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By Lily Rahnema

At Chevron we believe education has the power to change lives and create opportunities to help the Richmond community reach its greatest potential.

Here in Richmond and West County, we focus on improving instruction in the key subjects of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), providing STEM learning opportunities for students outside the classroom and helping provide career and technical training that can lead directly to well-paying jobs.

By investing in these programs, we are giving young people in our community access to specific resources today helping to prepare them for tomorrow's economy, and that includes a future workforce for the Richmond Refinery.

We also recognize it's important to engage kids in activities beyond the classroom. We recently partnered with the Junior Giants to teach kids about science through baseball. These programs are important because they show students learning doesn't just come out of textbooks, but it can be found all around them.

We are proud to work with local education leaders and community partners in their efforts to educate and inspire young people and help them get the resources they need for success at every level of learning.

Lily Rahnema is the Community Engagement Manager for the Richmond Refinery.

inspirando a la siguiente generación

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En Chevron pensamos que la educación tiene el poder de cambiar la vida y crear oportunidades para ayudar a la comunidad de Richmond a alcanzar su máximo potencial.

En Richmond y en el Condado de West nos centramos en mejorar la instrucción en las materias principales de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM), ofreciendo oportunidades de aprendizaje de STEM a los estudiantes fuera del salón de clases y ayudando a proveer capacitación profesional y técnica que puede conducir directamente a empleos bien remunerados.

Al invertir en estos programas, hoy ofrecemos a los jóvenes de nuestra comunidad acceso a recursos específicos que les ayudan a prepararse para la economía del mañana, y eso incluye una fuerza de trabajo futura para la Refinería de Richmond.

También reconocemos que es importante involucrar a los niños en actividades fuera del salón de clases. Recientemente nos unimos con los Junior Giants para enseñar a los niños acerca de la ciencia a través del béisbol. Estos programas son importantes porque enseñan a los estudiantes que el aprendizaje no solo proviene de los libros de texto, sino que se puede encontrar a todo su alrededor.

Estamos orgullosos de trabajar con líderes locales de educación y socios de la comunidad en sus esfuerzos para educar e inspirar a los jóvenes y ayudarles a acceder a los recursos que necesitan para lograr el éxito en cada nivel de aprendizaje.

Lily Rahnema es la gerente de compromiso con la comunidad de la Refinería de Richmond.

meeting the challenges of tomorrow

Chevron champions K-12 education and beyond in Richmond and West County. We support innovative educational and training programs that help develop the leaders of tomorrow and enhance employment opportunities and provide access to career pathways. We are dedicated to helping our community prosper by equipping today's students for tomorrow's opportunities.





the welding program at kennedy high school

The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) offers a two-year welding program that combines classroom training with hands-on experience for students at Kennedy High School. Upon program completion, students receive a welding certification from the American Welding Society, an achievement that can translate into real, local jobs for youth. Chevron partnered with the WCCUSD to completely rehabilitate and improve the welding lab in 2018. For more details about the program, contact Kennedy High.

“There is a high-demand need for welders in the real world. This program equips students for success in welding careers because of the hands-on experience they will gain in the state-of-the-art lab.”

Don Lorz, Metal Craft Trainer Supervisor, Welding Program Instructor



\$50,924

average base
salary for welders
in the Bay Area



the richmond promise

The Richmond Promise is a community-wide college success initiative that provides \$1,500 per year to support Richmond and North Richmond students achieve a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or Career and Technical Education (CTE) certificate. But the initiative goes well beyond scholarship money. It is a holistic approach to help break barriers to college access and success for students including providing college-going role models to young students and coaching for current college students. Chevron is investing \$35 million over 10 years to help meet the Promise of making college more affordable and attainable for local students a reality. Learn more at www.richmondpromise.org.

“Together, we can create a Richmond where every young person has the opportunity to own and define their future, and shape the direction of this City for generations to come. The future is bright.”

Jessie Stewart, Executive Director, Richmond Promise



1000+

Richmond Promise
scholars attending
college full-time

Q & A

a conversation with

Jasmine Jones, Executive Director West Contra Costa Public Education Fund



Q **What is the Ed Fund?**

We are a non-profit organization that mobilizes resources for students, teachers and schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD/District). We were founded in 1983 in response to Prop 13 and the cuts to public education. Our role in this community is important and necessary because state and local funding does not cover all of the needs in our schools. Our job is to support the District so that students have what they need to thrive, especially those furthest from opportunity. The work of the Ed Fund is to ensure students are connected to the resources and experiences they need in order to be successful in school and after they graduate.

Q **What's your background?**

I'm a proud Richmond native and product of this community and the public school system. I come to this role with a professional background in community organizing and philanthropy. It's an honor for me to come back and do this work to ensure students in this community have the same opportunities that were afforded to me and more.

Q **What are the biggest challenges facing WCCUSD?**

The budget! With a combination of rising costs including health care, pensions, special education and salaries as well as decreased enrollment due to charters and housing costs and an unclear state forecast about future funding, the District is faced with having to make hard decisions around what can be funded. Often times, this means the extracurricular, more innovative programs get cut.

Q **What are some exciting things happening this school year?**

We are excited about so many things this upcoming school year but there are a few topics that come to the top of our list. We're working to restructure the Ed Fund to better connect with individuals, businesses, and foundations to garner greater financial support for our schools. We're also excited about a new reading and writing curriculum adopted from Columbia University. This is a priority and we really want to help support efforts to raise literacy test scores for elementary school students.

Q **How can the Ed Fund support students beyond high school?**

We are working to develop deeper collaboration with partners like Richmond Promise, the District and others to create a college-going culture in this community. We will be examining the state of our college and career pathways and figure out strategies to strengthen them.

Q **How can the community support our local schools?**

One way the community can support our local schools is to donate time, money or supplies to a specific school in need. We are launching a new Adopt-a-School program where individuals and businesses can donate to a specific school site. People can also donate to our teacher grants program. This year an anonymous donor came to us after a visit at Kennedy High School and expressed a desire to support the teachers at the school. As a result of her financial commitment, we will be launching the Kennedy Love Teacher Grant Program.

Q **What else can people do?**

Reading is very important for the little ones. Any time you are able to share a book, read a story to youth in your neighborhood or volunteer for one of the District Read-In events is a great opportunity to offer support. It's also important to stay engaged! Learn about what is happening in our local schools and act! Visit our website www.edfundwest.org or call us at 510-233-1464 to learn about how you can get involved.

Q **What's it like working with Chevron?**

Chevron has a long history of supporting the Ed Fund. That support shows up in many different ways including financial support, being there as a thought leader, making important introductions with other organization that can help us fulfill our mission, and just being an ongoing champion of our work. Our relationship with influential businesses like Chevron is important to us and our work to support youth in the WCCUSD.



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you're invited: community tour day

We would like to invite you and your family to be our special guests for a tour of the Richmond Refinery. We promise you a fascinating look at what we do and how it benefits the community we share. Our team is eager to answer your questions and hear your feedback.

Alan Davis, General Manager, Richmond Refinery

when:

Saturday, October 19, 2019

where:

Richmond Refinery

how:

Advanced registration required
by September 27, 2019

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to reserve your spot