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## **MAAC Now Enrolling for Second Year of “Connect to Success” Program**

*This unique workforce development program for opportunity youth connects high school students to living-wage jobs*

**(Chula Vista, CA)** – MAAC, a local non-profit committed to self-sufficiency, is currently enrolling students for its opportunity youth workforce development program, “Connect to Success.” Now in its second year, the program is designed specifically to help prepare high school students enrolled at MAAC Community Charter School (MCCS), a free public charter high school, with the technical and soft skills needed to acquire living-wage jobs in green construction and health careers pathways. MCCS continues to prioritize career technical education (CTE) for students who have chosen not to pursue traditional college degrees.

“Since MAAC’s beginnings in 1965, we have been providing successful workforce development programs geared towards adults who are re-entering the workforce or changing careers,” stated Arnulfo Manriquez, President/CEO of MAAC. “It’s been an exciting opportunity to take our model career technical education program and offer it to our MCCS students, enabling them to receive the training and certifications required to place them in jobs that pay fair wages and help transform our students’ lives as well as their families and communities.”

A student from last year’s cohort has recently been training in a local hospital and gaining invaluable experience during this health care crisis that has challenged our local healthcare system. *(b-roll)* 100% of students who have completed their certifications through the Connect to Success Program have received offers for living wage employment.

The Connect to Success program is scheduled to kick off its next cohort of 30 students for the 2020-2021 school year which is scheduled to begin on July 20, 2020. For more information, contact Valerie Hash, Career Pathways Program Manager at 619-799-1905.

**About MAAC**

*The Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. dba MAAC is the leading provider of comprehensive social services in San Diego County and works to create healthier and stronger communities by providing a space where individuals and families in need can find means to self-sufficiency through advocacy and access to high-quality programs in five key areas of focus: Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Education, Health & Wellbeing, and Advocacy & Leadership Development. For more information, visit [www.maacproject.org](http://www.maacproject.org) or [Facebook](#).*

**About MCCA**

*MAAC Community Charter School (MCCA) is a free public charter high school, located in Chula Vista, CA and chartered by Sweetwater Union High School District that serves students through a supportive, alternative learning environment. MCCA provides students ages 14-20 with an extended opportunity to earn a high school diploma. More than 1,000 students have graduated since the school opened in 2001; many of these students are the first of their families to graduate high school with plans to continue on to college or career technical education. For more information on MCCA, visit [www.maacproject.org/mcca](http://www.maacproject.org/mcca).*

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