|  |
| --- |
| **MINI SYMPOSIUM 2022** |
| STEM, Health, and Fitness:  From Education to Employment |

March 18, 2022

On Friday, March 18th, 2022, the Life Science Department at Los Angeles

Mission College held its 2n annual STEM, Health, and Fitness: From

Education to Employment Mini Symposium. The event aims to educate

and offer information in STEM and Health, and various careers within

these fields. Over 200 high school and college students, and community

members attended the event. The event offered all attendees the

Opportunity to hear the experience and journeys of several Dedicated

speakers working in multiple fields such as Nursing, Biotechnology,

Biochemistry, and Athletics.

Among the speakers was former LAMC graduate Odet Alfaro, who earned

her AS in Biotechnology. She was able to speak on the impact the program

had on her and her current position as a Biomanufacturing associate at

Grifols Biological. Taryn Fowlds, a Clinical Nurse at Ronald Reagan UCLA

Medical Center, shared her experience as an LAMC student and crediting

her mentorship at LAMC for helping her prepare for a career as an RN.

Jesus Iniguez, one of LAMC’s own professors and also an LAMC

graduate, spoke eagerly about the opportunities available to students that

wish to pursue a career in Biochemistry. He shared his experience of

his pursuit to earning a PhD, and his journey as an LAMC student.

Tresha San-Martin, an Athletic Trainer, at LAMC, spoke to the attendees

about her journey as a trainer, and as a kinesiology professor at LAMC.

Lastly, Mario Solaris, an operating manager at Pharmavite, motivated

attendees about the duties he performed in the field of pharmaceutical

and nutraceutical industries.

Towards the end, attendees had the opportunity to visit several event

tables for networking possibilities, and speak to several LAMC

support programs. They were also able to have one on one interactions

with the speakers, and address any additional questions they may have.

Many of the attendees looked excited and eager about their careers of

interest and motivated to continue their education. The post-event survey

results showed that the attendees benefited greatly. In response to

“What elements of the STEM, Health, Fitness: Mini Symposium

were most valuable to your learning?” most attendees responded

that they enjoyed how the speakers spoke about their daily lives as

professionals. They also mentioned how they enjoyed the conversation

they had with the speakers and would like to connect further.

Overall, the event was able to offer guidance, opportunity, motivation,

and insight to what fields like STEM and Health have to offer.

