Early and Middle High Schools Create New Opportunities

Hundreds of high school students get a head start on their college degrees through special partnerships with the Moreno Valley Campus of Riverside Community College District.

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"The grant will help the Campus provide the much-needed services for students who are seeking careers in those fields, and expand the number of graduates to meet the workforce demand," Perez said. "Cordell is cleverly designed to help low-income and Hispanic students."

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In addition, the grant will pay for students who work part-time and part-time simulation training. Establishment of a student services center at Ben Clark Training Center is also possible. The grant pays for the first time and 100 percent of the second year.

For information about RCDI Dental Hygiene Clinic Services visit www.rccd.edu/dentalhygiene/ or call (951) 786-2580.

RCCD Dental Hygiene Students Score on Licensing Exams

Dental hygiene students go through two different programs to earn their associate degree and dental hygiene license. RCCD students’ pass rate for the first exam was 98.2 percent and 91.7 percent for the second exam.

"The March Dental Education Center of Moreno Valley is pleased to offer a two-year option to accommodate non-traditional students. The program routinely gets the highest pass rates in the nation. Students can attend the training part time if they so desire," said Lillian Meisner, program director.

The March Dental Education Center, located at Ben Clark Training Center, trains dental assistants, dental hygienists and dental technicians, who make crowns, partials and dentures. The program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

"This year’s theme is Tim Burton movies. Children will get to pick which movie the Campus club is going to watch, from movies like “Corpse Bride” and “The Nightmare Before Christmas.”

The grant allows the Campus to be open to children from ages 6 to 10 who want to learn about law enforcement, correction and firefighting careers.

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