

TRADART FOUNDATION



CONSTRUCTION TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS UPDATE



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TRADART's Tools for Schools program served 1,180 junior and senior high school students during the 2010-11 school year. TRADART, through generous donations from the Santa Barbara Contractors Association, local business and industry and concerned citizens, was able to provide tools and instructional materials for students to learn through hands-on and project-based learning techniques. We were also able to have the wood and construction courses reinstated at both Santa Barbara and San Marcos high schools which had been cancelled during the fall semester due to lack of qualified teachers.

Through our ongoing association with the Santa Barbara County Education Office's Partners In Education, TRADART has been able to procure guest speakers from business and industry to come into classrooms to provide students with "real world" information about jobs, job seeking and job keeping skills information and demonstrations on a variety of topics. Partners also has an Internship program whereby students can gain job readiness skills and/or a paid internship over the summer.

Career Days, sponsored through the schools and Partners In Education, were held at four high schools this past year. TRADART organized a variety of contractors who provided hands-on demonstrations to students and exposed them to the opportunities available to them in the high schools, the community college and in the workplace. TRADART wishes to thank all those who shared so much of their time and expertise with the students in their classrooms and at Career Days — you really make a difference!

CULINARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY MICHAEL CROOKSTON, CULINARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Because of local and national interest in healthy eating, the excellent culinary program operated by Santa Barbara City College, and the needs of the many fine restaurants and food service businesses in our community, TRADART is focusing attention on building a culinary arts career path in our junior and senior high schools.



The mission of the Culinary Arts Committee is to establish the culinary arts for all students as a viable career choice and to promote the development of an industry specific advisory group.

Our committee organizes and unites educators and employers who support programs that inform and encourage students seeking careers in professions that have food as their principle focus.

Through the Culinary Tools for Schools program TRADART provides support for instructors and assists with the purchase of kitchen tools and materials. TRADART is a supporter and funder of the Goleta Valley Junior High Cooking Club which has graduated well over 500 students from its voluntary after school program.

SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION FUNDS TRADART

The Santa Barbara Foundation has awarded TRADART a grant to convene strategic planning sessions in the development of a long-range plan to create a more comprehensive approach in career and technical education (CTE) programs in our local schools. Funding is also provided to create a strong and reliable system that more effectively engages the local business and non-profit communities into meaningful, sustainable and strategically designed activities that support those programs and the students served by them.

The project will be coordinated with Partners in Education and will involve participants such as business and industry CEOs and employees, school superintendents, principals, counselors, teachers, career center technicians, ROP director, SBCC and UCSB educators, government agencies, Partners In Education staff and board members, as well as TRADART board members.

TRADART Board President, Don Gordon, said, “ This project will greatly help address the ability of our local educational institutions to provide students with business and industry supported career technical programs that will provide students with the hands-on experiences that make their educations ‘real’. By getting a taste of the real world, students often begin to make a link between what they’re learning today and what they could be earning tomorrow.”

The TRADART board is very excited to take on such a important project for our local community.

OUR BUSINESS SUPPORTORS

Superstars of Career Technical Education

Thank you for what you give to our students
in our schools

Santa Barbara Contractors Association

The Santa Barbara Foundation

Kiwanis of Santa Barbara Suburban

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

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Santa Barbara Schools

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Consider Making A Tax-Deductable Donation to TRADART

Founded in 2001, TRADART Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity with a proven history in supporting career technical education linking students to academic and job opportunities in our local community. TRADART is operated by a volunteer executive director and overseen by a volunteer board of directors. No contributions go to pay salaries, office rent or utilities. Contributions are used to provide direct support to local junior and senior high school students enrolled in career technical education programs. Please consider making a donation to TRADART in order for us to continue providing career technical opportunities for our young people.

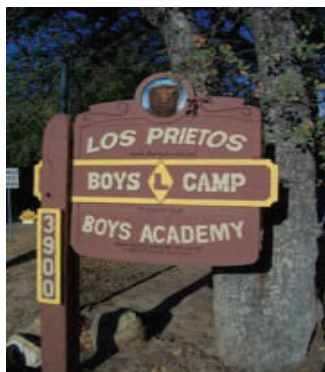
Can't contribute financially? Classroom speakers, career day participants, job-shadowing opportunities, and paid or non-paid internship opportunities in the construction and/or culinary arts fields are needed throughout the year. Training is available through our connections with Partners In Education. Please call TRADART for further information, 805-618-8648.



POPULAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM ENDS

BY MARTIN CONOLEY, TRADART SECRETARY

For the past four years, a partnership between the TRADART Foundation, the Probation Department's Los Prietos Boys Camp, and the Santa Barbara County Education Office resulted in Construction Technology training offered to over one hundred juvenile wards. In technical classes taught by CEO Instructor Richard Anderson, wards learned basic carpentry skills, safe use of tools, measurement, teamwork, built projects, and made contacts with the local contractors. Forty weeks each year, TRADART arranged for industry supervisors and craftsmen to visit the LPBC Construction Technology program and provide insight and expertise to the students at this residential facility. Several graduates of the Camp program were hired by local contractors. Originally funded by an anonymous private donor and subsequently funded by Federal training monies, sadly the program was forced to close on June 30, 2011 after a cessation of funding for the instructor's position. In the future, TRADART will continue to supply local contractor speakers to the Los Prietos Boys Camp given the value both the boys and the speakers expressed for the program.



Pictured: Richard Anderson, Construction Tech Instructor; Los Prietos Boys Camp students framing a structure.



TRADART Foundation's 2011 Annual BBQ

The TRADART Board of Directors would like to invite you to our annual barbecue celebration to say Thank You for supporting TRADART's Programs.



Date: Saturday, October 15th
Time: 11:30 Place: Oak Park
Spouses and children are welcome!

Menu

Beef, Chicken, Salsa, Beans,
Salad and Bread



Please RSVP by October 10th to John at:

TradartEvents@yahoo.com

Please be sure to include:

Number of Adults in your party and their names

Number of children and their ages

Phone number where you can be reached

Local Junior and Senior High School woodshop and construction class students will be demonstrating their skills. Join us for Fun Games and Prizes too!

A very Special Thank You to Kiwanis Santa Barbara Suburban for providing the food and doing the BBQ for this event



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