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## SGV Staff Participates in Hollenbeck Career Day

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(May 7, 2004) San Gabriel Valley Service Sector staff members recently had another opportunity to share their career experiences when they participated in the Hollenbeck Middle School Career Day.

Hollenbeck, located near Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights, has a long and proud tradition in the community.

Several alumni returned to the school to pass down their knowledge to the 7th and 8th grade students.

Armando Smalling, a mechanic at Division 3, and Liz Armijo-Holbrook, sector community relations officer, stressed the importance of getting a good education.

Smalling, who holds two Associates degrees and will be receiving a BA soon, talked to the youngsters about making education a lifelong process. Cathy Hardway, an operator at Division 9, described how her job at Metro had enabled her to provide a good living for her family.

The highlight of the sessions for many students was receiving a Metro pop-up bus. Metro buses are a familiar sight in the area and the students were delighted with the cardboard miniatures.



Division 3 Mechanic Armando Smalling advised Hollenbeck Middle School students to make education a lifelong process.