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## **Education supporters to be honored Students to receive computers at luncheon**

The Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor & Convention Bureau are hosting their annual Business Appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Elks Lodge from noon to 1:30 p.m. The theme for this year's event is *Partnerships are Key!* It is an opportunity to thank the many local companies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who support our schools every day.

Companies, nonprofit agencies, and individuals provide schools with resources, awards, and incentives for students, plus food for school activities. Many business leaders also share their time and expertise by participating in career days and the Principal For a Day programs. These activities help teachers give students the skills needed for success, and the luncheon is an annual event to show that appreciation.

The following people, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are among those who will be honored on Jan. 25 for their contributions to the listed school districts:

- McDonald's will be honored by Allan Hancock College
- Santa Barbara Teachers Federal Credit Union will be thanked by the Guadalupe Union School District
- Driscoll's will be honored by the Santa Maria-Bonita School District
- Old Town Market will be thanked by the Orcutt Union School District
- Vernon Edwards Constructors will be recognized by the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District

The *Partnerships are Key!* luncheon will include the distribution of eight computers through the Computer Connections program, a joint venture between the Industry Education

Council and the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce. More than 200 students and their families have received new computer packages through the program for under-served children.

For reservations, please contact the Chamber at [register@santamaria.com](mailto:register@santamaria.com), or call Alex Magana at 925-2403, ext. 814. For questions about the Santa Maria Valley Industry Education Council and their partnerships, contact Debra Hood, SMVIEC Liaison at [dhood@sbceo.org](mailto:dhood@sbceo.org) or at 349-0443.

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