



## LA Works Worksource Center

LA Works offers services for both youth and adults living in our service area. If you are in need of job search assistance, resume assistance or to brush up on computer skills, please visit our center. All services are free of charge.

Adult Orientations are every Thursday at 9am. Please call for a reservation. 626-960-3964

### Upcoming Events

#### College Bound Patrent/Student Orientation August 28, 2008

This orientation is required for all new program participants and highly encouraged for students and parents that did not attend the orientation in 2007. Program requirements and benefits will be presented and explained. 5200 Irwindale Ave., Suite C, Irwindale 91706 Program begins at 6:30 pm.

#### SAT Preparation Course – T & Th September 9, 2008 to October 2, 2008

Mr. Eric Pontier, a crdientialed teacher has agreed once again to lead the SAT preparation course. All seniors are HIGHLY encouraged to participate in this FREE service. Community college students are also encouraged to participate to increase basic skills and over all academic abilities. Class begins 4:00pm

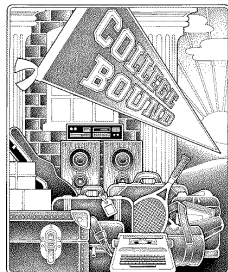
#### Campus Tours

- Cal Poly Pomona October 2008 Times TBA
- Mt San Antonio College High School Outreach Program

#### College Planning Workshop Wednesday, November 5, 2008

All students and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the workshop to find out more about the application process. Don't get caught unaware!

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## FREE TUITION!

By Jacklyn Vega

*Universities Eliminate Tuition For Low Income Families!*

Stanford, Harvard and Yale

Universities will be much more

affordable for undergraduate

students.

Stanford University plans to erase

tuition for students with annual

families' incomes totaling less than

\$100,000. It also includes paying

most room & board for students with

families making less than \$60,000.

Stanford tuition is expected to rise to

\$36,000 in the fall. Room & board will

cost around \$11,000. About a third of

the university's 6,700

undergraduates are expected to

qualify for the tuition break.

<http://www.stanford.edu>

(650)723-2300

Harvard and Yale have announced

similar financial aid initiatives for low-

middle-income families. Families with

income of less than \$60,000 will no

longer be likely to contribute to the

cost of their children attending

Harvard. To find out more, visit the

website or call the school financial

aid office.

<http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/>

or call the financial aid office at

(617)495-158 Web:

[web:www.yale.edu/sfas/finaid](http://www.yale.edu/sfas/finaid)

(203)777-6100



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## Congratulations Graduates!!

This has been a very busy month for College Works and College Bound students. Congratulations to all graduates! The staff of LA WORKS is very proud of you and your accomplishments. The Los Angeles County high school drop out rate is as high as 30% in some areas, we understand that graduating was no easy task. Well done!!

### Azusa High School Graduates

Desiree Ayala

Michelle Krigbaum

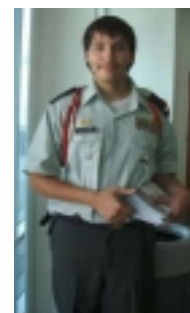
Israel Lopez

Marlena Manqueros

Leticia Piedra

Christopher Reyes

I had the privilege of being invited to the Azusa High School Graduation ceremony held at Azusa Pacific University. What was more breathtaking than the campus scenery, was all the graduates dressed in their stunning light blue cap and gowns.



Michael Volanos

As I looked over the balcony at the graduates below, there was a sea of blue dotted with bright smiles and shining hopeful eyes.

College Bound Participant, Michael Volanos, greeted families and friends at the door with a program and a smile. His Boy Scout Troup provided services to the graduation. College Bound participants, Michele Krigbaum and Desiree Ayala were recognized for their achievements. Michele has participated in JROTC for 4 years and was given a Bank of America Certificate. Desiree was awarded the Citrus College/Bright Futures Scholarship.

Graduating from high school is a decision that each student must make. It will not happen by accident or by chance but with hard work and commitment.

# Azusa Pacific University

Contributed by Justin Thomas

Azusa Pacific University (APU) was founded in the 1940's. APU is one of the biggest, and well-known universities in the country.

Azusa Pacific is best known for its school of nursing, behavioral and applied sciences, and the Haggard school of theology. The school includes facilities like residence halls, a library, a student center, and a gymnasium.

Azusa Pacific College is on about 52 acres that is situated by beautiful woods. Azusa Pacific offers seasonal sports that many students participate in. The sports that are introduced in this honorary Christian school are baseball, softball, tennis, and track & field.

Azusa Pacific is home of various and unique libraries like William V Marshall Memorial Library, Hugh and Hazel Darling Library, and the Theological library. These libraries contribute to the University's highly valued learning attributes.

This institution is a Christian based college. You don't have to be Christian to attend but the school is built on Christian principles. I believe this school is a great and exciting experience for people who want a great career. This school surely puts faith first and challenges students to grow into God's disciple scholars through innovative programs and engaging opportunities.



From left to right: Joseph Guerrero, Mt. SAC Instructor, Washington Andebe, Tanya Ocampo and Robert Valles

"This is great," is the first thing Rene said when I asked him how everything was going. Rene is one of the youth participating in the Cal GRIP Program. The Cal GRIP Program at LA Works is intended to provide youth affected by gang activity with paid job training, continuing education, and comprehensive services. Rene is currently working for the City of Covina in their Public Works Division of their Water Department. Rene has proved to them in a short time that he works hard and wants to learn. Rene is excited because he is doing so well on the job that they are training him to change water meters. This is training that could lead to a very good job and a lifelong career. Rene is just one example of the success that the Cal GRIP program has had so far. The best part is we are JUST GETTING STARTED!

