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A Solution to Your Entry Level Workforce Needs

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Santa Clarita Valley Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

In-Person Meeting: Networking & Breakfast: 7:15-7:45am
Meeting & Presentation: 7:45-9:00am Pacific Time

[Click here to register](#)

Both members and non-members must register to attend.

Registration for the meeting will close 24 hours before the event to give time to send parking passes.

Registration Fees

Free - A&D Forum member & Corporate Members



\$35 - Early Bird Non-member
(until February 18)
\$45 - Non-member
(after February 18)

You will receive multiple invitations, regardless of whether you have already registered. Please do not register more than once!

Please register as an A&D Forum member ONLY if you have a currently active membership. Claimed memberships will be verified before the meeting and erroneous registrations will be cancelled.

February 25, 2025 Meeting

- Attire is business casual.
- [Click here](#) for map of parking directions.
- Masks are optional.
- A light continental breakfast will be available starting at 7:15am.
- Bring a business card - they will be duplicated and everyone will get a copy of all attendees' cards.
- Please do not distribute any material during the meeting.
- Introductions will be minimal - your name, company, industry, and a 5 word "elevator speech". We encourage you to be creative!

Feel free to pass this invitation on to others you think would be interested.

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Imagine having access to entry level workers that are hungry to perform, show up on time, are committed to their company and don't waste time on their phone. If this would make your life a little easier, learning about Lost Angels Career Center is a must.

We pride ourselves on selecting and developing skilled young adults ready to excel in the workplace. Our comprehensive training program is designed to meet industry standards, ensure that our graduates are equipped with the latest techniques and tools, and know and follow best practices. Each trainee undergoes rigorous hands-on training and is assessed on their ability to perform in real-life scenarios.

We emphasize both technical proficiency and soft skills, such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, ensuring a well-rounded and effective workforce. We have close to a 100% placement rate with companies like Northrop Grumman, ITT, MS Aero and many others in the Los Angeles area. Based on feedback from these employers, our graduates have better attitudes, work harder, and outperform other hires. They contribute to company

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Location:

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center
UCEN Room 258
College of the Canyons
26455 Rockwell Canyon Road
Valencia, CA 91355

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success from day one and in the years that follow.

Jennifer Rivera, HR Manager MS Aerospace, a LACC client, will be available to talk directly about their company experience and to answer questions.

Presenters



Aaron Valencia is the Executive Director and Founder of the Lost Angels Career

Center (LACC), formerly the Lost Angels Children’s Project (LACP). A custom car builder, Aaron turned his life around and made a living working with his hands, channeling his passion for classic cars into a career. He first volunteered as a Hot Meal Leader at Grace Resources before launching LACC in 2014 to mentor and train at-risk youth in classic car restoration.

Starting as an afterschool program, LACP grew into a full-scale vocational training center, eventually rebranding as LACC. Today, it includes a work program and social enterprise. Aaron’s efforts earned him a CNN Hero award and features on the Jay Leno Show, Miller’s “We Build,” Tekton Tools’ “Find What’s Real,” and Lowrider Magazine’s “Roll Models.”

His mission is to equip young people with the skills and opportunities to build a better future.

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Laura Evans brings over 40+ years of invaluable

experience in HR, managerial roles, and workforce development. Throughout her extensive career, Laura has navigated the intricacies of the job market with precision and compassion.

At Lost Angels, Her profound commitment to empowering young people from underprivileged backgrounds is the driving force behind her work. Laura is dedicated to providing opportunities that can radically alter the life paths of individuals who have faced adversity. She believes in equipping them with the skills and support needed to achieve sustainable success.

Laura's strategic expertise and deep empathy ensure that every student at Lost Angels receives personalized guidance and access to employment opportunities that align with their talents and ambitions. Her unwavering advocacy and mentorship empower graduates to build promising careers and break cycles of generational poverty, making a profound impact on their lives and the broader community.

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