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34th Annual Orange County Career Forum
April 13, 2018
Orange Coast College
Costa Mesa, California

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Keynote Speaker
Steven Kim

Steven Kim is the Co-Founder of Project Kinship where he serves individuals impacted by gangs and incarceration, with the aim to successfully re-integrate them back into the workforce, schools and community. His dedication to breaking cycles of incarceration, gang membership and community violence stems from over 15 years of working with traumatized and abandoned youth throughout Orange County.

Steven is highly regarded for his human rights work in the field of forensic social work where he led multi-disciplinary teams to identify early childhood traumas on high-profile-death penalty cases. He is sought out for his expertise on understanding root causes of violence and has facilitated trainings on the state and federal levels of the criminal justice system. He is currently an adjunct professor with the University of Southern California in the School of Social Work. Steven holds a Master degree in Social Work from USC.

Steven's combination of life experience and unending heart for the abandoned and disenfranchised continues to be the driving force in standing together in the margins of inequality among gang and formerly incarcerated populations to create a hope for a future.
Tips for Finding a Job:
What Employers Want

Your GPA along with other achievements are only part of the picture. When it comes to hiring, here’s what every employer is looking for:

- A smile and a sincere, friendly attitude
- Humility (takes direction without attitude or back-talk, no big ego)
- Easy to work with (doesn’t show frustration/stress, works well in a team)
- Trustworthy (you attend to your job duties, treat customers with respect, etc.)
- Honest (no fear that you will steal, cheat the time-clock, etc.)
- Responsible and reliable (you show up on time, flag problems, no improper conduct, etc.)
- Interest in the job/company (employers want people who are excited to work for them)

When you interview for a job, your style of dress/grooming, body language, and tone of voice all convey a lot about who you are. No one wants to hire a person who they fear will be lazy, difficult to work with, disparage the company, or be unprofessional. Employers want people with strong work ethics and positive attitudes. Show them that it would be a pleasure to work with you!

April 13, 2018
Orange Coast College
Costa Mesa, California

Conference Schedule

Registration 8:45 am - 9:30 am
Keynote 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Session 1 10:35 am - 11:25 am
Session 2 11:40 am - 12:30 pm
Lunch 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Students must complete and return the enclosed evaluation form to receive lunch.

Mission Statement
CRF-OC is a non-profit, non-partisan education organization dedicated to empowering Orange County youth to be active, responsible citizens by providing high-quality, interactive civic and law-related education programs that connect teens directly with volunteer professionals and civic leaders.
MBCC (Building #74 on Map)

**Workshop 1: Computer Engineering and Coding – MBCC Room 124**

Interested in computer programming? Hear about potential opportunities in the high-pay and in-demand fields of computer coding and engineering.

*Presented By: Richard Woo, Founder of CodeTech*

**Workshop 2: Careers in IT – MBCC Room 202**

Do you enjoy working with computers and other technological devices? Hear from a professional who has held several positions within the IT field for a variety of companies—from General Motors, Toyota, US Veteran Affairs, Wireless Infrastructure companies and now QSC, Sonny Uhm has done it all!

*Presented By: Sonny Uhm, QSC Audio Products LLC*

**Workshop 3: So You Want to Be a Therapist? – MBCC Room 203**

Therapists help individuals, children and families overcome life’s challenges and improve the quality of their personal lives and relationships. This workshop will provide an overview of how to become a therapist and how to decide if this is the right career for you.

*Presented By: Brenna Kress, MS Clinical Psychology, MFTi*

**Workshop 4: Be a Teacher – Change the World! – MBCC Room 205**

If you want to make a difference, consider becoming a teacher. Find out what it takes to be an educator and how you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people.

*Presented By: Joe Bahash, Orange County Department of Education, Alternative Education*

**Workshop 5: From Initial Concept to the Street: Automotive Product Planning – MBCC Room 206**

How does a car get developed? Most people think it starts with design and engineering. In reality, before the designers and engineers start to work on a car, the Product Planning Group develops the initial concept. Hear from an expert who has worked over thirteen years in Hyundai’s product development, market launches and lifecycle management.

*Presented By: Brandon Ramirez, Senior Group Manager, Product Public Relations for Hyundai Motor America*

**Workshop 6: Careers in the Operating Room – MBCC Room 208**

There are many career opportunities in the operating room - from surgeon to surgical tech. Hear from a surgeon about the different jobs available in the exciting field of medicine.

*Presented By: Dr. Cam Wallace, MD*

**Workshop 7: Nursing & Emergency Medicine – MBCC Room 209**

Interested in the healthcare profession and emergency medicine? Hear from two Registered Nurses at Hoag Hospital about what it takes to work in this exciting and rewarding profession. Matt Zebrowski is a former Hoag Hospital EMT and currently a nurse at Hoag Hospital. Debbie Eremita is a Charge Nurse managing the ER nursing staff.

*Presented By: Matt Zebrowski, RN, & Debbie Eremita, RN, Hoag Hospital*

Sosci (Building #80 on Map)

**Workshop 19: Work at Disneyland! – Sosci Room 109**

Ever wonder what it would be like to work at Disneyland? Explore the various job opportunities available at the “Happiest Place on Earth!”

*Presented By: Sonia Nishi, Senior Recruiter, Casting Services at Disneyland Resort & Alejandro Muniz, Casting Services at Disneyland Resort*

**Workshop 20: The Acting Profession – Sosci Room 112**

Hear from an actor with experience in television, film and theatre on how to be a true, acting professional. Richard Soto is an actor, teacher, artist and writer with a long history in the entertainment industry. He has performed at the San Diego Repertory, The Old Globe, and the South Coast Repertory. Some of Richard’s film and television credits include Believers, Firebirds, The West Wing, Third Degree Burn, General Hospital and Days of Our Lives.

