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Education supporters to be honored Students to receive computers at luncheon

The Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor & Convention Bureau are hosting their annual Business Appreciation luncheon on Thursday, April 12 at the Elks Lodge from noon to 1:30 p.m. The theme for this year's event is *Connecting the Dots!* It is an opportunity to thank the many local companies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who support our schools every day.

Companies, nonprofit agencies, and individuals provide schools with resources, awards, and incentives for students, plus food for school activities. Many business leaders also share their time and expertise by participating in career days and the Principal For a Day programs. These activities help teachers give students the skills needed for success, and the luncheon is an annual event to show that appreciation.

The following people, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are among those who will be honored on April 12 for their contributions to the listed school districts:

- James D. Glines will be honored by Allan Hancock College
- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Foundation will be thanked by the Guadalupe Union School District
- The 7-Eleven Santa Maria Franchise Owners will be honored by the Santa Maria-Bonita School District
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Benevolent Posse will be thanked by the Orcutt Union School District
- Shawn Van Pelt of Cool Hand Luke's will be recognized by the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
- ERG Resources will be honored by Blochman Union School District
- The Santa Maria Police Department will be thanked by SBCEO

The Business Appreciation luncheon will include the distribution of nine computers through the Computer Connections program, a joint venture between the Industry Education Council and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. More than 200 students and their families have received new computer packages through the program for under-served children.

For reservations, please contact the Chamber at register@santamaria.com, or call Alex Magana at 925-2403, ext. 814. For questions about the Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council and their partnerships, contact Debra Hood, SMVIEC Liaison at dhood@sbceo.org or at 349-0443.

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