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Questions on EconAlliance, annual support, e-news advertising, sponsorships?

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Save the Date! June 27, 2019

EconAlliance/Santa Barbara Vintners Wine Forum

Keynote: Robert McMillan, EVP/Founder Silicon Valley Bank Wine Division!

<https://www.econalliance.org/events/>



Spring Forum Features Hancock College President, Seven Employer Panelists

On Tuesday, April 23, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria Inn Kent Room, Northern Santa Barbara County Workforce & Literacy Initiative (WALI) Co-Leads EconAlliance and United Way NSBC will co-host the WALI Spring Forum. Allan Hancock College Superintendent/President will provide an update on the College. Six employer panelists will speak on entry skill and STEM skill needs, with table talks on ideal candidate qualifications, hiring difficulties, and soft skills needed for employment. Registration link:

<https://walispringforum2019.eventbrite.com>

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Defense Supply Chain & Resource Fair April 26th

April 26, 2019

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

California Cybersecurity Institute (CCI) at Camp San Luis Obispo

10 Sonoma Ave, San Luis Obispo, California 93405

Register online at: <http://www.event.com/d/16qmn0>

Registration Required in order to access Military Base. Please bring a valid form of ID.

Proof of auto insurance is required for entrance.

Cost: Free!

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Summer Science Institute Crushes It at SBC Science Fair!

For the first time ever, all participating Summer Science Institute (SSI) students in the Santa Barbara County Science Fair took home awards, with three of the six participants – Mia Placencia and Julia Vargas of Pioneer Valley High School and Carissa Freeman of Righetti High School – advancing to the state Science & Engineering Fair. The annual Summer Science Institute (SSI), under Director and award-winning science teacher Riccardo Magni, prepares students to compete in the Santa Barbara County Science Fair and beyond. SSI students organize and complete individual research projects that prepare them for competition, but also for potential future science studies. EconAlliance serves as fiscal agent for SSI, promoting industry partnerships and support for the program.



Full SSI Santa Maria Times article is [here](#).

Broadband Forum Featured North County Successes, Challenges

In mid-March, EconAlliance, in cooperation with the Broadband Consortium Pacific Coast (BCPC), organized a Santa Barbara County broadband forum entitled Broadband: Tri-Counties Imperative, Northern Santa Barbara County Priority. Event featured Santa Maria City Manager Jason Stilwell speaking on the City’s development of a “ring of fiber” to address Santa Maria’s broadband needs. Kyle Schaffer, IT Director, Santa Ynez Band, Chumash Indians, shared the Chumash solution to connecting multiple North County properties with broadband, and Kevin Sparkman of Excelta in Buellton provided insight on the business need for broadband.



EconAlliance is the BCPC-designated Santa Barbara County liaison, supporting efforts to enhance community broadband options, planning and coordination across the tri-counties. Offering a special understanding of North County, the Consortium’s current target area of Santa Barbara County, EconAlliance partners with the Consortium to coordinate North County broadband forums, policymaker briefings and cross-sector conversations. Broadband is a key element of the EconAlliance infrastructure initiative.

<https://www.econalliance.org/event-recaps/broadband-tri-county/>

EconAlliance STEM Industry Days Expands to SYV & Lompoc

The EconAlliance STEM Industry Days, which for two years has provided target 5th/6th graders, junior high and high schoolers in Santa Maria an opportunity to meet science, technology, engineering and math professionals and participate in hands-on, industry-led STEM workshops and STEM industry tours, is this year also offering a one-day STEM experience for high school students in Santa Ynez Valley and Lompoc.

STEM companies interested in providing workshops, and companies and community organizations interested in providing \$100/each scholarships for participating students are encouraged to contact Victoria Conner, initiatives@EconAlliance.org.

