

**EXP TO HOST FIRST IN-PERSON EVENT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF COVID:  
2022 GPS YOUR FUTURE AT CSU DOMINGUEZ HILLS**



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**CSU Dominguez Hills, California (Friday, Sept. 30, 2022)** -- [EXP – the opportunity engine](#) is a Southern California 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that believes every student should have equal access to education, experiences and career opportunities that will help them reach their full potential. EXP is hosting its first in-person event after two years of virtual experiences—[2022 GPS Your Future®](#)—on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, at CSU Dominguez Hills from 9 am until 2:30 pm. They are expecting 550 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from 11 EXP-supported high schools, including Phineas Banning, Carson, San Pedro, Gardena, and Barstow High Schools to attend this annual career-discovery event, which will be COVID-compliant.

To get an idea of what this year's GPS Your Future will be like, you can [watch the video](#) about the event from the last time it was held in person (2019). Through programs like GPS Your Future, Women in STEM Career Day, Young Fellows Program for boys of color, to name a few, EXP builds resilient and confident high school students and graduates and connects young people with real-world experience and career possibilities.

Come learn how EXP prepares students for a better life through this dynamic career discovery event where students explore their own futures through a series of activities from a keynote speaker, career journey breakout panels, and exhibit hall where local and international organizations and industry leaders bring awareness to high schoolers about the multitude of career opportunities available to them.

“When I walk around the GPS expo hall and talk to industry exhibitors, the comments I hear over and over again are some variation of “I wish I had something like this when I was in high school!” And it’s true. Most of us adults didn’t have any exposure to any career or industry other than what those in our family did or what we saw on TV. We definitely didn’t know HOW you

could get to that job! Where do we start? Do we need college? Nothing we were learning in school gave us a clear direction.” shares **Amy Grat, CEO, EXP**.

“EXP created GPS Your Future® in 2010 to connect the dots between the classroom and a future career. Like the navigation system in our cars, GPS Your Future shows students that there are multiple paths they can choose to reach their career and life goals. Our career panelists and exhibitors provide helpful guidance on how to avoid potholes and find the fast lane. Students can explore options and ask industry professionals these questions in a low-risk environment, surrounded by people who are excited about sharing their careers and industries.

We are thrilled to see this program grow over the years, from a handful of exhibitors and students to over 500 students and 100 volunteers expected this year. Every student deserves a personal GPS for their future, and we are working hard to make that a reality for the students we serve.”

**David A. Gamboa, Interim Chief of Staff, Office of the President, California State University, Dominguez Hills** adds, “CSU Dominguez Hills is looking forward to once again having students from EXP on our campus for GPS Your Future. Our university educates the future leaders of the region. This annual career discovery event enables these future leaders to explore those opportunities.”

GPS Your Future is made possible by supporters like Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Port of Los Angeles, and CSU Dominguez Hills.

### **About EXP:**

[EXP](#) is a Southern California 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that believes every student should have equal access to education, experiences and career opportunities that will help them reach their full potential. By bringing industry and schools together to build tomorrow’s workforce and provide career opportunities to students from underserved communities in Southern California, EXP’s vision is to prepare students for a better life through its programs that help young people gain experience, unlock doors and build confidence they need to succeed in school, work, and life.

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