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CAL POLY POMONA PROVIDES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A HANDS ON LOOK AT COMPUTER CAREERS

POMONA, Calif. — Computer majors fresh out of college can expect to be some of the most sought after and well compensated candidates in the job market but somehow high school and community college students aren't getting the message.

The Computer Information Systems (CIS) Department at Cal Poly Pomona will do its part to promote computing careers on Friday, Nov. 16, when Diamond Bar High School students will visit the university campus.

The teens will work on a hands-on computer forensics exercise that will have them nabbing a drug dealer by finding digital clues on the criminal's computer. The students also will hear from professors and current students on the value of a computer-related major.

Although high-tech workers took a hit in the late 1990s, the industry has rebounded. Last year alone, the U.S. technology industry added 150,000 jobs, according to an American Electronics Association report. Also, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that five of the fastest growing jobs will be in the high technology between 2004 and 2014.

Still, the number of college students nationwide who are seeking a computing major has not reached the levels of the dot com boom.

The CIS Department is the oldest business-oriented programs in the country among 4-year universities. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security named Cal Poly Pomona a National Center of Excellence in Information Assurance Education. Only four institutions in the state have received this honor.

The outreach event will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the CLA Building, C4-025.

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