



ADVANCE PROGRAM CLASSES

- ? Launched our first classes ever at Apple (Brilliant General Maintenance) in Northern California. This winter we have restarted classes at Google, Genentech, Bishop Ranch, Novartis and other key sites.
- ? Four work sites in Los Angeles have graduated from the work site Advance program this quarter. Included in these classes were two Douglass Emmet buildings (Warner Center and Sherman Oaks Galleria), Wells Fargo (Maguire Properties) and Watt Plaza (Watt Management). The Warner Center site was the first class experience for Peerless Building Maintenance
- ? Watt Plaza Management Highlighted the BSP-Advance program in their Tenant Newsletter.
- ? Current Advance classes in Los Angeles include: City Nation, Century Plaza Towers, 10100 Santa Monica, Kilroy Airport Center (Long Beach). We will be launching a new class at MGM towers on May 5, 2009
- ? We've met with employers in San Diego and we are looking at a pilot class with a joint effort between Paragon Building Maintenance and ABM.



March 25, 2009: Joint graduation for Janitors from Warner Center and Sherman Oaks Galleria cleaned by Peerless Building Maintenance and ABM, respectively.



Watt Plaza Janitors work in small groups and help each other with the assignment

SEIU Local 1877 Union Hall Classes

- ? The Spring 2009 ESL and computer courses at the Los Angeles SEIU Local 1877 union halls began in January with an enrollment of 45 students.
- ? Computer classes restart again in Oakland late April. Computer and English classes will restart in the San Jose Union office in mid-April.
- ? Low –wage workers receive Free Tax preparation through the VITA program provided by California State Controller, John Chiang,



- ? 17 Students are currently enrolled in the Saturday Citizenship Class.



Marcia Gomez, an ABM janitor at Wells Fargo, recently became a Citizen and credits BSP's Advance and Citizenship program for helping her pass her Citizenship interview.

PARENT EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITY WORKSHOPS

- ? 25 students and some parents attended the 20th annual Latino/a Youth Conference at Santa Monica College. Over 600 students throughout Los Angeles attended this conference that included a career fair, college fair and workshop motivating and informing students about college.
- ? We will have 4 UCLA student interns working with us this Spring. The students will survey members and help prepare the Parent University workshops for summer 2009.
- ? \$2,850 was raised for BSP's first Scholarship Season. Scholarship applications will go out April 23rd



Parents and students at the SMC Latino/a Youth Conference

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In Northern California, we have been piloting health and safety curriculum through partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Street Level Health Project at some of these sites- as funded by our California Wellness Foundation grant. Kaiser sends bilingual Doctor Ambassadors out to worksites to present on diabetes prevention and other preventative health topics of particular concern for Latinos- also janitors can ask Q&A directly of doctors.