



# WIOA November Newsletter

## Shark Tank

As part of our WIOA Financial Literacy class, students had the opportunity to participate in our second annual Shark Tank competition. Students were tasked with creating a product and a business plan to sell that product. Finalist got a chance to pitch their ideas to “sharks” or judges at our corporate office. The judges were blown away by the students poise and professionalism. Our very own Mia Melgarejo won the Corporate level event. She created **Bundle of Joy** a monthly subscription based website selling baby products.

## Events

Recently some of our students were able to attend a Helping Career Path event by visiting the **Citrus College Cosmetology Program**. These students met with the program facilitator and experienced a tour of the program, and gained insight on how to have a career in Cosmetology. In addition, students attended the **Harvest Job Fair** at the La Puente America’s Job Center of California where they were able to increase their professional network. Students gained valuable soft-skills experience through on the spot interviews with potential employers.

## CTE

This academic semester students were able to participate in Career Technical Education at our school sites. The classes offered included **Intro to Construction and Intro to Nursing**. Students in the construction class received their OSHA certification and are able to work at an active jobsite. After completing the two year course, students will be able to join the Carpenters Apprenticeship Union. Students in Nursing have received their First Aid and CPR Certification. After completing the two year course students will be prepared to take their Certified Nursing Assistant Exam.

## Referrals

Through our exclusive partnership with **Goodwill Southern California** students were offered paid work experience opportunities where they are able to find immediate employment for income. Students can also find meaningful employment by working in a growing industry based on their interest. In addition, Goodwill Southern California offers students various WIOA services for them and their families.

