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Dozens of Professionals Encourage, Inspire Students at Annual High School Career Fair

November 10, 2022 (Los Angeles) — [Alain LeRoy Locke College Preparatory Academy](#) held its annual Career Day and Fair on its campus in South Los Angeles on Friday, November 4, 2022. Nearly 80 professionals presented their unique career experiences, held Q&A sessions, provided post-high-school guidance, and hosted work demonstration sessions for more than 1,000 high school students at Locke.

In the days leading up to the career day, Green Dot California's Counseling and Persistence team and Locke counselors administered the California College Guidance Initiative career interest profiler to students to determine student career interests. The career day resulted in a variety of career and trade sessions, including presentations by a medical doctor, electrician, software developer, law enforcement official, disk jockeys, and many others.

This career day was made possible by the Locke and Green Dot California community. "A lot of the teachers and staff helped us with reaching out to their networks to be able to pull in different professionals that our students really want to hear from," said Rachel Martinez, the College and Career Specialist for Green Dot California. "We even had some speakers that were not from traditional careers students may not have thought about—including a pilot."

Students have also found the career fair helpful to their overall experience at Locke. Diane Ruiz, a 12th grade student at Locke, engaged with firefighters and their equipment at the career fair to experience what it would be like to serve her community. She expressed gratitude for her school's support in helping her pursue her passions. "My counselors and college-readiness teachers have helped me find more information that is getting me where I need to be. There are so many opportunities here, and whenever you need help, there's always someone willing to offer you that help," Ruiz said.

Nasia Turner, the Black Excellence Specialist at Locke believes this event expanded the horizon of possibility for every Locke student in attendance. "I hope that students see that there are multiple pathways to success and I hope that they learn something new about a field that they were either unaware of before, or further confirm their calling in a field," she added.

Locke and the Green Dot California Counseling and Persistence team are looking forward to continuing its tradition of an annual career fair next year.

To learn more about Alain LeRoy Locke College Preparatory Academy, please visit [Locke's official website](#) or follow it on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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