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Summer Youth Program 2019

Preparing Local Teens for Successful Futures
Events, Activities and Education
Students Express Their Gratitude



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A Message From Brad Levi



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In this edition, we would like to highlight the Marathon Los Angeles Refinery 2019 Summer Youth Program. These youth live in the communities of Carson, Wilmington and West Long Beach and attend local schools, churches and events. They go through the same thing you all do each day, from dealing with traffic to getting to work on time. Our local youth are the face of our community and future, and with their determination and motivation, they will make our community thrive in the years to come. They earned an excellent opportunity to prepare for their future with the Summer Youth Program. During this program, they learned about working in a corporate environment and worked with people in a wide variety of careers. I am certain our program will assist them in finding careers that fit their passions.

Here at Marathon, we value teamwork so much that we organize our work assignments to foster this practice. Our youth had the opportunity to be members of many teams this summer, and they learned that part of being on a team is understanding how their roles support and enable the teams to achieve their goals.

I encourage you to provide us feedback on how to continue being a good neighbor.

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About Marathon

Marathon Petroleum Corporation is a leading, integrated, downstream energy company headquartered in Findlay, Ohio. The company operates the nation's largest refining system with more than 3 million barrels per day of crude oil capacity across 16 refineries. Marathon Petroleum's marketing system includes branded locations across the United States, including Marathon branded outlets. Speedway LLC, a Marathon Petroleum subsidiary, owns and operates retail convenience stores across the United States. MPC also owns the general partner and majority limited partner interest in MPLX LP, a midstream company which owns and operates gathering, processing, and fractionation assets, as well as crude oil and light product transportation and logistics infrastructure.

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Creating Opportunities

The Marathon Summer Youth Program has helped guide more than 900 high school students from all walks of life toward personal and professional success.

For 27 years, Marathon and its predecessor organizations have hosted a seven-week program during the summer months aimed at developing students' self-esteem and preparing them for future job searches. While most internship programs at Marathon are geared toward college-bound students, the Summer Youth Program accepts interns of all academic skill levels, who then spend the summer working in the office and out in the field for almost 40 hours per week at above the minimum wage. They are also matched with Marathon employee mentors, creating relationships that often extend beyond the program.

Marathon recruits interns for the program directly from local high schools. Interested students write an essay and complete an application, and about 100 of them receive an invitation to interview with the company each year.

This year, Marathon welcomed 34 interns into its ranks for the summer. Program participants spent their time gaining:

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- Classroom education about the facilities
 - Hands-on experience at different job sites
 - Life-skills training focused on employability, computer dexterity and more
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Through this program, Marathon focuses on training young people to work both independently and as part of a team, while emphasizing the importance of self-esteem, safety, punctuality, work ethics, listening skills and respect for others. Many employees at the refinery are themselves graduates of the Summer Youth Program.



The Summer Youth interns receive a week of safety training and tour the Carson Refinery before the official start of the program.

Schools Our Summer Youth Attend

- Carson High School
- Phineas Banning High School
- Eagle Tree Continuation High School
- Dan M. Isaacs Avalon High School
- Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School
- Will J. Reid High School
- Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School
- California Academy of Mathematics and Science
- Dr. Richard A. Vladovic Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy

Summer Highlights

Students in the 2019 Summer Youth Program participated in a wide range of activities. Here is an overview of the extraordinary experiences they enjoyed.

Fridays with Jaquie

Each Friday morning, life coaches Jacqueline Nason-Devlin and Garrett Gutierrez provided the students with professional-skills training. The youth learned how to navigate job interviews and fill out job applications. They also practiced communication skills during impromptu interview sessions.

Toastmasters

On Friday afternoons, the students met with public-speaking organization Toastmasters International to practice communication and speechmaking skills. They presented speeches they worked on during the week to a group of their peers. Reina Peña, Andrew Yang and Eric Lopez won prizes in the Summer Youth Speech Contest.

Fire Truck Washing

Every week, the students met at the Wilmington Refinery to wash fire vehicles. Though the number of trucks varied week to week, each student had the opportunity to see the machinery firsthand.

El Camino Tour

The students had the opportunity to tour El Camino Community College in Alondra Park. They became comfortable in a campus environment, learned about courses offered at El Camino and heard personal testimony from Ken Brown of the El Camino board of trustees about his education and career trajectory.

Community Breakfast

On July 11, Marathon hosted a Community Advisory Panel breakfast where the students were able to learn more about the close ties between the refinery and its

surrounding communities. During the meeting, Tiffany Rau, director of government and public affairs at the Los Angeles Refinery, discussed Marathon's actions to reduce emissions in our communities.

