

# PVJOBS Community Partners

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ernest Roberts  
Executive Director, PVJOBS

Part of the PVJOBS Strategic Plan has entailed the purchase of our own facilities from which we could run our core operations. After a two-year search, we have purchased a building for this purpose. Located at 41st Place and Main Street in Los Angeles, the building is currently under renovation and is slated to be completed in November 2009.

Our new building will house most of our programs, bringing all of our PVJOBS staff - formerly based at three different locations - to work within one facility. Designed by RAW International and built by Swinerton Builders, the building is being renovated as a green-friendly facility and is expected to receive a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

We are increasing our services to include an expanded public resource center for self-directed job searches. The resource center will provide community members with free access to more than a dozen internet accessible computers, phones, faxes, resume preparation software, and job postings. And the larger facility will enable us to service more clients with greater expediency.

Our new building project has received an enormous amount of

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## PVJOBS Employment Update

The nation, embodied by the 12.6% unadjusted unemployment rate in Los Angeles County, continues to shed jobs at an alarming rate. Locally, construction was one of the few sectors that posted a month-over increase in employment during August 2009.

We still need women interested in beginning apprenticeships in the construction crafts. Under a contract with the

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## PVJOBS HELPS LACCD STUDENTS EARN, LEARN WITH INTERNS PROGRAM

Kaisha Jones knows what it's like to be a college student faced with earning a living. So she has a special connection with students looking for paid internships through the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Interns Program.

"This program is near and dear to my heart because I actually got my first job as a college intern," says Jones, a program outreach coordinator. "Having been a college student myself, I understand the struggles of getting an education while needing to make a living and getting work experience."



Program outreach coordinator Kaisha Jones is shown at her desk at the LACCD Interns office.

The LACCD Interns Program helps students attending their nine colleges to gain valuable work experience by placing them in paid internships that represent their field of study. Administered by PVJOBS, the internship program has placed 850 students in paid internships since launching in 2004. Of those students, 26 percent were eventually placed in full-time positions.

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### DARRYL GARDNER: Controlling His Destiny

**F**ifty-two-year-old Darryl Gardner feels like he's building a stable foundation for the first time in his life. As a laborers apprentice for CM Peich Contractors, Gardner is a construction crew member for the Metro Light Rail project. His new career has provided him with more than a steady salary. It's given him a renewed sense of dignity.



*Darryl Gardner*

"My job has helped build my confidence and self-esteem," he says. "It's good to know that I'm on solid ground because it hasn't always been that way."

Raised in Pomona along with eight brothers and sisters, Gardner was only nine when his father passed away. "My mom was young at the time, and she had it pretty hard. So we sort of raised ourselves." A rebellious teenager, he spent most of his high school years in juvenile retention centers.

Looking for direction, he joined the army, only to drop out the following year due to medical reasons. Discouraged, he turned to drugs. "My life went downhill from there," he says. Gardner's substance abuse led him in and out of prison for the next 25 years. "I wasn't a bad person, I was just caught up in the addiction."

Although he always dreamed of getting clean and sober, Gardner finally gave himself a chance six years ago when he checked in to a U.S. VETS drug rehab program. "I've been clean and sober ever since," says Gardner, who resides at the U.S. VETS residential facility.

As part of his road to recovery, he met with a job counselor to seek employment. "To get something in life, I knew I had to replace the drugs with something," says Gardner. "So I chose to replace it with my faith in God and finding gainful employment." When the job counselor told him about PVJOBS, he thought it was a door to a real career opportunity. After attending a PVJOBS orientation, he spent weeks persistently checking in with the job program until he was hired for his first construction job assignment.

Now enrolled in the laborers union while earning several trade certifications, Gardner says that he now realizes he holds the keys to his future. "I feel like I'm being empowered to plan for my life and I have control over my destiny."



*Teacher assistant intern Sorana Black is shown at a child development lab at West Los Angeles College.*

The internship program recently partnered with Childcare Careers to place students in entry-level positions as assistant teachers. Over the summer, the program has placed 23 interns at Childcare Careers preschool or afterschool facilities of their choice.

All interns can eventually advance to teacher, experienced teacher and site supervisor. The starting hourly wage is \$9.30 an hour, but those who earn childcare certificates will receive \$11.25 hourly.

Sorana Black is one of those fortunate students who landed a childcare internship. A West Los Angeles College student studying early childhood development, Black learned about the program while in class when her professor announced a campus orientation for the childcare internships. "I decided to go because I needed to pay my bills, but also get experience to earn my teaching credential," says Black.

