



## WORKFORCE & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- Through **South L.A. Scholars**, UNITE-LA provided paid virtual work experiences to 15 South L.A. students enrolled in health care career pathways via a two-week virtual series, **Lessons Learned from the Field during the COVID-19 Pandemic**. The series, conducted in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Cedars Sinai, increased students' understanding of, and preparation for, careers in patient care, preventative care, and mental health care.
- Advanced our online WorkforceReady programming by supporting a third cohort of over 300 youth with virtual workforce readiness preparation and career development training.
- Released our **L.A. Health Care Talent Pipeline Impact Report** and **Executive Summary**, which highlight our efforts to address critical health care workforce shortages by ensuring underserved youth engage with high-demand, living-wage career pathways in the industry.
- Launched **The Real World of STEAM**, in partnership with L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti's **Hire LA's Youth** initiative, to provide virtual career-exploration activities and project-based work experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math to 55 youth.
- Co-hosted (with FSG Talent Rewire & REDF) **Facing the Past to Design an Equitable Future: What Employers Need to Know** for 100 employers. Dr. Manuel Pastor (Professor, USC) and Amelia Ransom (Sr. Director of Engagement & Diversity, Avalara), discussed the salience of structural economic inequities for employers interested in an equitable future.

## COLLABORATION & INNOVATION

### L.A. Compact

- The L.A. Compact partnered with the Southern California College Access Network and Let's Go to College California to launch **Let's Go To College Los Angeles**, as part of the statewide campaign supporting underserved students on their journey to pursue higher education. The first Let's Go To College L.A. workshop featured a panel of current college students discussing strategies to make the best out of distance learning in the fall term.
- The **Los Angeles Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC)** Young Leaders led and participated in the **Young Adults, Past Trauma, and Foster Care Town Hall**, on ways young people are coping with school, work, and life in the midst of COVID-19 and social unrest.
- Thanks to the advocacy efforts of UNITE-LA and **L.A. Workforce Systems Collaborative**, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion to invest \$20.7 million in the 2020-21 Fiscal Year for the **Youth@Work program**, ensuring that at least 10,000 young adults will access a paid work experience this year.

### Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) - Education & Talent Development (ETD)

- Launched the new **Economic Recovery Fellowship**, an immersive executive development program that provides fellows with the knowledge and tools to improve post-COVID-19 pandemic outcomes in the communities they serve. This unique virtual fellowship is comprised of 41 chamber staff and executives from across the nation.

### Smart Justice

- The ACCE Smart Justice team has been an ongoing resource to our chamber members nationwide in regards to the **Clean Slate Initiative (CSI)**, a national bipartisan coalition advancing policies to automatically clear all eligible criminal records across the U.S.

### Policy

- UNITE-LA composed a floor alert to the State Legislature in support of Senate Bill 1130, **Fiber Broadband Bill for All**, which would bring high speed internet access to communities without it and create infrastructure projects that would generate jobs. SB 1130 is currently with the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- UNITE-LA assisted the Governor's **Paid Family Leave Task Force** to advance Senate Bill 1383, which has now been signed by Governor Newsom. SB 1383 will ensure that millions of Californians can access Paid Family Leave benefits without risking their jobs. Read the [official press release](#).

## COLLEGE ACCESS & SUCCESS

- UNITE-LA announced our virtual **L.A. Cash for College** efforts for 2020-2021. In October, in partnership with Cal-SOAP L.A. (California Student Opportunity and Access Program), we are hosting a series of virtual workshops that focus on financial aid. Future virtual workshops will discuss the college application process and college and career preparation.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

### Grants Awarded in Quarter 3

- First 5 LA, ECE Policy Advocacy: \$350K
- Heising Simons Foundation, ECE Policy Advocacy: \$315K
- Boeing, STEAM Pathways: \$75k
- First 5 LA, ECE Business Engagement: \$50K
- Coca-Cola Foundation, Smart Justice Internship Program: \$43K
- Stuart Foundation, LAUSD Community Schools: \$40K
- United Way, College Advising Systems Change: \$40k

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**L.A. Cash for College  
October Virtual Workshops**  
Providing support for students navigating college financial aid

Register at:  
<https://yourfuturela.splashthat.com/>

**Let's Go to College Los Angeles  
Campaign Partner**  
Support Let's Go To College L.A. through social media, virtual workshop participation, and more!

Become a partner:  
[www.lacompact.org/lgtc\\_partner\\_form](http://www.lacompact.org/lgtc_partner_form)

## HIGHLIGHTS:



In partnership with Talent Rewire and REDF, UNITE-LA hosted the first of a series of webinars designed to support employers in creating an equitable workplace.



Launched **Let's Go To College Los Angeles**, part of the statewide campaign providing resources and workshops to help students enroll and persist in college during COVID-19.



L.A. Cash for College Program Coordinator, Maria Marquez Alvarez, shares an update on **L.A. Cash for College**. Watch the video [here](#).