



Environmental
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Environmental Charter High School to Host 10th Annual Career Day: “Connect for Success” Presented by ReGreen on November 10

Former NFL Player and Motivational Speaker Thomas Williams, EmpowHer Institute, LA County Arboretum and Heal the Bay Among Invited Speakers

Lawndale, Calif. - Environmental Charter High Schools (ECHS) will host Career Day on November 10 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sponsored by El Segundo-based solar solutions company [ReGreen](#), the conference will focus around the theme “Connect for Success” and offer a full, interactive schedule of speaker sessions, workshops and a connections session. For a decade, ECHS has attracted some of the most respected figures from politics, environmental causes, sports, green and non-profit industries, among a celebrated roster of entrepreneurs and local Los Angeles businesses. This year’s event will feature a keynote address delivered by former USC and NFL linebacker, author and motivational speaker [Thomas Williams](#) (Vacaville, Calif.); and a slate of 60 speakers who will connect with and inspire the students of ECHS as they look to make an impact in the world beyond their classroom.

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Images from 2015 Environmental Charter High School Career Day (L to R): Founder and CEO of [Lionsraw](#) Jon Burns addresses ECHS students during speaker session / California Assemblywoman Autumn Burke gives remarks. Photo Credit: Will Utley Photography

The annual Career Day is implemented as part of Environmental Charter Schools’ commitment to foster the education of their students with real-world experiences to supplement classroom and textbook learning. A key goal of Career Day is to connect students to mentors representing different sectors and organizations for their senior thesis projects – a requirement needed to graduate. The premise of the thesis is to address a social injustice they are both passionate about and are able to realistically make steps towards a solution for that issue. The spectrum of speakers will represent the following industries: law enforcement, non-profit, environmental, engineering, universities, sports, mental health, automotive, city government, National Parks, real estate, architectural, legal, healthcare, the arts and more.

“Career Day plays an important role in ECHS’ mission to equip students with the tools they need to tackle real-world issues,” said Alison Diaz, executive director and founder, Environmental Charter Schools. “The work accomplished at ECS is possible through the strength of our community partners and we are confident that the education students receive from the classrooms coupled with these invaluable connections will equip them to make a positive impact in the world beyond ECHS.”

ReGreen is a sponsor of the ECHS College & Career Initiative, which includes Career Day 2016 and also provides the comprehensive and high-quality college prep offered to the students. As of May 2016, 97 percent of ECHS seniors were accepted into four-year

colleges, compared to 33 percent among students with similar demographics or similar surrounding communities. Additionally, ReGreen supports programming which offers ECHS students real-world experience in green industries, speaking to the students and support to the ECHS [Green Ambassadors Institute](#) interns during their sustainability audits of local businesses.

“ReGreen is proud to support ECS in their efforts to provide all students with the ability to continue forward with their goals of higher education. As advocates of sustainability and environmental consciousness, we find the paralleled curriculum administered by ECS to be a unique platform for a message worth sharing,” said Chad Clark, president, ReGreen.

In addition to ReGreen, sponsors and partners of the 2016 ECHS “Connect for Success” Career Day include Earth Friendly Products, Dogeared, Cuningham Group, AAA Flag & Banner and Hummus House.

To get involved or to learn more information about ECHS Career Day 2016, go to <http://ecsonline.org/career2016/>.

About Environmental Charter Schools (ECS) and Environmental Charter High School (ECHS)

[Environmental Charter Schools](#) (ECS) is a growing network made of three free public schools in underserved communities of South Los Angeles serving over 1,000 students: a high school in Lawndale and two middle schools in Inglewood and Gardena. The mission of ECHS is to prepare students for four-year colleges through a unique program that focuses on experiential learning and uses the environment as a way to both engage students and prepare them to become leaders in their communities. ECHS is a [Green Ribbon award-winning school](#) and encourage small learning communities – 90 schools across California have adopted ECS’ best practices through its Green Ambassadors Institute. In May 2016, 97 percent of ECHS seniors were accepted into four-year colleges and 78 percent of those students were first generation college students. For more information, visit <http://www.ecsonline.org>.

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