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Emerging Professionals Take the Spotlight: Media Invited to Celebrate Intern Success at April 21st Open House

Corpus Christi, TX – Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend (WFSCB) and Education to Employment Partners (E2E) invite the media to a special **Emerging Professionals Internship Program (EPIP) Open House** on **Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the **Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina** (707 N. Shoreline Blvd). This engaging event will showcase the impact of the **Texas Internship Initiative (TII) Grant-funded program**, coming into its sixth year, and will spotlight local students who are actively building their careers with the support of Coastal Bend employers.

The EPIP Open House will feature stories of work experience and opportunity—media attendees will have access to interviews with participating interns, proud families, forward-thinking employers, and program leaders who are bringing education and the workforce together in meaningful ways.

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Monday, April 21, 2025
Media is Invited: 6:00 pm
Holiday Inn Corpus Christi Downtown Marina
707 N. Shoreline Blvd., TX 78401

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[Students: Pre-Register for the Emerging Professionals Internship Program \(EPIP\) Here!](#)

About the Emerging Professionals Internship Program (EPIP):

Since its launch in **2019**, EPIP has served **147 high school students in the Coastal Bend area**, equipping them with **essential skills training** and placing them in **paid internships** in high-demand industries. Interns have explored career pathways in **Accounting, Business/Management, Construction Management, Engineering, Healthcare, and Information Technology**, with internships ranging from **6 weeks to 8 months**.

This year alone, **32 students** are participating in internships with **12 local employers**, including **Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend, C2 Global, Law Office of John D. Garcia, Branscomb Law, City of Corpus Christi, and the Port of Corpus Christi**. These employers not only provide hands-on experience but serve as **mentors**, helping students envision their professional futures with clarity and purpose.

Through the TII Grant, students can receive up to **\$1,100** in incentive stipends for meeting key benchmarks in the program, in addition to earning **\$12 per hour** for part-time work.

Call to Action to the Coastal Bend

Education to Employment Partners is actively **recruiting employers and students** for the upcoming **2025–2026 cohort**, which will run from **September 2025 to April 2026**. Students graduating in **2026** are encouraged to apply, and employers across the Coastal Bend region are invited to invest in the next generation of professionals by hosting interns.

To learn more about how to get involved as an employer or student participant in EPIP, contact **Gavin Neill, E2E's Director of Programs and Initiatives** at (361) 906-0703 or email gneill@e2epartners.org.

Call to Action to the Media

Media representatives are encouraged to attend and cover this inspiring event, amplifying the voices of our region's emerging professionals.

****The Emerging Professionals Internship Program is a collaborative initiative between Workforce Solutions Coastal Bend and Education to Employment Partners, funded by the Texas Internship Initiative Grant. EPIP empowers high school students to explore career pathways through paid internships, mentorship, and essential skills training—creating a strong talent pipeline for the Coastal Bend region.**

At Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend, we invest in the regional economic success through access to jobs, training and employer services. Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend is one of 28 local workforce boards located throughout the State of Texas. The board services Nueces, San Patricio, Kleberg, Aransas, Kenedy, Bee, Refugio, Live Oak, Brooks, Duval, and Jim Wells counties.