

# SMUD News Release

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## SMUD earns Best Employer Partner Award

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District has been awarded the Best Employer Partner Award for its internship program with Luther Burbank High School.

Presented by Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED), the award acknowledges the utility's long-term educational partnership with the local high school. Each summer SMUD hires 25 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for a paid internship opportunity – giving students exposure to a professional office environment, work assignments, and interactions with adults as co-workers. Additionally, SMUD hosts an annual Speaker Day and a Career Day at the high school. These events introduce students to potential careers at SMUD, helps them to understand the relationship between education and career success, and exposes them to the energy industry and related topics.

SMUD has a comprehensive education partnership program that supports education and career exploration by offering teacher workshops, curriculum development, review and support, as well as high school and college internships.

LEED is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to lead the Sacramento region in developing partnerships among business, labor, education, community and government in order to strengthen workforce development, ensure economic prosperity, and enhance the academic achievement of students. LEED's role is to work with employers and educators to align our region's educational resources to meet current and future workforce needs.

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