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## **Fullerton College to Host Free Career Technical Education Event**

***Fullerton College will host a seminar with top military, education, political  
and business leaders, plus a large career fair open to the public***

Fullerton, CA (*Monday, October 5, 2009, 2009*) – Residents from Fullerton and surrounding communities will have the unique opportunity to explore over 100 Career Technical Education fields during Operation Career Launch 2009. The day-long event will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at Fullerton College, located at 321 E. Chapman Avenue in Fullerton, CA, and there is no cost to attend.

“We have seen a dramatic lack in the number of students earning certificates in Career Technical Education fields,” said Rebecca Morgan, Psy.D., Career Technical Education Counselor at Fullerton College. “These fields are vital to the growth, economic success and stability of every aspect of our nation from medicine to national security. If our kids aren’t filling these important roles, who will?”

In a time when many people are searching for a job with more security and better pay, this event is offering the chance to see what great careers are available with only one or two years of schooling.

“Too much pressure has been put on kids to get a 4-year degree, whether they need one or not. Many students are ending up with a lot of school debt and still aren’t able to find a job they enjoy,” Dr. Morgan said. “Career Technical Education offers students the chance at a great paying career they love, without the cost and time commitment of a 4-year degree.”

Operation Career Launch 2009 will begin at 10:30 AM in Wilshire Auditorium with a seminar and discussion about the current state and future of Career Technical Education in the U.S. Prominent speakers at the event will include California Community Colleges President of the Board of Governors, Dr. Lance Izumi, and Chancellor, Dr. Jack Scott. Brigadier General Arnold Gordon-Bray and Brigadier General Michael Garrett from the U.S. Army will also be speaking.

The afternoon portion of the event will consist of an Open House and Career Fair held in the Fullerton College Quad from 1 PM to 6 PM. Students and community members of all ages can learn about potential career opportunities in technical fields, meet and speak with graduates and businesses who are currently involved in technical fields and explore the

equipment and classes involved in each educational path. Dozens of special activities will be available free of charge, including a Guitar Hero competition, Apache helicopter flight simulator and complimentary massages.

To RSVP for the morning seminar, please call 714-992-7257 or email [OCL09@yahoo.com](mailto:OCL09@yahoo.com). For more information about the event and afternoon free activities, visit the event web site at [www.OperationCareerLaunch.com](http://www.OperationCareerLaunch.com).

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