The Cal GRIP Program has two phases, Younger Youth Phase I and Older Youth Phase II. Phase I, for youth under 18 is underway.

We will be working with youth that are in Juvenile Camps. While the youth are in camp we will be preparing them with the skills they will need to be able to get a job and keep a job when they get out.

They will also go through what we call computer boot camp. Computer boot camp is a class that will teach each youth how to use the computer and the basic programs that

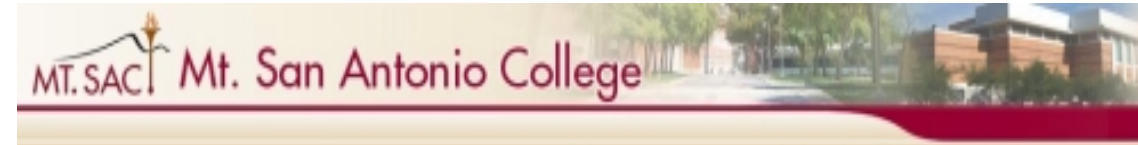
most jobs require now. Each youth will also go through a class called Marketing, Sales and Service. This class will include Career Essentials. These are skills that most people need to be able to get a job on their own and more importantly how to keep a job. This class will teach them the skills that most people need to be able to get a job on their own and more importantly how to keep a job. They will earn high school credits

## LA Works CalGRIP Program

of the class they will have a portfolio of their work so that they can take to an employer to show they have the skills necessary for the job that they are applying to. This class will provide them with a kit that will help them once they the job. One of the greatest things in the kit is an alarm clock. The youth in camp are used to having someone wake him up each day and they need to learn to get themselves up. The Cal GRIP Phase II will also include the Marketing, Sales and Service class. All students attend the Mt. SAC basic skills lab to complete either GED program or obtain their high school diploma. The difference is that Phase II is for ages 18-24.

These youth will be provided jobs so that they may gain work experience for up to six months. Then the focus will be on getting a job with future career

advancement opportunities. For more information Contact Mario Rodriguez at LA Works (626) 960-3964 Ext. 2303 or [mario.rodriguez@laworks.org](mailto:mario.rodriguez@laworks.org)



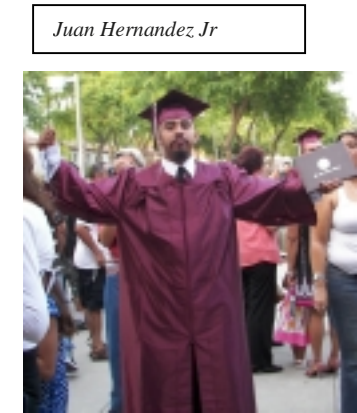
## Mt. San Antonio College has New Graduates!!

On June 26, 2008, six LA Works Youth Graduated as part of the LA Works / Mt. San Antonio College partnership. These young men have overcome serious life barriers and dedicated their time and focused their energy to completing a life dream. The graduating students are: Donald Swan, Anthony Anranguri, Juan Hernandez, Jr., Eliesar Felix, and Sean Rojas.



From left to right: Juan Hernandez Jr., JC, and Eliesar Felix

If you are intrsted in participating in classes or need more information, please contact Joseph Guerrero at the Mt. SAC Basic Skills Lab on the LA Works campus @626-960-3964 ext. 2338. You may also call the main campus: Community Education Center Mt. SAC Campus, Building 30 (909) 594-5611, ext. 4845 Office Hours: MTWTh: 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Juan Hernandez Jr

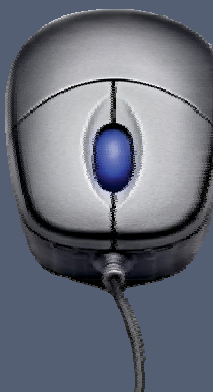
With the assistance of their instructor, Joseph Guerrero from Mt. SAC College, the passed the GED exam or earned their high school diploma. LA Works is proud of their achievements and is happy to have assisted them in their pursuit for higher education.

Pictured from left to right: Sean Rojas, Donald Swan, Steve Martinez and Juan Hernandez Jr.



## This Quarter's Featured Websites

- [www.Collegeboard.com](http://www.Collegeboard.com)
- [www.CalifnrniaColleges.edu](http://www.CalifnrniaColleges.edu)
- [www.collegelink.com](http://www.collegelink.com)
- [www.review.com](http://www.review.com)
- [www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com)
- [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- [www.Collegequest.com](http://www.Collegequest.com)
- [www.Collegenet.com](http://www.Collegenet.com)
- [www.colleaeview.com](http://www.colleaeview.com)



Information from some guidebooks on college options can be accessed on line:

- [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)
- [www.bestcollegepicks.com](http://www.bestcollegepicks.com)
- [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- [www.greenesguides.com](http://www.greenesguides.com)

## Ever thought about working for the County of Los Angeles?

The County of Los Angeles has many youth jobs. Youth jobs are for students ages 14-24 years old. There are three basic categories.

Student Professional Worker positions are open to students attending a regionally accredited college, community college or business college. Some positions require a minimum number of earned units.

Student Worker positions are open to students as young as 16 and at least a junior or senior in High School. Youth Worker Positions are available to youth ages 14-24 by referral. These do not require verification of school attendance.

<http://dhr.lacounty.info>

## Department of Rehabilitation

Less than one-half of the students in special education graduate and the dropout rate for students with learning disabilities are three times higher than for non-disabled students. Of all adults with disabilities, 70% are unemployed. The employment Development Department has transitional services for those who qualify. When calling please provide name of your high school and have FAFSA information. 626-813-7662