

## WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth -- Letter of STRONG support of Eckerd Connects

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I write this letter in strong support of Eckerd Connects and the services they have provided my students at San José City College.

As a critical component to our Technest program (which strives to bridge Silicon Valley's wage and skills gap), the team at Eckerd has done a spectacular job in helping our students with skills training and job-readiness.

The Technest program encourages people who would otherwise not consider themselves as "techies" to get into the technology field. We need partners like Eckert Connects to help our students transition from non-technical fields (or not working at all) to finding meaningful employment from technical employers in Silicon Valley and beyond.

Sean Guess is on our main campus weekly, meeting with students and helping them transition from student to employee; Marky Stein is invited into our classrooms and teaches students to be more effective in job interviews, resume building, and constructing effective LinkedIn profiles. She also meets with students to help them one-on-one as needed.

The Technest program would not be nearly as successful as it has been without the support and hard work of Eckerd Connects.

I strongly urge you to re-consider them as you make your decisions on the RFP for the WIOA Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth contract.

Best wishes,  
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