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# Paramount Unified Christens New Cosmetology Program During Ceremony

**Paramount, CA** – Paramount Unified launched a cosmetology program on Oct. 11 at Paramount Adult School attended by Board of Trustees members, community leaders and Compton College representatives.

The adult school will launch the program in spring 2019, partnering with Compton College to offer students a path to career success.

"This is a wonderful partnership that will provide our students with experience to help them achieve success in the real world," Paramount Adult School Principal Yvonne Rodriguez told guests. "With this program we're better preparing students to face challenges long after they leave the District."

As a part of the District's career technical education (CTE) pathways program, students will learn hair-cutting, manicuring, pedicuring and related services. Paramount Adult School will offer first-year courses that allow students to receive college credit toward Compton's program and ultimately become licensed cosmetologists.

At the completion of courses at the Adult School, students will have earned 640 of the 1,600 hours required for state licensing.

"Practicing cosmetology can have a positive impact that can boost self-esteem and lead to a path of entrepreneurship," PUSD Superintendent Ruth Pérez said. "We're excited to be adding this valuable program to our District."

Expanding the CTE pathways program has special meaning for Paramount Unified. Board of Education members Alicia Anderson and Linda Garcia each have a background in cosmetology, and credit their experiences to helping them reach their goals.

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"We are proud of the improvements we have made to our adult school, which we feel will better equip our students to reach their full potential," Paramount Unified Board President Vivian Hansen said. "I want to sincerely thank Compton College, as well as all of the staff members who have worked so hard to enhance our learning environment."

### **PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

**101718\_PARAMOUNT\_COSMETOLOGY1:** Paramount Adult School is partnering with Compton College to launch a cosmetology program in spring 2019.

**101718\_PARAMOUNT\_COSMETOLOGY2:** Paramount Unified students will learn hair-cutting, manicuring, pedicuring and related services through the District's new cosmetology program.

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