



A Joint Office of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles Unified School District

## Pillar Partnership Program – Interest Form

Join Pillar’s extensive network of partners who are helping to strengthen education and develop L.A.’s future workforce. We invite you to partner with an LAUSD small learning community.

Please complete and mail this form to Business-Education Partnership Coordinator Gail Levy at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. Bixel St., Los Angeles, CA 90017 or fax to her attention at 213.482.0814.

### Contact Information:

Salutation: \* \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \* \_\_\_\_\_

Industry: \_\_\_\_\_ Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* notes required fields*

### *Check if appropriate*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have an existing partnership or have worked with:

Partner School: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities participated in (i.e. mentor, classroom speaking):

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### **I would prefer to work with a partner in:** (select all that apply)

\_\_\_ West LA    \_\_\_ South LA    \_\_\_ East LA    \_\_\_ Downtown    \_\_\_ San Fernando Valley



Get involved today to:  
**strengthen our schools and  
 develop tomorrow's workforce**

### A 21st Century Workforce for a Global Economy

The prosperity of Los Angeles rests on the success of our workforce. Facing changing markets and growing competition at home and abroad, Los Angeles businesses must attract the best talent to compete now and in the future.

The need for skilled workers — those with both a diploma and relevant work experience — continues to grow.

Unfortunately, too many students lack the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the professional world. To ensure a vibrant Los Angeles economy, we must change the way we approach education by involving new stakeholders: employers. Los Angeles professionals can help students graduate from high school fully prepared to enter college and on the path to a fulfilling career.

### Pillars for Change

Pillar is the business community's link to L.A.'s students, classrooms and schools. A joint office of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles Unified School District, Pillar builds and supports partnerships between businesses and schools to strengthen education and develop the future workforce.

Pillar partnerships match businesses, professional associations and trade organizations with theme-based Small Schools and Small Learning Communities. These school models differ from traditional campuses by featuring:

- ▶ Unique, personalized learning environments with fewer than 500 students
- ▶ Coursework centered around industry-related themes, such as arts and media, finance and health
- ▶ A focus on parent and community engagement

The expertise and guidance Los Angeles professionals can offer to students, educators and administrators is key to developing Small School and Small Learning Community themes, making schoolwork relevant to the real world and inspiring youth to succeed. In return, businesses see stronger applicant pools for their industries, lower recruiting costs, higher employee morale and increased visibility throughout Los Angeles.

### Flexible Involvement

Your business is challenged for time and resources, which is why Pillar partnerships are developed by you and for you, according to your individual goals and capacities.

Below are some common partnership-building activities:

Activity	Description	Estimated time
Classroom Speaking	Visit students in their classrooms to discuss your industry and profession	1 hour (per session)
Career Day	Provide students the opportunity to learn about your industry or profession by meeting with multiple professionals from your organization	2-3 hours (per day)
Job Shadowing	Give students and teachers a firsthand look at your industry as they shadow professionals in your workplace	Half or full day
Internships	Provide jobs or internships for students for a specified period of time to learn job skills	Full/part time
Advisory Committee	Meet with teachers and administrators to help develop solutions for the challenges they face	Determined by partners
Professional Development	Utilize business staff to support teachers in learning about your industry and how to ensure relevance in daily curriculum	Determined by partners
Curriculum Development	Advise educators on creating real world, work-related experiences in lessons and labs to meet industry needs and practices	Determined by partners

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