her confidence had waned. Open to assistance, she turned to the South Bay One-Stop in Inglewood for support, particularly interested in mock interviews and training services.

With help from her experienced Job Developer, Adriana practiced mock interviews and received feedback to improve her skills. Additionally, her Case Manager assisted her in obtaining funding for the PMP certification exam fees, enhancing her competitiveness in a challenging job market. The South Bay One-Stop also provided necessary work clothes, empowering Adriana to land employment as a project manager at AltaMed.



"At a time where I felt defeated and hopeless, Inglewood One-Stop gave me coaching, encouragement and helped me attain tools that would make me job-ready in a tough market."



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Terinn Holman graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications in 2023, eager to start her career but struggling to find employment. Remembering the support she'd received from the Inglewood One Stop in her youth, Terinn returned to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) for guidance.

The Inglewood One Stop team helped her enroll in a Paid Work Experience program, placing her as an administrative assistant for Councilwoman Katrina Manning at Hawthorne City Hall. This opportunity enriched her resume and confidence, leading her to a role as a Public Relations Specialist with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Terinn's story is a testament to persistence, potential, and the power of mentorship.



"The One Stop Center helped me build incredible connections and I had a great experience. I learned to never shy away from seizing an opportunity, even if the environment is unfamiliar or success feels uncertain."



Gabby Palmero has made remarkable strides at the WAYS Home Care & Health Agency, beginning her journey through the transformative On-the-Job Training Program (OJT) facilitated by the SBWIB and South Bay One-Stop.

Starting as a receptionist, her dedication quickly propelled her to the role of WAYS Regional Coordinator, where she leads efforts to support individuals with autism. Gabby's evolution reflects her hard work and passion, showcasing the OJT program's potential. Her exceptional leadership, empathy, and organizational skills have significantly enhanced services and positively impacted lives, embodying the agency's core values.



SPACE WORKFORCE COALITION

The Space Workforce Coalition (SWC) is a national Community of Practice created to address the current and future workforce needs of the space sector. SBWIB leads the California collaboration. Additionally, SWC members lead regional programs in Florida's Space Coast, the Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi, Alabama, and Colorado.

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After 23 weeks of unemployment, Inglewood resident Abdul Robertson sought assistance from the South Bay One-Stop Employment Service Center. Formerly an operations manager, Mr. Robertson faced challenges in reentering the field due to the need for a Project Manager certification. Through the center's support, he received funding to complete project management and human resources courses at the University of La Verne. Additionally, he was provided a laptop, which allowed him to study online, update his resume, and attend interviews. With his new certifications and skills. Mr. Robertson successfully secured a position as an operations manager, grateful for the center's resources that made his career advancement possible.



"This program is truly needed in the community because it makes a significant difference in people's lives."

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Maria Salazar Rivera of Lawndale, successfully completed an Aero-Flex pre-apprenticeship through the SBWIB/ El Camino College/ Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC), during her high school education at Leuzinger High School. She then subsequently got hired by NGC full-time as a machining apprentice.

This past winter, the Leuzinger graduate completed her apprenticeship and continued with NGC while she was also finishing an engineering degree at Cal Poly Pomona.



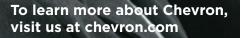


"Being in an apprenticeship offered me a great opportunity to learn how work in a professional environment. I'm very grateful for this apprenticeship!"

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Sanket Desai, an IT professional with eight years of experience at Herbalife in Torrance, was affected by company layoffs and attended a Rapid Response Orientation facilitated by the SBWIB. There, a career counselor provided him with valuable services as he sought new employment and explored occupational skills training. Sanket prioritized stability and growth, considering state job opportunities with DMV, EDD, and Sacramento.

The Career Counselor supported him by offering job listings, refining his resume, and preparing him for interviews. Sanket applied for a new position and was hired with the Employment Development Department located at the Torrance South Bay One-Stop.



REDONDO BEACH :

Ava Bradley, a recent graduate of Redondo Union High School and El Camino College student, approached the South Bay One-Stop in Torrance with the goal of entering the health care industry, seeking assistance for EMT training while unemployed. She was eligible for the WIOA youth program and referred to Cal State University Dominguez Hills for a 10-month EMT course.

