



A Message from Vital Link

Under the bright July sun, we express immense gratitude to our incredible partners who have unwaveringly championed our cause, making our mission possible. Your steadfast support sustains us as the pillars of strength. Exciting new partnerships on the horizon promise to expand our reach, amplify our impact, and empower positive change, especially among our youth. Together with our dedicated community, we will continue to progress, seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges to create a brighter future. Thank you for being part of our non-profit family, as we journey towards compassion, empowerment, and transformation, leaving an extraordinary impact that empowers our youth and transcends borders and generations.

Event Highlights

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2023 Solar Energy Academy

From June 26th to 30th, our Solar Energy Academy provided 7th and 8th-grade middle school students an engaging experience in the world of solar energy. Through a "learn by doing" approach, they formed teams and created their own solar businesses, presenting innovative residential solar projects to industry professionals. This hands-on learning enabled them to explore various career opportunities in renewable energy. We're grateful for the support in inspiring the next generation of renewable energy leaders, fostering a brighter, sustainable future.

A collage of photos from the 2023 Solar Energy Academy. The main image shows a large group of students sitting on a wooden bench outdoors, many holding up certificates or awards. There are three circular inset photos: one showing students working on a project at a table, another showing a student presenting a project, and a third showing students in a classroom setting. Logos for 'CTE' and 'Edwards' are visible in the bottom right corner of the collage.

[Learn More About Solar Energy!](#)

Summer Academy Culmination Breakfast

We're excited to share the heartwarming success of our recent Summer Academy Culmination Breakfast at Urban Workshop in Costa Mesa on June 21st, 2023. The event celebrated hardworking students, now esteemed Vital Link alumni, who passionately shared their experiences and growth. Your dedicated role in shaping these young minds and empowering them is truly invaluable. Together, we'll continue fostering education, growth, and empowerment, making a lasting impact on our students and community.



[Learn More About Vital Link's Summer Academies](#)

Upcoming Events

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Vital Link is excited to announce the Annual Student Leadership Summit, a transformative conference for students in grades 9-12. Join us as a passionate volunteer to empower the next generation of leaders. This event is meticulously designed to provide valuable opportunities for career exploration and the development of essential skills. Together, let's make a real difference at the Student Leadership Summit. Email Dolores at Dolores@vitallink.org for more information.



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Culinary Competition

Students will showcase their culinary craft and skills as they compete in this "Mystery Basket Challenge" style cooking competition! Eight teams, each consisting of two to five students, will participate, and their dishes will be judged by professionals in the culinary arts. Let's get cookin'!



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AN EVENING CELEBRATING SCIENCE, INNOVATION, AND EXPANDED CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE LIFE SCIENCE SECTOR.

ROCK the Science 2023

TAKE AN EVENING TO MEET OTHER INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS AND MENTOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS INTERESTED IN LIFE SCIENCE CAREERS.

Thursday, August 3 · 4 - 7:30pm



[Click Here to Register](#)



Regional Advisory Boards

We are excited to announce that our Advisory Boards are in-person again!

Industry, College & K12 professionals connect and discuss the latest trends and skills in demands within sector pathways!

Email: Cheri at cheri@vitalink.org for dates and times



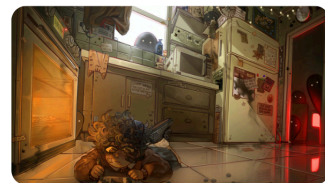

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Sponsor Highlights

Competition Judges Needed!

Our competition season has officially started and we are in need of professional industry judges to help us pick winners! There are 2 competitions that require the opinions and critiques of professionals like yourself. Our Culinary Competition is in need of Culinary professionals in the industry. Our Digital Media Arts Competition is in need of professionals in industries such as Animation, Graphic Design, Film, Web Design, and Photography. If you are interested in molding the creative minds of our future workforce, then we welcome you to register to be judge!

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MANUFACTURING MONTH

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Manufacturing Month is here! We've already had fascinating tours at **Johnson & Johnson** and **Reborn Cabinets**, giving students an inside look at manufacturing. These tours connect students with industry professionals, helping them explore potential careers. Next up: tours at Santa Ana College, Saddleback College, and Cambro Manufacturing!



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Quote of the Month

"EDUCATION MUST NOT SIMPLY TEACH WORK, IT MUST TEACH LIFE."

-W.E.B DU BOIS



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