Air Quality Management District Meeting

On July 11, the Air Quality Management District held a meeting at the Wilmington Senior Center, during which students learned about air quality and the importance of community in the oil industry. Susan Stark, regulatory affairs manager of the Marathon refinery, discussed the emission reduction plan and the precautions the company is taking for its community. Community members learned more about the significance of the refinery in the area, while the students gained a better idea of how Marathon plays a leading role in the community.

LAMI TopSail Youth Program

On July 18, the students experienced the Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI) TopSail Youth Program in San Pedro. The program provides an educational adventure by way of tall ship day sails, voyages or both. The students were given the opportunity to raise and trim sails, steer the helm, and tie a bowline knot. In addition to offering an introduction to sailing, these activities helped foster team building and coordination skills.

Bonita Street STEAM Academy Service Project

In July, the students participated in the Summer Service Project at the Bonita Street STEAM Academy, a local elementary school. With the help of the Youth Leadership Academy from Sharefest, a community-improvement organization, they painted murals and



Summer Youth Program activities included sailing with LAMI, sharpening public speaking skills with Toastmasters, painting at Bonita Street STEAM Academy as part of a community service project, and enjoying a graduation ceremony at the end of the summer.



repainted handball courts and sheds throughout the campus. These exciting improvements led to an enhanced learning environment at the school. The students brought a splash of color to the Bonita Street Academy while enjoying each other's company and making a difference in the community.

Career Fair

At the end of the summer, the Summer Youth students demonstrated the skills they had gained during their Friday class sessions by meeting with seven companies during the Career Fair. Students had the opportunity to use their newly acquired interviewing skills, present their résumés and gain

knowledge of the companies represented.

Summer Youth Graduation

The night of the Summer Youth Graduation at the Grand in Long Beach in August was filled with excitement and laughter for the gathered community of students, friends, mentors, dignitaries and parents. As the ceremony began, Sam Cooley, Summer Youth coordinator, provided a moving introduction to the program that gave guests a glimpse of what the youth had experienced. The 34 graduates were awarded with certificates of achievement and gifts from Marathon.

In Their Own Words

At the end of their time in the Summer Youth Program, the participants wrote letters to the Summer Youth Committee, life coach Jacqueline Nason-Devlin or their mentors to thank them for their experience. Here are excerpts from their heartfelt expressions of gratitude.



The Summer Youth Program students pose together after painting murals and touching up handball courts and sheds at Bonita Street STEAM Academy.

“This was a very memorable summer and I wouldn’t have wanted to spend it anywhere else. This program will set me up for a good start in life, and in the future when I’m successful, I will give back to Marathon and the Summer Youth Program, just like how you guys gave back to me.”

—*Ethan Araquel*

“It feels great knowing that there is another person in the world that is rooting for you. Life is short and difficult, so every person and their wisdom matters.”

—*Christopher Arauzo*

“Going to El Camino opened my eyes to the option of community college. My last year of high school is very daunting for me and to know that I can go to community college as a way to get a feel for college and get more time to think about what I want to do with my life helped lessen the apprehension of leaving high school and going into the real world.”

—*Adrian Campbell*

“This program has done so much for me, such as helping me take a huge step toward my goal, which is to someday become a mechanical engineer. ... I’ve always had that push to become someone successful, but being in this program has made me want to push myself even more because I know I am capable of doing so, and you guys have been a big part of helping me realize that. I thank you all for that.”

—*Andrew Elvira*

“You’ve taught me how to properly socialize with others in a professional way and brought me out of social anxiety. I learned so much about being able to introduce myself to an audience and finish strongly with who I am.”

—*Omar Flores*

“Even on the weekends, I missed going to work. For once in my entire life, I looked forward to Mondays!”

—*Maya Gomez*

“I can tell you I am not the same person that started working here. A new version of me is getting ready to show how far I can get in life and I know I will succeed.”

—*Rolando Gonzalez*

“You have also shown us different career pathways one can take if school is not something we are interested in. This helps us expand our horizons and evaluate all the options one can possibly take.”

—*Guadalupe Rodriguez*

“Getting the privilege to wear the Marathon logo to the meetings and community events is an honor. To teach other people about the things we do at the refinery and open their minds to the good things we do, to be able to teach other people new things and why it is so important in the community to have a refinery is the best thing I can do.”

—*Carlos Sanchez*