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Determined to succeed, Ava aimed to save for graduate school to ultimately become a paramedic. After completing her training, she worked with her Case Manager and Job Developer to refine her resume, with ongoing support in her job search. Just one month before graduation, Ava secured a position as an EMT with Premier, advancing her career toward her paramedic aspirations.



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Shawn-Patrick Kunane Amorin, a 46-yearold Torrance resident and student at West Los Angeles College (WLAC), aspired to become an Aircraft & Powerplant Mechanic while he worked at the **Sling Pilot Academy/The Airplane Factory** at the Torrance Airport.

Shawn learned of the SBWIB's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship programs the day he watched his coworker receive a Certificate of Completion for the WLAC Aircraft Structures Mechanic Assembler Apprenticeship.

Shawn was enrolled in an apprenticeship program at the Airplane Factory.

While he was completing his training, he impressed his supervisors with his skill set and earned a promotion to Shop Manager.



"The SBWIB/WLAC apprenticeship was the key for me being able to get into this field without prior work experience. I strongly urge anyone wanting to get into the aviation industry to take advantage of the SBWIB programs."



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extend my heartfelt congratulations to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWB) on your 29th Annual Awards Ceremony. Reaching this milestone is a testament to your unwavering commitment to workforce development and your profound impact on countiess lives.

We are honored to be a trusted partner of SBWB and share in your mission of creating meaningful opportunities for individuals to achieve career success. Together, we have witnessed how strong partnerships like ours can transform lives, families, and communities.

Thank you for your continued dedication, and we look forward to many more years of collaboration and shared achievements.

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Established in 1947, West Basin Municipal Water District serves several Southern California communities, including Carson, CA. Originally focused on supplying imported water from the Colorado River, the agency has since evolved to prioritize water recycling, groundwater management, and conservation. A highlight of its efforts is the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility, which produces millions of gallons of recycled water daily, significantly reducing reliance on imported sources.



Recognizing the need for youth interns to support its workforce and reduce training costs. West Basin approached the SBWIB. This collaboration led to the establishment of a worksite agreement, enabling SBWIB to place dedicated youth interns at West Basin. These interns quickly distinguished themselves through their commitment and performance during their 160-



hour internship, which came at no cost to the employer.

The success of this partnership culminated in West Basin hiring one of the recruits to continue in the West Basin internship program, reflecting the effectiveness of the initiative in fostering youth employment and providing valuable training opportunities.

"Partnering with SBWIB was a gamechanger for us. They not only helped us find talented vouth interns who were a great fit for our team but also provided a cost-effective solution for their training. The process was smooth, and the support we received was exceptional. If you're a business looking for skilled workers or want to explore ways to save on training costs. SBWIB can be an invaluable partner. We highly recommend reaching out and exploring what they can offer." - Mr. Wisdom



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For 20 years, D&W Trucking Inc. has been a cornerstone of the logistics industry in Los Angeles, serving clients such as Los Angeles County

Public Works and the Port of Long Beach. Based in Inglewood for the past eight years, the company faced a significant challenge: sourcing qualified Class A truck drivers committed to building a career.

To overcome this hurdle, D&W Trucking partnered with the Inglewood One-Stop and the INVEST program, which provided a steady stream of qualified driver referrals.



Additionally, the company leveraged the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) initiative, enhancing its ability to train and employ new drivers. Mr. Windom, the owner, values this partnership, recognizing its vital role in meeting staffing needs while supporting community growth.

Through this collaboration, D&W Trucking has successfully hired 18 justice-involved individuals as commercial truck drivers, offering them a chance to rebuild their lives. This initiative not only benefits the

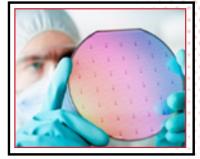
employees but also contributes positively to the Inglewood community.

Mr. Windom believes in the power of second chances and is committed to making a difference by providing employment opportunities to those seeking a fresh start. D&W Trucking exemplifies how businesses can drive social change while achieving operational success.





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Eravant's commitment to this mission is further demonstrated by their utilization of the Multiple Employer Contract for ETP, which has provided

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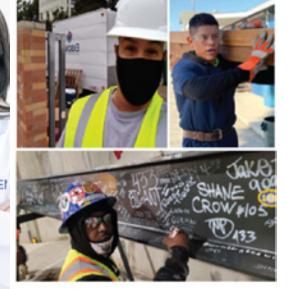
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