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# The LA Conservation Corps College & Career Fair Boosts LA

## November 2<sup>nd</sup> Event for Teens and Young Adults Focuses on Their Promising Future

Los Angeles, California-----September 2018 ----- The Los Angeles Conservation Corps is hosting a College & Career Fair on Friday, November 2, 2018 for teens and young adults at the Goodwill Center of Southern California located at 3150 North San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, 90065.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LA Corps), a local nonprofit, has transformed the lives of many young adults who now have careers as government officials, small business owners, technology and trade professionals, as well as other service positions. The LA Corps puts young adults on the path to careers or college by providing them with comprehensive work experience, job training, case management, transition assistance, personal development, leadership training, and the chance to earn their high school diploma.

While Los Angeles' unemployment rate has dropped to a historic low, the unemployment rate remains high in Los Angeles' disadvantaged communities, where many LA Corpsmembers come from. More than 200,000 (16%) of young adults between the ages of 18-24 in the LA Metro Area are out of work or out of school, and over half of them haven't worked in the last five years or haven't worked at all. The LA Corps offers opportunities for such young adults to gain a second chance in some cases, develop a work ethic, a marketable skillset, and a strong resume to boost them forward to a promising career path.

The November 2nd College & Career Fair is free and open to the public. Attendees will meet local college contacts and employers and will have the chance to win a free Apple iPad! Current Corpsmembers and alumni will attend VIP workshop session from 9am - 10am. The public is invited to attend the event from 10am - 12noon. Lunch is also provided, free of cost to attendees, from 12 noon - 1pm.

Participating employers, service providers and colleges include: CalTrans, LA County Sherriff's Department, Southern California Gas Company, National Park Service, Los Angeles Hospitality Training Academy, Allied Universal Security Services, FedEx, Department of Rehabilitation, the Department of Public Social Services, GRID Alternatives, LA Trade Technical College, Los Angeles City College, California State University Dominguez Hills, and Glendale Community College, among others. Interested employers or college representatives can contact Gaby Jimenez, Case & Transition Program Manager at the LA Corps at [gjimenez@lacorps.org](mailto:gjimenez@lacorps.org) or 213-362-9000 ext. 539.

The College & Career Fair is being led by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, with support from Intel and Los Angeles World Airports. RSVP and sponsorship information are online at: [www.lacorps.org/myfuture](http://www.lacorps.org/myfuture).



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### **About the LA Conservation Corps**

The LA Conservation Corps, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, provides at-risk young adults and school-aged youth with opportunities for success through job skills training, education and work experience with an emphasis on conservation and service projects that benefit the community.

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### **(BREAKOUT BOX) IF YOU GO**

**WHAT:** The Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LA Corps) is hosting a College & Career Fair on Friday, November 2, 2018 for teens and young adults in Los Angeles. The event is free, open to the public, and complimentary lunch will be provided to attendees. Attendees will meet college contacts and prospective employers and will have the chance to win a free Apple iPad!

**WHEN:** Friday, November 2, 2018: Current Corpsmembers and alumni will attend VIP workshop sessions from 9am - 10am, the public is invited to attend from 10am-12 noon. Lunch will be held 12 noon - 1pm.

Current LA Corpsmembers will be available for interview at the LA Corps booth.

**WHERE:** Goodwill Center of Southern California located at 3150 North San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, 90065. Young adults and teens can RSVP for the event at [www.lacorps.org/myfuture](http://www.lacorps.org/myfuture).