A collaboration between
The Ventura County Civic Alliance is serving as the business intermediary to recruit and manage employer and community involvement.

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**OVERVIEW**

The Oxnard Union High School District (OUHSD) was awarded a $6 million grant to implement Linked Learning and to develop partnerships with community and business leaders.

**The Linked Learning academy model:**
- Is supported by the National Academy Foundation; and
- Provides the District with the most complete resources, tools, curriculum and professional development available for implementation.

**The National Academy Foundation (NAF):**
- Is a leader in the movement to prepare young people for college and career success;
- Brings 30 years experience;
- Has a proven educational model which includes industry-focused curricula, work-based learning experiences, and business partner expertise; and
- Provides NAF track certification for job opportunities with over a dozen national business partners.

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**HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

You can improve our workforce by becoming involved in Work-Based Learning experiences that offer Career Awareness, Exploration and Preparation.

**BENEFITS TO INVOLVEMENT**
- Create a diverse talent pipeline
- Lower recruitment and training costs
- Increase interest in your industry
- Improve graduation rates
- Meet a corporate social responsibility

**OPPORTUNITIES**
- Classroom speaker
- Mentoring
- Worksite visit
- Job shadowing
- Interviews
- Paid internships
- Advisory Board membership

**OUTCOMES**

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