Welcoming Our New Employer Relations Liaisons

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Strong connections between colleges and employers are essential to preparing students for the workforce. The San Diego & Imperial Counties Regional Consortium (SDI RC) is continuing to strengthen those connections with two new additions to its regional Employer Engagement team.

SDI RC is excited to welcome Taylor Lemker and Caitlyn Canby, Employer Relations Liaisons (ERLs) for Cuyamaca College and MiraCosta College, respectively. Both bring valuable experience building connections between colleges, employers and the community, and SDI RC is looking forward to the positive impact they'll make in their new roles.

ERLs serve as an important bridge between the region's community colleges and industry, working alongside college Employer Engagement teams to build relationships with businesses, expand work-based learning (WBL) and employment opportunities for students, and help colleges stay responsive to evolving workforce needs.

The work is part of SDI RC's broader regional Employer Engagement strategy, which brings colleges and industry together to better align education with employers' needs while creating more opportunities for students to gain career experience and transition into the workforce.

Meet Taylor Lemker

Taylor is no stranger to connecting students with career opportunities. For the past four years, she has served as the WBL Coordinator at Cuyamaca College, where she developed strong relationships with Career and Technical Education (CTE) faculty and helped expand WBL opportunities based on program goals and industry needs.

In her new role, Taylor will build on that experience by working with the college's Employer Engagement team to deepen relationships with industry and increase WBL and employment opportunities for students.

Her hands-on knowledge regarding the student and faculty side of WBL brings valuable perspective to the role and will help strengthen the connections among students, college programs and the employers looking for skilled talent.

Meet Caitlyn Canby

Caitlyn joins the team from the San Diego North Economic Development Council, where she cultivated strong relationships with employers and member organizations throughout North County.

Through that work, she regularly collaborated with business partners, MiraCosta College, Palomar College and California State University San Marcos to support workforce and economic opportunities for students and employers across the region.

Now, Caitlyn will bring that experience to MiraCosta College, working alongside its Employer Engagement team to expand relationships with businesses and create more WBL and employment opportunities for students.

Her background working at the intersection of education, business and economic development will bring an important perspective to the regional team as SDI RC continues strengthening the connections between colleges and the employers they serve.

Welcome, Taylor and Caitlyn! SDI RC is excited to see the partnerships and opportunities you'll help build for students, colleges and employers across the region.

Learn more here.