

## **Career Center – Program Highlights (details)**

- **3 students from outside the Bay Area were hired by Amazon and the students were able to move into an apartment together in Fremont**
  - All 3 students had 1-3 years' experience in the Work Readiness Program.
  - Those 1-3 years provided each student with 3 to 6 different work experiences.
  - In the Work Readiness Program, students learned banking; budgeting; how to travel independently and safely; and how to use support offered by the Department of Rehabilitation.
  - Big Congrats to Gael Barajas, Pedro Cortez-Valdez and Claudia Cortez-Valdez! Work Readiness Program will continue to support them as they continue on their journey to independence.
- **1 student collaborated with the Department of Rehabilitation, over the summer, to get a job with Amazon**
  - As a high school senior, this student connected with the Department of Rehabilitation during her senior year to learn about their services, with the support of one of CSD's career counselors.
  - After graduation, the student reached out to her Department of Rehabilitation counselor who assisted her in connecting with the ARC Agency and Amazon to get her interviewed, trained and working, starting in June 2020.
  - The student learned workplace practices, scheduling, budgeting and using various forms of transportation to get to and from work
  - Congrats to Maritza Ramirez! Work Readiness Program will continue to support her throughout the year
- **2 students hired by 2 different Target stores**
  - Both students began their journey to working independently in the Adult Transition Program and then transferred to the Work Readiness Program.
    - Adult Transition Program gave the students strong foundations in work experience, self-confidence, traveling independently and safely, budgeting and banking.
    - One student had great family support in finding her job at Target and the other used job placement services offered by the Work Readiness Program.
    - Joining the Work Readiness Program after the Adult Transition Program gave the students a “leg-up”, making them job ready from the get-go.

- Students are working as stock clerks, filling online orders, 16-24 hours per week.
- Work Readiness Program staff have provided interpreting and job coaching support to contribute to the students' success.
- Big Congrats to Jazlynn Munoz and Marcio Maldonado-Vega! Work Readiness Program will continue to support both students throughout the year.

All of these student successes would not have been possible without the collaborative effort between CSD's High School staff, Career Center staff, Department of Rehabilitation on-site counselor and, of course, the students' families. Kudos to everyone for a great team effort!