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Enhance, Experience, Participate, Gain, and Earn with ROP

Enhance college admission applications, *experience* opportunities which may assist LBHS students select their college majors, *participate* in courses which offer internships, *gain* experiences that can lead to employment, and *earn* credits and grades toward LBHS graduation...all of these are benefits of the Capistrano-Laguna Beach Regional Occupational Program or ROP.

LBUSD Board of Education President and ROP Governing Board Member Betsy Jenkins expands upon the wide variety of ROP opportunities, "The Capistrano and Laguna Beach school districts have an incredibly diverse and comprehensive ROP program. There are offerings in many fascinating career areas. The problem is that most Laguna students do not realize how much they could benefit from these courses. There is a perception that ROP is for the non-college bound, which is unfounded. Career courses actually enrich a transcript and offer both depth and practicality to a college application. The second problem is that because we have a compact campus, we are not able to offer as many courses on our site as other schools. As a member of the ROP Board, I am working along with Assistant Principal, Bob Billinger, to bring additional offerings to our campus. Then we just need a good sales effort to help students and parents understand the many benefits ROP can bring."

ROP classes currently held at the LBHS campus include Acme Animation, Dance Performance I and II (Classical and Contemporary), Digital Media, and Vocal Performance. This February, a Law Enforcement class has been added to the ROP schedule, which will help students gain insights into the multitude of law enforcement career offerings including local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and private security. Students will receive five full elective credits toward graduation. LBHS students may also attend classes offered in Capistrano Unified School District, many of which are scheduled for one evening a week.

Kim Light, ROP Career Guidance Specialist at LBHS, is also exploring the addition of a Career in Fashion class. Beyond the classroom studies, students would also have the opportunity to work on a Spring Fashion Show, take a fieldtrip to FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) and to Orange Coast College Fashion Department while earning five elective credits.

ROP is a state-funded program, which provides career and technical guidance and preparation designed to meet the educational standards and industry needs. Participating high school students must be sixteen years of age.