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13 Locke Preparatory Academy Students Receive “See a Man, Be a Man” Certificates

Los Angeles – Thirteen young visitors from Locke College Preparatory Academy enjoyed their recent visit to PVJOBS, where they learned about the functions of a nonprofit Board of Directors and received their certificates for completing The “See a Man, Be a Man” mentoring/life skills mastering.

“We have workshops designed toward holistic development of African American and Latino male youth, with a goal of producing generations of healthy, educated, progressive and productive young men,” said Torrence Brannon-Reese, founding director of the See a Man, Be a Man program.

Mentors Ron Goodall, Johnnie Raines, Eric Strong and Anthony Lawson helped outfit the students with free suits, ties and shoes as part of their graduation.

“We’re glad for any opportunity we have to inspire the community,” PVJOBS Executive Director Ernest Roberts said. “Our doors are open to serve our young men and women – our board members of tomorrow.”

See a Man, Be a Man is a project of the Foundation for Arts Mentoring Leadership & Innovation (FAMLI, Inc.), a nonprofit agency founded by Brannon-Reese. Locke students get credit for the course, which covers spirituality, education, economics, culture, career, health, politics, family and personal responsibility.

“We thank PVJOBS for giving them the opportunity to sit at their great board room table and get a sense of what they could become,” Brannon-Reese added.

PVJOBS is a nationally recognized, 19-year-old, nonprofit organization, working with major construction projects, unions and 130 community-based, collaborating organizations to provide construction careers to local, at-risk residents.

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