



2024

LA Regional **CLEANTECH**

CAREER ACADEMY

GRADUATION PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dear Partners, Scholars and Friends,

Congratulations to the graduates of the spring and fall cohorts of the LA Regional Cleantech Career Academy! UNITE-LA was honored to partner with numerous public and private stakeholders over the past two years to launch this Academy, and it continues to grow as it now boasts 183 graduates from four cohorts who have explored opportunities to succeed in California's green energy future.

The Academy brings together partners ranging from business to education and from philanthropy to government to provide training and mentorship to L.A.'s next generation of cleantech workers. Academy partners share a passion for the triple bottom line, a community investment strategy that prioritizes economy, equity and environment.

I know this experience was one of exploration, exposure and excitement for Academy graduates, and of deep pride for their families and friends. I hope scholars leave the Academy wanting to

be a part of change – motivating and prepared to succeed in California's green energy future. While graduates may have completed the Academy, we hope our scholars are not done with their path to creating a better future for all of us in an industry that needs your intelligence, innovation and hard work!

As UNITE-LA continues to advance equitable, economic mobility and well-being through collaboration that strengthens systems, policies and high-quality education and career pathways, we celebrate you - the rising green workforce - and wish you tremendous success as our region's future cleantech leaders.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alysia Bell".

Alysia Bell
President, UNITE-LA

EVENT SCHEDULE

4:45 P.M.

Check-In, Student Showcase and Networking Hour

5:45 P.M.

Opening Remarks and Acknowledgments

Alysia Bell, President, UNITE-LA

Efrain Escobedo Board Member, UNITE-LA, and President & CEO, Center for Nonprofit Management

Matt Petersen Board Member, UNITE-LA, and President & CEO, Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI)

5:55 P.M.

Student Video

6 P.M.

Panel: The Power of Innovative Partnerships Driving Career Pathways for an Inclusive Energy Future

Moderator: Geraldine Jaimerena Associate Director, Career Pathways & Talent Development, UNITE-LA

Diana Hernandez Student, Cal Poly Pomona, and Intern, Process Optimization Department, Veolia North America

Elisa Misenas-Fidaleo Manager of Human Resources, West Basin Municipal Water District

Dr. Jo Tavares-Reager Director, California Center for Climate Change Education at West L.A. College

6:30 P.M.

Scholar's Salute

Elsa Mengistu Director of Programming, Black Girl Environmentalist

6:45 P.M.

Acknowledgment of Graduating Students

7 P.M.

Post-Graduation Celebration & Class Photo

SPRING 2024 COHORT

Mia Banales

East Los Angeles College

Melanie Beas

California State University,
Long Beach

Bryanna Brown

Murrieta Canyon
Academy Graduate

Te'yana Brown

Pitzer College

Elizabeth Carrillo

Santa Monica College

Ingrid Chang

University of California,
Los Angeles

Brandon Chavez

Felicita and Gonzalo Mendez
High School Graduate

Destiny Cisneros

University of California,
Santa Barbara

Juan Contreras

Foshay Learning
Center Graduate

Amanda Del Cid

Huntington Park Institute Of
Applied Medicine at Linda Marquez
High School Graduate

Noah Diaz

University of California, Merced

Lesly Elias

Santa Monica College

Alexander Estrada

Maywood Center for
Enriched Studies Graduate

Diane Genabe

Los Angeles Pierce College

Alessandra Gomez

Dr. Maya Angelou Community
High School Graduate

Eleen Gregoryona

Los Angeles Pierce College

Dorian Houston

Phoenix Continuation
High School Graduate

Chelsea Lam

University of California, Berkeley

Eric Lomeli

Bishop Mora Salesian
High School Graduate

Analy Lopez

West Los Angeles College

Naomie Martinez

California Academy of Mathematics
and Science Graduate

Saba Moghaddamneshat

Los Angeles Pierce College

Arlene Molina

Synergy Quantum
Academy Graduate

Darlene Molina

Synergy Quantum
Academy Graduate

Imani Monday

Da Vinci Science
High School Graduate

Lei-Yani Monday

Da Vinci Science
High School Graduate

Chidera Okonkwo

University of California,
Los Angeles

Samantha Ortiz

El Camino College

Joana Paz

Theodore Roosevelt Senior
High School Graduate

Gloria Ramirez

California State University,
Dominguez Hills

Brayan Rodriguez

Esteban E. Torres
High School Graduate

Ximena Rosaliano

Long Beach City College

Natalie Rubio

University Of Southern California

Rachel Sanchez

Theodore Roosevelt
High School Graduate

Alina Varentsova

Santa Monica College

Miracle Varnado

King/Drew Magnet
High School Graduate

Clarita Villa

University Of Southern California

Sobia Win

Huntington Park Institute of Applied
Medicine at Linda Marquez High
School Graduate

Wendy Yu

California Polytechnic State
University, San Luis Obispo

FALL 2024 COHORT

Gabriel Alarcon

Los Angeles
Mission College

Marco Aragon

Santa Monica College

Mark Bowen

University Of Southern
California

CJ Calica

California State University,
Los Angeles

Dalila Carrillo

L.A. Trade-Tech

Emily Chuang

Santa Monica College

Camrien Cooper

University of California,
Berkeley

Yashna Dhingra

Cal State University, Long
Beach

Jason Gamez

University Of Southern
California

Ana Gonzalez Zarate

West Los Angeles College

June Gruenewald-Peters

Santa Monica College

Lensa Hamda

University Of
Southern California

Ralph Jimenez

Glendale Community College

Andrew Mata Ramos

Rio Hondo College

Adam Medina

Harvey Mudd College

Heather Middleton-Fields

California State University,
San Bernardino

Lindsey Morgado

Rio Hondo College

Elzira Noga

University Of
Southern California

Joel Orozco

West Los Angeles College

Felix Peng

Harvey Mudd College

Eric Petrossian

Pasadena City College

Mai Pham

Harvey Mudd College

Jasmine Pineda

California State University,
Los Angeles

Sheyla Portillo Lopez

Orthopaedic Hospital Medical
Magnet High School Graduate

Fatima Quirarte

Los Angeles Southwest College

Quetzaly Rodriguez

Synergy Quantum Academy

Sydney Rowe

Santa Monica College

Abdulrahman Sadiq

University Of Southern
California

Joseph Sanchez

Santa Monica College

Nyla Sims

Los Angeles Technology Center

Ruth Sun

University of California,
Riverside

Ryann Thomas

Los Angeles Mission College

Conner Timario

California Polytechnic State
University, Pomona

Ezra Torres

Santa Clara University

Matthew Vega

University Of Southern
California

Josue Velazquez

Emerson College

Marlene Vizcaino-Vera

Chaffey College

STUDENT PHOTOS



GIVING TUESDAY

At UNITE-LA, we see challenges as an invitation to act—quickly, effectively and in ways that spark meaningful change. This responsiveness is made possible by partners like you—donors who believe in our work and support our mission to advance equitable, economic mobility and well-being through collaboration that strengthens systems, policies and high-quality education and career pathways.

This Giving Tuesday, we are asking you to join us in uplifting the future innovators of tomorrow by supporting the Cleantech Academy. Your donation to support the Cleantech Academy ensures that we can continue to create opportunities for students to succeed in California's green energy future.

Together, we can continue to build a more equitable, sustainable and thriving Los Angeles.

GIVE TODAY!

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