

# Job Ready. Life Ready.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

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*"Because ALL students can be Career Ready."*

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### Experiential Learning in this Classroom Doubles Employment Outcomes and Eliminates Behavior Issues

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David teaches Oxnard High School's Class which includes those students at risk, students with special needs and students who are severely handicapped (SH). His hands-on learning emphasis empowers his students and is creating an inspirational model for transition success. [Read more](#)

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## No More Behavior Plans for These Engaged Students

***David's hand-on teaching method has become a model for his district.***

"We have a computerized program which is good but doesn't get the students out of their chairs."

"when you teach and modulate and get them on their feet, the behavior plans go away."



"I don't have any behavior plans - they come in with them, but they go away. Kids like to be up, not pushing a pencil and getting frustrated,"

"In my class they know they have a job task that relates to the real world and they go do it."

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## Exposure to Career Options: The Earlier the Better

***To prime his kids for future success, David organizes his classes in two year sequences.***

His 9th and 10th Graders are working with real tools to learn real skills to explore careers and intensively practice their skills in a safe and supported classroom environment. David calls this "Activated Learning". He has selected Project Discovery's hands-on career and life skills transition curriculum as a cornerstone because it offers a variety of careers for his students to try with real world tools.

According to David, "thirty minute lectures about a job bore my students to death. Without the hands-on experiences it becomes just a bunch of repetitive words to my students." David limits his lectures to 15 minutes of group discussion about the job - "15 minutes of power" -then he quickly "activates the class" with hands-on job skill practice.

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## David's 8 Tips for Developing Work and Life Ready Students



- Get students out of their seat and connect them to life skills.
- Work with real tools to learn real skills to explore a variety of careers.
- Intensively practice skills in a safe and supported classroom environment.
- Limit lectures to 15 minutes of group discussion about a particular job.
- Quickly activate a class with hands-on job skill practice.
- Make community connection for internship opportunities.
- if you get the students on their feet, the behavior plans go away.
- Have tools that are tested and aligned with required standards.

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### Win Over Your Students by Giving Them a Chance:

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### Unleashing Job Ready. Life Ready Possibilities! Congrats to our Spring 2017 Sweepstake Winners:

**Shana Guy ,Transition Specialist, Humble ISD. TX**

She selected the Animal Care kit which will allow her students to experience careers such as veterinarian, vet tech, pet groomer, and dog trainer.

**Michael Day, Counselor, Texas Workforce Solutions**

He selected the "Using Money" Life Skills course which will help teach his students financial literacy.

**Jennifer St. Jean, Special Education Teacher, Lexington 1, SC**

She chose the "Healthy Snacks" Life Skills course for her students. This will teach her students to learn calories and nutritional values to help them make healthier snack choices.

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