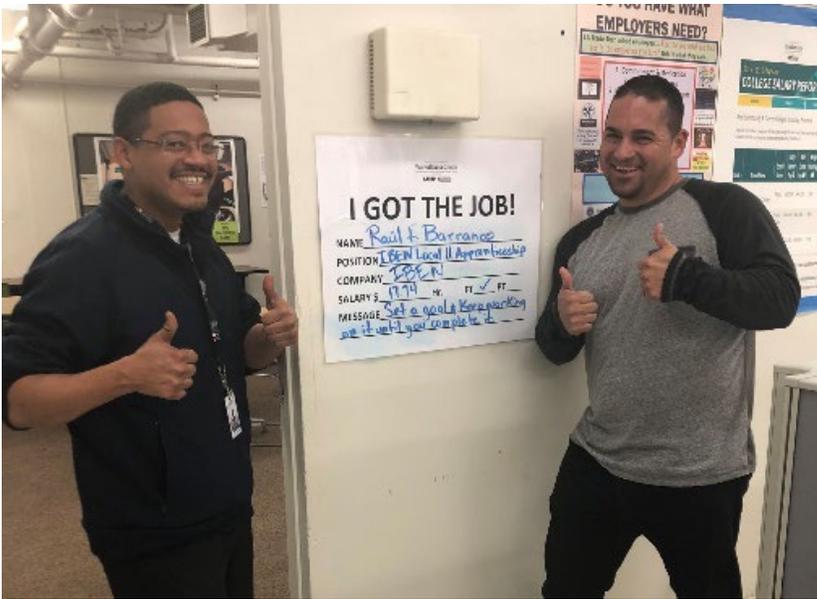




News for the Week of January 14, 2019

RE-ENTRY WORKER BECOMES UNION ELECTRICIAN, WITH HELP FROM WSC



After nearly 30 years in prison Raul Barranco (right) has launched a new career as a union electrician with help from the Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center and guidance from Jarrett Moore (left)

The Vernon-Central/Los Angeles Trade-Technical College WorkSource Center helped Raul Barranco secure a career as a union electrician with IBEW Local 11. After spending nearly three decades in incarceration, Raul participated in the Anti-Recidivism Coalition’s (ARC) Second Chance Union Training Program which operates in partnership with the Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center and Los Angeles Trade Technical College. After graduating from ARC’s union training program, Raul took the apprenticeship entrance exam to become a union electrician but failed due to his lack of practice in reading and math. At Vernon-

Central/LATTC WorkSource Center’s Financial Opportunity Center Bridges to Career Opportunities program, which focuses on guiding individuals struggling with reading and math into long-term, secure, careers in construction and transportation, he met Jarrett Moore, who referred Raul to a construction math tutor. Raul practiced his math and reading



with his tutor one-on-one every day for several hours until he felt ready to retake the test. Thanks to this assistance, and his determination, Raul passed his second attempt at the electrical apprenticeship test and has started working on the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum's \$300M renovation project. In addition, he has started working with Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center's senior financial coach Treasure Owens to learn credit building and financial strategies so he will be able to retain and grow his earnings.

VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC WSC HELPS MAN FIND JOB & GET NEW WORK CLOTHES

Jose was brought to the Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center by his mother, a former American Apparel employee who is currently receiving employment services at the center. Jose had been laid off and was without income. With assistance from career coach Jessica Fuentes, Jose immediately began submitting employment applications and he was quickly offered a position with Kelly Services. In addition, the WorkSource Center helped Jose with a reimbursement of more than \$100 dollars for new employment attire. Jose is very happy to be back in the workforce and he has achieved success at his new company, as he has already been invited to company trainings in order to be considered for possible promotions.

BUSINESS METRICS:

LABSCs Reporting:	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Microenterprise enrolled	29
Microenterprise assisted	50
Small businesses enrolled	5
Small businesses assisted	20
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	47

WORKFORCE METRICS:

(arrows indicate weekly trend)

CalJobs *(online and mobile)*



730
Registrations
51% 

WorkSource Centers



2,518
Enrollments
51% 

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