

North County Trade Tech High School Awarded \$5,000 Education Grant From Barona Tribe

VISTA, CA--(Trade Tech News Brief - Oct 4, 2011) On September 28, 2011 the Barona Band of Mission Indians awarded North County Trade Tech High School an education grant of \$5,000. Senator Mark Wyland and Principal Bryan O'Donnell accompanied staff, students, faculty and administration of North County Trade Tech High School to accept the grant presented by Chairman Edwin "Thorpe" Romero of the Barona Band of Mission Indians.

Funds from the education grant will be used to purchase a weatherization technician lab. The weatherization technician lab will teach the basic principles of weatherization and introduce students to professional tools and materials.

"North County Trade Tech High School's weatherization technician lab will be a critical addition to their already technologically-enhanced learning system," said Chairman

Romero. "We are happy to be able to help the students understand energy efficient issues and apply that knowledge through a hands-on lab experience."

Mark Wyland, California State Senator, 38th District is in full support of Trade Tech's mission and stated,

Education Grant program to promote academic improvement and provide tools to inspire youth to achieve prosperous futures."

The Weatherization Technician Lab will enhance the school's successful career technology programs by integrating environmental education

with hands-on technical education to help students understand energy efficiency issues, apply the knowledge through a hands-on lab experience and then to transfer both the knowledge and skills to others through



From left to right: Bryan O'Donnell, Trade Tech Principal, Edwin "Thorpe" Romero, Chairman of the Barona Band of Mission Indians, Cesar Beltran, Student, Eric Miller, Green Building Instructor, Tyler Velarde, Student, Nik Peiler, Student, and Mark Wyland, Senator, 38th District.

"as a community, we will not be able to resolve the crisis of unemployment by ignoring the large proportion of students who achieve at high levels in applied learning settings. With Barona's assistance, North County Trade Tech High School will continue its mission to prepare students for college and 21st century careers while fulfilling the mission of the Barona

meaningful community service. The workstation will prepare students to perform a series of testing procedures as part of an Energy Audit. Educators and industry partners will also provide information about relevant, high wage "green collar" career opportunities in the building and construction trades that require skills learned in this lab.

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