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High School Academy & Pathway Students Prepared for Summer Jobs+ Program

April 12, 2012 (San Francisco) – Superintendent Carlos Garcia joined Mayor Ed Lee today at the Corporate Challenge Summit and applauded the new Summer Jobs+ program, San Francisco’s response to President Obama’s call for pathways to employment for youth this summer.

Garcia also called attention to the hundreds of high school students in SFUSD who are already well-prepared for summer jobs and thanked the many businesses who provide meaningful summer internships for them.

“Giving students the opportunity to interface with business professionals is one of the most meaningful and successful ways to provide relevance to their academic learning,” said Superintendent Carlos Garcia. “I’ve always said that if it can be done anywhere, it can be done in San Francisco. Let’s lead the nation in rising up to the president’s challenge and open the doors of every business in this town to help young people discover their dreams and talents and set them on a path to success.”

Garcia also thanked the many businesses that have already stepped up to provide internship opportunities for SFUSD juniors who are enrolled in one of SFUSD’s career academies or pathways.

One such business is TMASF Connects, a company that has hosted interns in the past and plans to host four more this summer. “The current generation of San Francisco business needs to involve the next generation, now,” says Kimberley Martinson, CEO of TMASF Connects.

SFUSD career academies and pathways are high school programs that integrate learning in school with real-world opportunities. According to The California Center for College and Career, pathways that link learning with student interests and career preparation lead to higher graduation rates, increased college enrollments, and higher earning potential.

SFUSD career academies expose students to different career fields, motivate them to think about their personal college and career path, and integrate 21st century pre-professional skills. The courses stress hands-on, project-based learning to provide an authentic, real-world educational and work-based learning experience for students.

For more information about providing SFUSD juniors with summer internship opportunities, go to http://www.sfusd.edu/internship

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John O'Connell High School
TECH21 - Extended Learning Program

Education Child Development & Family Services
Abraham Lincoln High School

Engineering/Architecture
Abraham Lincoln High School
Philip & Sala Burton High School
George Washington High School
Build SF

Finance
Lincoln High School
Philip & Sala Burton High School

Health Science & Medical Technology
Lincoln High School BioTechnology
Philip & Sala Burton High School
Galileo High School Health Academy
Galileo High School BioTechnology
Raul Wallenberg High School

Hospitality, Travel & Tourism
Galileo High School
George Washington High School
Ida B. Wells Culinary Program

Information Technology
Abraham Lincoln High School
Balboa High School
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