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## PARTICIPATION IN PORT OF LOS ANGELES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM NEARLY TRIPLES

**SAN PEDRO, CA** – The Port of Los Angeles is proud to announce that participation in the International Trade Academy internship program has nearly tripled since its establishment four years ago. An important component of the International Trade Academy at Banning High School, the Port's coordination of the internship program provides local students with on-the-job training and invaluable work experience.

This year, the Port of Los Angeles and partnering organizations will help build résumés for 32 highly recommended students, each who are guaranteed summer positions working in a port-related field.

Various divisions within the Port that have hired student interns for the last few years include Wharfingers, Construction and Maintenance, Financial Management and Engineering. This year, the Port's Construction and Port Police divisions have added to the list of job opportunities for local youth.

Since the program's inception in 2000, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, California Cartage Company, Hugo-Neu Proler and SSA Marine have hired summer interns annually. Organizations that have committed for the last three years include Moffatt and Nichol Engineers, Pasha Stevedoring and Terminals and the United States Coast Guard, with Yusen Terminals, Inc. coming aboard last year. New to hire interns from this year's program are ConocoPhillips, Keane Biological Consulting Company, Los Angeles Maritime Institute, Southern California Marine Exchange and Spirit Cruises.



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"We are glad to participate in the program again this year," said Bob Curry, President of California Cartage, a transportation and freight-handling company servicing the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. "We have been pleased with our interns in the past, so we are enthusiastic about hiring two interns this year."

Nearly 180 students are involved in the Port of Los Angeles International Trade Academy at Banning High School. Fundamental subjects, such as math, English, science and social studies are augmented by courses in logistics, global trade on the Internet and geography. All classes and programs are designed to introduce students to the many careers in international trade.

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