Health & Biotech Career Expo Recap
April 22, 2016

Conference Participants
More than 160 students from 6 schools attended the 2016 Health & Biotech Career Expo at the Grossmont College in El Cajon, CA.

Students from San Diego and Imperial County health pathway and biotech programs joined together to learn more about the healthcare pipeline, participate in hands-on workshops, and be exposed to health and life science education and career programs in San Diego County.

Schools Represented
Brawley High School
Castle Park High School
Clairemont High School
Mount Miguel High School
SD Sci-Tech High School
Santana High School
Southwest High School

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Student Experience:

- “I had a lot of fun! I am encouraged to continue my health care career!”
- “Panel was very interesting; activities were fun.”
- “I enjoyed a lot of the activities we worked on.”
- “I had a great experience with the expo. I learned a lot of information that is very resourceful.”
Following the workshops, students had the opportunity to get information about education and careers related to health and life science in S.D. County including:

- City of San Diego Fire – Rescue Department
- American Medical Response
- Grossmont College Nursing Program
- Grossmont College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program
- Grossmont College Cardiovascular Technology Program
- Southwestern College
- Health Occupations Center
- San Diego State University
- San Diego Community College District, Campus of Excellence for Healthcare Careers
- San Diego/Imperial Counties Biotechnology Programs
- UCSD Flying Samaritans

**Workshop Session Highlights**

- **Who Dunnit?**
  Gloria Banuelos, SCBC
  Utilized biotechnology techniques to solve a crime

- **Flash Your Smile!**
  Betsy Kotsas, Kesa Hopkins, Southwestern College
  The importance of dental hygiene to overall health

- **Navigating Your Career**
  Renee Nasori, Grossmont College
  College campus and program tour

- **Societal CPR**
  Maureen O’Connor,
  SD Project Heartbeat
  Learned basic CPR & AED techniques

- **Are You Stressed Out?!?**
  Jewyl Clarke & Heather Peterson, SB1070
  Created stress balls and measured peak flow

- **DNA Extraction**
  Erika Arangure, SCBC
  Extracted DNA from wheat germ

**Healthcare Pipeline Panel Presentation**

Five panelists representing the health and biotech industry spoke to students about their experiences and suggestions from the field. Panelists included:

- **Andrea Villanueva;** High School Student
  San Marcos High School
- **James Saelens;** College Student
  University of California, San Diego
- **Nathan Lian;** Research Fellow
  J. Craig Venter Institute
- **Kelly Meyer;** Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
  Kaiser Permanente San Diego Medical Center
- **Eric Rosenberg;** Director of Clinical Operations
  Scripps Clinics Encinitas