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Baldy View ROP Receives \$5,000 Grant from Edison for Manufacturing Course

Students enrolled in the Baldy View Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Automated Supply Chain course are the beneficiaries of a major boost from Southern California Edison. The utility giant awarded Baldy View ROP a \$5,000 grant to help fund the materials needed for the course.

Newly updated in title and curriculum to align with modern manufacturing industry standards, the Automated Supply Chain course provides students with a lab-based learning environment which equips them with the basic skills needed for an entry-level job in the local industry upon graduation from high school. Supply chain technicians are vital members of the manufacturing industry as they install, operate, support, upgrade, and maintain all materials that support a manufacturer's supply chain. Students enrolled in the course are trained through the variety of facets needed to perform the job including how to operate hydraulic systems, PC-based controllers, and a variety of electronic instruments. In addition, students are well-versed in safe work practices, learn how to solve problems, and exercise their abilities to work as part of a team.

The grant comes with good timing as there is a need for entry-level supply chain technicians in the Inland Valley of San Bernardino County. Experts in the field cite the region as the industry's leader in growth in Logistics and Automated Distribution. Manufacturing is critical to California's economy in creating regional wealth through export of locally-made products to be sold across the rest of the country as well as other parts of the world. Not only does this create wealth for businesses and their governing communities, it leads to job growth. For every one job created in manufacturing, at least two and a half jobs are created to support the industry.

John Berge, who teaches the Automated Supply Chain course at Baldy View ROP Career Training Center and Hillside High School in Upland, is excited for the opportunities his students have.

"The class takes a hands-on approach to learning with not only classroom study, but also training opportunities at local retail and warehouse companies. Students in the classroom learn entry-level automated skills. In the field, students learn hands on job skills at a number of local businesses."

Baldy View ROP was awarded the grant based on its demonstrated service to its students. The organization provides career technical education courses and is gratified to have Southern California Edison as a partner in its mission of connecting students to successful work and careers in a local and global economy.

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