After attending the orientation and completing the application process, Black landed a substitute teacher position for Childcare Careers. She says that the position offers more flexibility than most other jobs. "They work with my class schedule, which is rare to find in the job market."

Jones believes that the internship program's innovative model has become a contributing resource for the local community. "With job cuts happening in the workforce, we've been able to place people who want to work in their career field," she says. "It feels good to know that our program helps provide jobs and give back to the community, all in one."

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Department of Labor, we are looking for "a few good women" who have the desire to learn and succeed as an apprentice. For more information, please contact Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217.

Construction trade workers, which includes electricians, rank near the top for high paying, high demand jobs. The median annual wage for electricians in Los Angeles County is more than \$53,000. Union electricians can also look forward to receiving an excellent family benefits package.

These construction trades often use apprenticeship programs, a well-organized and supervised method to train people with little or

Project	Goal	Current Attainment
Playa Vista 10% at-risk	12.7%	
LACCD Sustainable Building Program	30% local	30%
LACCD Sustainable Building Program	6% at-risk	10%

PVJOBS Placements	
General Program	1,749
Build LACCD (construction)	858
Build LACCD (interns)	851

no prior experience to become capable, qualified craftsmen or journeymen. It is an "earn while you learn" program. PVJOBS is offering an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in becoming an electrician apprentice.

A "Tech Math" class is being offered free of charge to PVJOBS clients. The class will prepare students to take the electrician apprenticeship exam and will provide a certificate of completion that will be accepted in lieu of the requisite algebra. The eight-week class is taught by a certified instructor from the Electrical Training Institute, the apprenticeship school of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Screening will begin immediately for classes, which are scheduled to begin in late October and will run for eight consecutive Saturdays.

For additional information about the "Tech Math" class and preparing for a career as an electrician or other construction occupations, please contact PVJOBS Union Liaison Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217.

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support from the City of Los Angeles, L.A./Orange Counties Building Trades Council, Los Angeles Community College District, Councilmember Jan Perry, Playa Vista, and the PVJOBS Board of Directors and staff. These supporters have all worked tirelessly to bring this vision to fruition. For them, I want to offer my sincerest thanks. Their efforts will ensure that PVJOBS can continue to serve our at-risk citizenry long into the future.

This will be our new home. We desire nothing more than to be an asset to our neighbors and to the community. Watch for our grand opening announcement coming soon!

# PVJOBS At Work

## WALTER EDWARDS: Part Of The Team

A nice paycheck isn't the only perk for Walter Edwards' new foreman job. "The pay is great. But at the end of the day, it's a fulfilling experience to play an important part of a team," he says.

As a foreman, Edwards gets to work with practically every tradesmen on the project - from the plasterers to the framers to the carpet layers. His position is

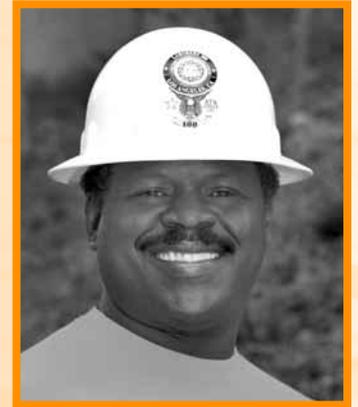
the result of a recent promotion by Sinanian Development, a contractor for West Los Angeles College's campus redevelopment project. "I think they saw my communication skills and felt I could effectively interact with everyone."

While Edwards enjoys being an integral part of a team, he spent most of his life looking out for only himself. Raised by a single mother in South Central Los Angeles, Edwards and his three older brothers saw few role models in their crime ridden neighborhood. "I was taught that I had no opportunities," he says. "So I took the ones I could get, which was stealing and leading a life of crime."

His criminal actions led him to the California Youth Authority and eventually to prison. At his last prison sentencing, he faced 25 years to life for burglary. Miraculously, the judge lowered his sentence to four years because he felt that Edwards had the potential to turn around his life. Edwards realized that it was a sign for him to change, and he vowed to never return to the world of crime.

After his release, he made good on that promise by visiting a job counselor at the Los Angeles Urban League. Since he enjoyed building bird cages and boxed cars as a boy, he inquired about construction job openings. The counselor referred him to PVJOBS, where he was encouraged to enroll in a laborers boot camp. Two weeks after graduating from the boot camp, he landed his first construction job.

Today, a husband and father of five, Edwards says that his rising construction career has been a boost to his entire household. Since getting his job, his wife went back to school to earn a nursing practitioners license, and he has become a deacon at his church. "This job has taken care of all of us," he says. "I have a bunch of appreciation for my life now."



Walter Edwards