*Presented By: Richard Soto, Professional Actor*

RC (Near Building #121 on Map)

**Workshop 21: Careers in Sustainability/Environmental Protection – RC Room 101**

Interested in the environment and protecting our natural resources for future generations? Hear from an expert about the various career opportunities in this important field.

*Presented By: Mike Carey, Sustainability Coordinator, Orange Coast College*

Captain’s Table (Near Student Center)

**Workshop 22: Be a Chef! – Captain’s Table**

Are you interested in becoming a chef? Hear from Chef Bill Barber, a certified Executive Chef by the American Culinary Federation, to see if you have the chops for this exciting profession! Chef Barber is currently the head of OCC’s award-winning Culinary Arts program. Chef Barber has also led both international and national teams in food competitions, including the International Culinary Olympics in Berlin, Germany, where as captain, his team won an international silver medal and an individual bronze metal.

*Presented By: Chef Bill Barber, CEC, Program Coordinator - Culinary Arts, Orange Coast College*
Presented By: Dr. Andrew Rogen, DVM, Ophthalmology Resident, Eye Care for Animals

Workshop 13: Cosmetology – MBCC Room 309
Interested in hair and beauty? Hear from professionals in the industry about what it takes to become a stylist, build your clientele, and how to start your own business.

Lit & Lang (Building #70 on Map)

Workshop 14: Be a Firefighter! – Lit & Lang Room 215
Are you interested in becoming a firefighter? Learn more about what it takes to make it in this challenging career! Kane Johnson has thirteen years of experience as a firefighter and was recognized as the 2016 Huntington Beach Firefighter of the Year.

Presented By: Kane Johnson, Firefighter/Paramedic, Huntington Beach Fire Department

Workshop 15: Careers in Law Enforcement – Lit & Lang Room 219
Police officers protect and serve the public and society cannot function without them. What does it take to make it in this field? Hear from one of Orange County’s finest about the people who put their lives on the line to protect the communities they serve.

Presented By: Sgt. Bang Le, Training & Recruitment, City of Costa Mesa Police Department

Workshop 16: Skills to the Pay the Bills – Lit & Lang Room 221
You may have the skills on the job description, but are you really employable? Even if you have the right qualifications for the job, you may not have the skills that employers value the most. It isn’t just about getting a job – you have to have the right set of skills to keep the job. Learn the skills that employers across Orange County and beyond want!

Presented By: North Orange County Regional Consortium for Adult Education

Workshop 17: Careers in Marketing & Advertising – Lit & Lang 245
Learn about the exciting and fast-paced world of marketing and advertising from two professionals at Taco Bell. This workshop will discuss the strategies used by Taco Bell to promote their brand and how they use technology and social media to connect with their target audience.

Presented By: David Garcia, Senior Marketing Manager, Taco Bell Corporation, & Jennifer Levin, Senior Associate Manager - Retail Experience, Taco Bell Corporation

Workshop 18: Careers in Veterinary Medicine – Sosci Room 105
Do you love animals? Interested in becoming a vet or working in a veterinary office? Hear from a veterinarian about what it takes to work in this rewarding field.

Presented By: Dr. Andrew Rogen, DVM, Ophthalmology Resident, Eye Care for Animals

MBCC (Building #74 on Map)

Workshop 8: Freeze, FBI! - MBCC Room 302
This is a rare opportunity to hear from one of the FBI’s finest agents on working everything from cyber-crimes to undercover. How does one become an FBI agent? What are the necessary academic and personal qualifications? What are the dangers?

Presented By: Special Agent David Staab, F.B.I.

Workshop 9: Doing Business for Good – MBCC Room 304
Many people donate items to Goodwill but do you know what happens to your stuff once you drop it off? Have you ever wondered what the Goodwill does with the revenue generated from selling your goods? The Goodwill of Orange County has created a business model that utilizes e-commerce, boutiques and stores to turn donated goods into multimillion-dollar profits that help veterans, persons with disabilities and others with barriers to employment obtain training and jobs. This workshop has something for everyone – whether you are interested in non-profits, retail or e-commerce! Attend this workshop and learn about a successful social enterprise in Orange County.

Presented By: Frank Talarico, Jr., President & CEO, Goodwill of Orange County, & Eric Smissen, Goodwill of Orange County

Workshop 10: Careers in Animation – MBCC Room 306
Do you love drawing and telling stories through art? Hear from two animators who work in the entertainment industry about the exciting career opportunities in this field. John Aoshima is known for his work on American Dad, The Simpsons, Gravity Falls, Kubo and the Two Strings, and the new Disney reboot, DuckTales. Sean Jimenez is known for his work on Gravity Falls, Adventure Time, Yo Gabba Gabba, The Iron Giant, Mulan, Hercules, Hunchback of Notre Dame, and Pocahontas.

Presented By: John Aoshima, Story Supervisor at Sony Pictures Animation & Sean Jimenez, Director of DuckTales at Disney Television Animation

Workshop 11: Government & Public Policy – MBCC 307
From a U.S. Senate campaign, to the CIA, to law school, to the White House, to founding a cybersecurity institute – Bryan Cunningham’s career has taken many turns. Hear him share his personal story of charting a career course with no real plan, but, rather, trying to make the “right” choice at each decision point. Bryan Cunningham was Deputy Legal Adviser to former National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and served six years in the Clinton Administration as a senior CIA officer and federal prosecutor. He is currently a partner at Cunningham Levy Muse LLP and the Executive Director of UCI’s Cybersecurity Policy & Research Institute.

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