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WCC Receives SB 70 Grant for AJ Program

Woodland, CA – Woodland Community College (WCC) has recently been awarded a \$225,000 SB70 Workforce Innovation Project Grant to enhance and support the public services industry sector and specifically the WCC Administration of Justice (AJ) program.

The focus of this grant is to deliver an intensive, integrated, and interactive learning program that builds workplace specific skills in the Public Services Industry Sector and Protective Services Pathway. WCC and Yolo County ROP with its many partners will deliver a customized program to serve aspiring youths, new cadet recruits and incumbents in the learning domains as required by the POST Commission and more specifically in the areas where they are most challenged. These areas include oral and written communication skills and physical agility; furthermore, workshops and seminars will be conducted to support career exploration and goal setting in protective services, exposure to the various learning domains (e.g., ethics, investigative report writing, lifetime fitness, etc.), job readiness (i.e., resume writing, interviewing) skills, team work and team building techniques and much more. Without the basic principles persons aspiring to enter the protective services pathway have little to no chance of success and by the same token, incumbents who do not stay current in the methods and techniques of the protective services pathway will generally find themselves to be unsuccessful in their current position and certainly in any potential promotions.

Furthermore, Lori Perez, Project Director for the Grant at Yolo County Office of Education has explained that “local youth have expressed a large interest in crime scene investigation and law enforcement. By offering additional opportunities for local youth they will learn what it takes to pursue a career in public services and the steps needed to accomplish their career goals, starting with classroom interaction with college professors”

Upcoming major goals of the grant include the development of a six week long Law Enforcement Summer Academy Camp which will allow the opportunity for students to earn three transferrable units in the Health, Nutrition, and Life Fitness course and three transferable units in the Intro to Administration of Justice course. This course will be offered for high school students ages 16 and older and adults.

According to Leslie Deniz, WCC Administration of Justice instructor, “The purpose of the academy is to help students identify career goals while earning college units that are transferable to CSU/UC systems in an environment that will help prepare them for the career field.” WCC is also in the process of developing a POST certified agility course.

The Yuba Community College District spans eight counties and nearly 4,200 square miles of territory in rural, north-central California. It has colleges in Marysville and Woodland, an educational center in Clearlake, outreach operations at Beale Air Force Base and in Williams, and will be adding an outreach facility in Sutter County as part of the Measure J facilities bond. For more information about YCCD please visit our website at www.yccd.edu.

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