

Trade Tech Receives \$100,000 from H.G. Fenton Company



Kicking the year into full gear, Trade Tech High School received \$100,000 from H.G. Fenton Company thru The San Diego Foundation for a green building & clean energy pre-apprenticeship training program designed to prepare a trained workforce for the energy efficiency, weatherization, home energy audit, and building retrofit sectors.

As a result of H.G. Fenton's generous donation, Trade Tech was able to hire a full-time Green Building Instructor. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional Eric Miller will work closely with Jay Dagostino, Trade Tech's Environmental Science Instructor, Steve Prairie, Engineering Instructor and Dana McManus, Construction Trades Instructor to ensure an integration of environmental science and career technical instruction and to enrich the learning experience by transferring newly developed student knowledge and skills through local service projects.

H.G. Fenton has been a major supporter of Trade Tech, granting the school over \$200,000 since it opened in 2008. Not only is Fenton proud to contribute to Trade Tech for its innovative education

and training programs, they also lead by example having recently achieved "Zero Net Energy" status at their corporate office. This milestone was part of their own Energy Efficient Initiative supported by the company's Eco IQ Team which was created to support existing company and employee interest to promote energy-efficient technologies and green practices. They have implemented use of environmentally-friendly building materials, "smart" irrigation systems, and photovoltaic (solar) panel installation at their corporate office and at several residential communities. It is this commitment to training and professional development, as well as to energy efficiency and integrated design, that the H.G. Fenton Company saw Trade Tech High School as a good investment...for their future workforce and for the community at large.

Utilizing hands-on observation, discovery and service, students will conduct energy efficiency audits and apply newly developed knowledge and skills while initiating an energy efficiency program for local nonprofit organizations during the 2011-12 school year.

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