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## **Strong Workforce Stars Recognition**

*Community college career education programs advancing economic & social mobility*

Strong Workforce Stars is an output of the Strong Workforce Program, an annual recurring investment of \$200 million to spur career education in California Community Colleges. The Strong Workforce Program is a bold step California took in 2016 to create 1 million more middle-skilled workers, thereby producing a job-ready workforce for employers and lifting low-wage workers into living-wage jobs.

California Community Colleges Strong Workforce Stars, launched in 2017, is an annual recognition and celebration for career education programs whose students show significant gains in factors important for advancing social mobility – a substantial increase in earnings, attainment of a living wage and a job closely matched with the field of study. College programs may receive recognition at one of three levels: Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, and Gold Stars, depending on how many of three outcomes thresholds they meet.

**The Los Angeles Harbor College Associate Degree Nursing Program was named as a 2018 Silver Workforce Star by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The program attained threshold outcomes on two (out of three) metrics:**

- **152% increase in earnings for students who were last enrolled in 2015-2016.**
- **100% of students are employed in a job similar to their field of study, for students who were last enrolled in 2014-2015.**

*Los Angeles Harbor College is part of the California Community Colleges which is the largest system of higher education in the nation composed of 72 districts and 114 colleges serving 2.1 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills education and prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. For more information about the community colleges, please visit <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/>.*