



CEO For a Day -- Daniel Heras, 16, a Wilson High School junior, takes a seat at CEO Julian Burke's desk. Heras was chosen by his teacher to be Burke's "shadow" during the MTA's 5th Annual Career Day.

CEO Burke Takes High School Junior Under his Wing for MTA Career Day

(April 12) One minute Daniel Heras, 16, a junior at Wilson High School, was listening to CEO Julian Burke's Career Day speech. The next minute, he was being whisked away to shadow the CEO for a round of important meetings.

Heras, along with other students, teachers and MTA mentors had gathered in the Board room for the Career Day welcome. During his opening remarks, the CEO described the full range of the MTA's transportation responsibilities.

"I'm becoming increasingly more intrigued by the importance of the work done by this agency," Burke said. "It's not only challenging - even in some respects frustrating - but it is terribly worthwhile."



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Most worthwhile work

His job as chief executive officer of the MTA is "the most worthwhile work I've done in my entire life...and I've had a long life," Burke told the students.

At the end of his short talk, the CEO offered to take a student under

his wing for the day. Heras got the nod.

"This is going to be a very busy day for us," Burke told Heras in the elevator. But, after letting the youngster try out his desk for a few moments, the two sat down for a get-acquainted chat. Then, it was off to a meeting about the Pasadena Blue Line.

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