



January 2026

California Workforce Board Development Board Visit



Thursday, November 13th, at the Volt Institute in Stanislaus County, WE Will had the honor of supporting the morning session of a two-day regional visit. The session was highlighted by a special visit from Kaina Pereira, Director of the California Workforce Development Board. In attendance were key project partners from across the Northern San Joaquin Valley, representing the collaborative efforts both WE Will! and North Valley THRIVE partnerships recognized statewide for their strong, integrated approach to regional alignment.

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PROJECT PARTNERS SUCCESS STORIES

Expanded Learning with Anatamoge Tables



High school medical pathway students recently participated in the Stanford High School Medical Tour, an extraordinary educational experience that brought human anatomy to life. Prior to the visit, students received a foundational lesson on the history and ethics of dissection, preparing them for the immersive learning ahead. During the tour, students entered an active medical anatomy laboratory used by Stanford medical students, where they observed real human cadavers and examined preserved organs—including the heart, brain, lungs, liver, and kidneys. Although photography was not permitted due to the sensitive nature of the setting, the hands-on exposure provided an unforgettable and deeply impactful learning experience.

Students were highly engaged and expressed awe at the complexity and detail of the human body—an opportunity rarely available at the high school level. The respectful, academic environment fostered meaningful reflection and offered valuable insight into the realities of medical education and practice. Even students who initially felt apprehensive described the experience as transformative. The instructor strongly recommends this tour to other medical programs, citing it as one of the most impactful educational experiences they have offered their students.



2026 WORK BASED LEARNING IN ACTION



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Join educators, industry leaders, workforce partners, and community innovators for the second annual Work Based Learning in Action Summit. This year's event focuses on creating meaningful, equitable, and scalable work-based learning experiences that prepare students for a changing world of work.

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS:

- ✓ Apprenticeships that Transform Futures
- ✓ Internships with Purpose
- ✓ Student Centered Industry Engagement
- ✓ Partnerships that Power Possibilities

Keynote:

Rachael Mann



Rachael Mann is a keynote speaker and an authority on career and technical education and workforce development. She champions forward-thinking in artificial intelligence and the changing landscape of work. Rachael is the executive director of NCLA and a frequent keynote speaker at education and workforce development events on disruptive technology, education, and careers. She is the author of six books, including her latest title, *Pack Your Bags for an AI-Driven Future*. She has developed university courses on artificial intelligence in education for college faculty and K12 educators as well as three AI micro-credentials for NJIT.



Tuesday
February 3, 2026



Time
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



CSU Stanislaus Main Event Center
1 University Cir, Turlock, CA 95382

[Click Here to Register!](#)



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COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WORKSHOP

Morning Session 8:30-12:00pm

In this session we will focus on career exploration tools to develop a 6th-12th grade college and career plan. We will highlight the new/enhanced Career Exploration Tools

- College and Career Exploration
- Recommended Scope and Sequence
- College and Career Resources
- Educator Reports

Afternoon Session 1:00-3:30pm

This session focuses on leveraging the newly designed eligibility tools and new/enhanced educator reports to improve your A-G completion rate. We will dive into:

- Factors that determine A-G eligibility status
- Benchmarks by grade level
- Analyzing eligibility educator reports to strategically improve A-G completion



Audience (High School, Middle School, Elementary [6th grade]): CCGI Point of Contact, CMP Manager, District Implementation Team, Site Implementation Leads & Counselors.



February 24, 2026



8:30am - 3:30pm



501 W. Main St
Merced, CA 95340

California College
Guidance Initiative



February 13, 2026
will be last day to
register!

REGISTER NOW!

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THESE EVENTS!



WE WILL! WORK BASED LEARNING SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

[Registration Link](#)

CCGI COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

[Registration Link](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Monthly Expenditure Reports

As a reminder fiscal monthly expenditure reports are due monthly on the 15th day of each month. Reporting period is the month prior to the reporting month. Example: January 15th reporting will report expenditures for the month of December.



[Monthly Expenditure Report Excel Sheet](#)

Quarterly Narrative Reporting

All Projects will continue to submit quarterly narrative reports in our data tool.

This years narrative reports are due:

January 31, 2026
May 1, 2026
July 31, 2026

Reminders will be sent out to the lead contact.

A screenshot of the WE Will! login interface. It features the WE Will! logo with the tagline 'workforce + education'. Below the logo are two input fields: 'Email address' and 'Password'. A green 'Sign in' button is positioned below the password field.

Data Reports

Friendly reminder that your data reports are due:

February 1, 2026

Data Reports

Who is required to report?

Each WE Will! Educational Organization (1 report each)
Each WE Will! Sub Award Recipient

BE IN THE KNOW

WE Will! Calendar of Events

Be sure to reference our Calendar of Events linked below to find any upcoming WE Will events as well as those within the region.

Please share all the great stuff going on within the region! To get it placed on calendar please email Diana Hernandez
dianahernandez@ucmerced.edu

We look forward to sharing and being apart of your events!

[CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

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