

South Bay GM Dana Coffey Honored by Belmont H.S.

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(April 22, 2003) Metro South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey was among 30 teachers, administrative staff and community leaders recognized, recently, for supporting a youth-involvement program at LA's Belmont High School.

Along with Coffey, several faculty members, neighborhood contacts and agency

representatives were honored for helping steer the students from gangs and violence, helping improve school attendance and involving youth in community projects.

The honorees received plaques and certificates from the state Assembly and the City of Los Angeles during an awards program at the school.

"We had all contributed in some way to supporting the Direction Program, which is committed to inspiring students to become more involved in educational, social, school and community activities, while promoting high self-esteem and pride," Coffey said.

Importance of a career

In March, Coffey and Senior Human Resources Analyst Jeannette Bell visited Belmont High School to talk to Junior ROTC cadets about the importance for career and job interview preparation.

During their visit, Coffey and Bell performed skits illustrating an unprepared student who committed several mistakes during an employment interview and a focused student who gave an excellent job interview.

"The students at Belmont High School were extremely receptive," said Bell. "They gave us an enthusiastic welcome and, based on their questions, you could tell that they had learned a great deal from the presentation and our interaction with them."

"We also asked the students to help us keep our buses clean and free of graffiti, and explained to them how our bus service is here to help them and their families get around the city," Coffey said.

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Metro South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey received a plaque for her involvement with Belmont High School students. From left, Lilian Marks, Robert T. Gilmore Jr., Direction Program coordinator Charles Davis, Carson Division operator Mike Holmes and senior human resources analyst Jeannette Bell.