



## HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CLUB

Through its High School Career Club Program, the Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation (HCCEF) is providing a program that encourages students to strive for excellence. Our goal is to instill in these students the motivation and determination to complete high school and to earn a college degree. We also want to encourage these young people to pursue a career in the business community be it entrepreneurial, institutional, or vocational.

The objective of this program is to develop confidence, self esteem, and leadership abilities in Orange County high school students through team building and by exposing the students to opportunities in a variety of careers. Work programs are developed with select members of the business community to provide hands-on experience with the possibility of summer employment or internship programs. The students are also presented with opportunities to perform community service. An important aspect of this program is adult guidance and role modeling for young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity for this important and valuable interaction. Finally, through its partners, sponsors, mentors, and guest speakers, the HCCEF acts as an established resource base where these young people can come for reinforcement, encouragement, and support. The anticipated outcome of this program is that students will reach their full potential and develop into citizens who are contributing members of the community.

The program was introduced in 1997 at three Orange County high schools: Valley and Century (Santa Ana), and Anaheim (Anaheim). We presently have clubs on Ten high school campuses and at one intermediate school. They include: Century, and Valley (Santa Ana); Capistrano Valley (Mission Viejo), San Juan Hills high); El Modina , Villa park (Orange); Los Amigos (Fountain Valley); Santiago, Pacifica and Doig Intermediate (Garden Grove). . We plan to add two more clubs by the end of this year.

Our format follows the guidelines of our partners, the Explorer Program of the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). In this regard, the resources and support of the local Council of the BSA are available in terms of adult and youth leader training, support literature and record books, access to BSA camps, and Council and National Explorer activities. It also includes liability coverage by the National Council of the BSA for the sponsor organization, its members, and the youth membership once they become a registered post with the Exploring Division of the Orange County Council.

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### The Formation and Operation of a Career Club

Appropriate district/school site personnel secures approval to establish the club on campus.

A member of the HCCEF Education Committee adopts the school and agrees to be the liaison between the Hispanic Chamber and the Club, and to present at least one speaker per month at the Club's request.

A faculty member of the school agrees to be the advisor, and determines a site and time for the Club to meet on campus.

The Career Club becomes an Explorer Post with the Orange County Exploring Division, thereby utilizing the liability and accident insurance, and the facilities of the OC Council of the BSA.

A scholarship development program fund is then awarded to the club to support higher education opportunities for its club members.

At year end, the HCCEF awards scholarships. Traditionally, two students have been selected from each high school club and awarded \$250 apiece.