

# Prop 39 Helps Central Valley

High School and College Students Learn About Apprenticeship and the Building Trades.

**Women in the Trades Workshop November 16, 2016**  
**Student Apprenticeship Workshop November 17, 2016**

Nearly 375 Central Valley High School and College students had the opportunity to learn about Apprenticeship and the Building Trades at two events in recognition of National Apprenticeship week. Proposition 39 Clean Energy Workforce Program funds were used by Kern Community College District to partner with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and the Kern, Inyo, Mono Building Trades Council to conduct a Women in Trades Workshop on November 16, 2016 and a Student Apprenticeship Workshop on November 17, 2016.

These two were uniquely targeted for high-school and college aged students to learn about apprenticeship and to consider careers in the building trades. Students were introduced to various construction occupations and crafts. The following trades were represented: Electricians, Plumbers & Pipefitters, Sheet Metal Workers, Carpenters, Operating Engineers, Cement Masons and Teamsters.

The workshops included an introduction to apprenticeship programs by local area apprenticeship training center directors and coordinators, and extensive hands-on activities assisted by current apprentices and journeymen and women. The workshops ended with a moderator-led Q&A session. The Women in Trades agenda had the added advantage of an all-female panel comprised of journeymen and female apprentices.

**“ Female students in the Porterville High School - Academy of Energy Resource Occupations (AERO) had a great time at the WIT Conference last Wednesday! This conference gave our students the opportunity to explore fields they had never considered as options before. We look forward to attending again in the future!”**

Lisa Recendez AERO—Job Developer

National Apprenticeship Week was November 14-18, 2016. National Apprenticeship Week is an opportunity for the Apprenticeship community to tell the story of apprenticeships and is an invitation to business and industry, education, career seekers, community-based organizations, students, and workers to learn about the real world advantages of developing careers through adoption of the apprenticeship



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