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**SUMMER INTERNS FROM BANNING HIGH'S
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ACADEMY COME TO WORK AT
THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES**



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Port of Los Angeles today introduced the 22 International Trade Academy (ITA) students who have been offered summer internship positions working for the Port, or working at a port-related company. Part of a maritime preparatory program offered only at Banning High School in Wilmington, Calif., the ITA prepares students for core university curricula while developing their interest for maritime- and trade-related traditional college majors.

Since the establishment of the ITA in 2000, the Port and partnering organizations throughout the Harbor Area have hired summer interns annually. The Port coordinates the internship program, which provides local students with on-the-job training, invaluable work experience, and serves as the central point of contact between the participating companies and prospective student interns.

Past supporters of the internship program include the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, APL Shipping Lines, China Shipping Container Line, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Chevron-Texaco, and ConocoPhillips.

Port customers who will hire ITA interns again this year include Hugo-Neu Proler, Pasha Stevedoring and Terminals, Spirit Cruises, SSA Marine, and Yusen Terminals, Inc. Adding to the list of job opportunities for local youth, are industry-related positions at California Cartage Company, CC-OPS, Los Angeles Maritime Institute, Southern California Marine Exchange, and the United States Coast Guard.

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Various divisions within the Port of Los Angeles that will hire ITA interns include Construction and Maintenance, Contracts and Purchasing, Engineering, Financial Management, Los Angeles Port Police, Information Systems, and Wharfinger.

The Wharfinger Division, which serves as a primary contact for the operational needs of customers and in the collection of all shipping service fees governed by the Port of Los Angeles Tariff, has hired interns each summer for the last five years.

"Hiring students from the ITA program has been a great experience for us," said Angie Birkenbach, chief wharfinger. "The students are bright, willing, and easy to work with; in fact, one of the first high school interns we hired is now in college and works for us as a full-time student worker."

Nearly 200 students are involved in the Port of Los Angeles International Trade Academy at Banning High School. Fundamental subjects, such as math, English, science and social studies are augmented by courses in logistics, global trade on the Internet and geography. All classes and programs are designed to introduce students to the many careers in maritime and international trade.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable jobs and billions of dollars in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles. . . Anchoring a bright future.

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Photo Caption:

2005 International Trade Academy Port Summer Interns – Front row, from left: Jane Jimeno, Wilmington; Stefanie Hernandez, Wilmington; Mirieya Limon, Wilmington; Roxana Correa, Wilmington; Alejandra Siajala, Wilmington; Gabriela Jeronimo, Wilmington; Tatiana Trujillio, Wilmington; Alejandra Garcia, Wilmington; Georgina Jamarillo, Wilmington; Illiana Noriega, Wilmington; Jennifer Diaz, Wilmington; and Guadalupe Valdez, Wilmington. Rear row, from left: Catherine Perdomo, Wilmington; Elizabeth Correa, Wilmington; Alexander Sanchez, Wilmington; Melvin Urias, Wilmington; Hector Serrano, Wilmington; Monica Lopez, Wilmington; and Aracely Morales, Long Beach. (2005 participants not pictured: Lorenzo Atkins, Carson; Maricela Lopez, Wilmington; and Tiffini Mercado, Carson.)

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