PORT OF LOS ANGELES MARITIME BUSINESSES AND ITEP HELP HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS “EARN AND LEARN”

Thirty Five Maritime Industry Employers and Their Summer Interns Will Gather to Celebrate and Reflect on Success

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Aug. 18, 2011 -- International Trade Education Programs (ITEP) in partnership with The Port of Los Angeles will celebrate the successful completion of the 2011 Summer Internship Program on Thursday, September 1. The culmination reception will be held at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro, Calif. from 1 p.m to 5 p.m.

“In an increasingly competitive job market, these students are getting a head start through exposure to the global industry in their own backyard,” said ITEP Chief Executive Officer Amy Grat. “These paid internships give high school students the opportunity to learn and earn during the summer.” Summer interns walk away with an appreciation for what they accomplished. “My internship has introduced me to so many people and experiences that I wouldn’t have had. I can use this in my future job” said Gloria Arredando, ConocoPhillips sponsored intern at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Since its launch in 2001, the ITEP/POLA Internship Program has grown from 15 companies and 15 students to this year’s class of 54. This year 35 companies and organizations are participating. In addition to the Port of Los Angeles, which takes 14 interns in nine of its departments, other selected maritime industry employers include APL, SA Recycling, Moffatt & Nichol, U.S. Coast Guard, and Pasha Stevedoring &Terminals.
Established in 1999, ITEP is a non-profit dedicated to producing job-ready college prepared high school graduates. Working in partnership with industry and educators, ITEP helps young people “think globally and earn locally.”

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