



Alejandra's dream job is to be a marketing director. Through her paid internship at Noozhawk, she published her first article and learned the importance of meeting deadlines.

Partners in Education was formed by local business and education leaders in 1977 and is administered by the Santa Barbara County Education Office. Through partnerships with local businesses, youth-serving nonprofits, community members, and educators, Partners in Education is preparing Santa Barbara County students for what's next – whether it's the next grade, college, or a career.

Through Partners in Education's award-winning programs, students gain access to technology, enabling them to complete homework at home; volunteers support educators and motivate students through their roles as classroom tutors,

guest speakers, resume coaches, and mock job interviewers; and students learn job skills and gain experience in careers they are interested in pursuing after high school.

Last year a teacher requested guest speakers for her classroom, and her students got to hear from "a fireman, two policemen, the Deputy District Attorney, Captain Jack's Tours, a consultant to the wine industry who helps them make their wineries more appealing to the public, a car salesman, a TV news anchor, a chiropractor, a hotel

consultant that helps small hotels book large overseas travel companies, a professional musician, a philosophy professor, two nurses (one a newborn ICU nurse and one an ultrasound tech), an electrical engineer, a movie director, a foley artist, and an airline pilot." She said, "it was amazing!!"



Over four days, nearly every Santa Barbara High School 11th grade student participated on Mock Job Interviews.

Thanks to the power of partnerships like these, more than 200,000 volunteer hours have been served at K-12 campuses and youth-serving nonprofits across Santa Barbara County, more than 11,000 computers have been delivered to families in need, and 500 plus high school students have received paid job readiness training and internship experience in the workplace.

Want to help? Current needs include:

1. Gently used computers compatible with Windows 10
2. Businesses to host high school interns at their offices
3. Volunteers to fill the many needed roles in schools and after-school programs

For more information on how you or your business can get involved with Partners in Education, visit: partners.sbceo.org or email partners@sbceo.org.



Maria was excited to bring a computer home, so she wouldn't have to stay late at school or go to the library to complete her homework every evening.