

APPRENTICESHIP

San Joaquin County Office of Education Kicks Off First California High School Apprenticeship Program

With a flick of their pens, six high school students in San Joaquin County made history on November 12. They participated in a signing ceremony to become the first registered apprentices under California's new Apprenticeships Reaching Career Horizons (ARCH) program. The San Joaquin County Office of Education, Delta College, and the San Joaquin County Work Net, a local workforce development board, have partnered to create this groundbreaking program.

It's the first-of-its kind apprentice program that allows high school students to enroll in community college courses related to their apprenticeship, receive on-the-job training and earn while they learn, while at the same time getting a head start on their careers.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to build experience and explore the path of apprenticeship, or apply their college credits to pursue a 4-year degree. The students who participate in this program will be prepared to continue their training after graduation, working full-time as a registered apprentice.

You can watch the signing ceremony on YouTube here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9moatrNHf6E&t=2463s>



Presenting the first cohort of six high school students!

Top left to right: Terri Wilson and Seven Galvez (San Joaquin County Office of Education)

Middle left to right: Cristian Soto (Linden Unified School District), Luke Ruba (Ripon Unified School District)

Bottom left to right: Aaron Drumm (Linden Unified School District), Carter Lacey (Ripon Unified School District)

Check out the San Joaquin County Office of Education website for more information about the program, and the signing ceremony that kicked the program off last month:
<https://www.sjcoe.org/newsdetails.aspx?id=4999>