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**“Work Ready Certificate”**

The Y-S-C Employer Advisory Council & the Y-S Chamber of Commerce, Business & Education Partnership Committee support the Work Ready Certificate program, designed to help high school seniors become more work ready & to obtain entry-level jobs.

**WHAT IS A WORK READY CERTIFICATE?**

A work ready certificate recipient is a graduating senior, who has shown that they are prepared, by completing a professional portfolio, which has been evaluated by an employer. This portfolio includes a properly completed application, a cover letter (letter of introduction), a resume, and includes three letters of recommendation. This portfolio also shows samples of the student's vocational knowledge/skills with computers, office, or other skills gained through classes, internships, and/or extracurricular activities. Additionally, the student has demonstrated that they have sufficient soft skills (behaviors), by successfully completing a mock interview with an employer.

**HOW MANY SENIORS EARNED A WORK READY CERTIFICATE THIS YEAR?**

This year we would like to appreciate the efforts of so many high school seniors who worked to earn the Work Ready Certificate. This year Live Oak High School & Yuba City High School participated in the program. There were 63 seniors at Live Oak High School, & at 23 Yuba City High School seniors who passed the portfolio evaluation & interviewing process, & earned a Work Ready Certificate.

**COORDINATION OF THIS WORK READY PROGRAM**

Jennifer Godbold is the Employer Advisory Council, Youth Committee Chairperson, and also chairs the subcommittee for the Chamber Business & Education Partnership committee. Through these committees, she acts as the coordinator for the Work Ready Certificate program in this community. She would like to extend a special thank you to David Anderson (LOHS teacher) & Nancy Myers (YCHS counselor), for their extensive efforts in making the Work Ready program a success at their individual schools.

**EMPLOYER APPRECIATIONS**

We would also like to recognize & appreciate the following employers for their efforts in helping the seniors at Live Oak High School & Yuba City High School become Work Ready individuals in our community.

- “ Laura Nicholson, Y-S Chamber of Commerce
- “ Jim Barber, Carl's Jr. Restaurant
- “ Rik Jimerson, Jimerson Financial

- .. Sue Hudspeth, Hudspeth Corp.
- .. Sabita Kondle, Kumon Math & Reading Learning Center
- .. Tina Williams, Rose Morales & Greg Erwin, Express Personnel Services
- .. Tom Williams, Yuba River Moulding
- .. Brian Betschart, Sutter North Medical Foundation
- .. Mary Ann Deabel, The City of Yuba City
- .. Larry Bagley, Sutter County Community Services