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Verbum Dei High School, located in Watts and founded in 1962, has embarked on an innovative program to help young men from low income families of South Los Angeles afford a college preparatory education. I have been witness to this exciting program and even honored Verbum Dei's Corporate Work Study Program at the November 2003 Los Angeles City Council Meeting held in Watts.

The Corporate Work-Study Program requires every student attending Verbum Dei High School to work one day a week to help pay a large portion of their own tuition. In addition to the financial benefits, the young men also experience the corporate culture from the inside-out. They are exposed to the world of banking, real estate, law, manufacturing, securities & investments, non-profit, medicine, engineering, etc. They learn how to function in a corporate environment by communicating effectively and fulfilling job duties efficiently.

The Corporate Work-Study Program is now in its second year of implementation, and the results are astounding. This means that more jobs will need to be secured to allow the students to earn their education and gain the invaluable experiences of working for successful corporations and organizations.

I ask that all corporations consider partnering with Verbum Dei in this quest to serve our community and empower our young men's future. I hope these comments are helpful and that you will not hesitate to let me know if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

  
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