

Committee: EDUCATION COMMITTEE      Chair: Beau Blanchard      Past Chair: Robert Friedman



Vision

*What are our long-term objectives for this Committee? (2-3 years)*

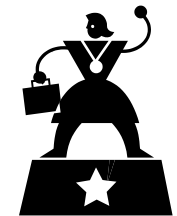
- Act as a catalyst for existing MCOE, College of Marin & Dominican University career-related and pathways programs by facilitating healthy student internship experiences in Marin County.
- Provide support for the education community that will ensure students attending Marin County Schools and Colleges are prepared and productive participants in a complex, changing, technology-driven society.



Mission

*Why does this committee or task force exist?*

To identify, promote, and support common educational goals by fostering understanding, cooperation, and collaboration between the business and education communities.



Champions

*Who are the Board Champions (Board Members Leading the Committee)?*

Jaime Ortiz serves as the Vice Chair of the Sustainability Division, which includes the functions of the Education Committee. Committee Chair Beau Blanchard is on the Chamber Board.



Objectives

*What are the specific measures of success for this committee? (Limit to one line or sentence)*

- Committee recognizes outstanding educators throughout the year
- Committee hosts the annual “New Teacher Welcome” Mixer in October and the “Excellence in Education” Award Ceremony at the May mixer
- Committee facilitates successful internships with Marin County businesses for high school and college students from COM & Dominican U. via the Internship Connection
- Committee participates in and supports the Bite of Reality financial literacy program for San Rafael City School District and Dixie students.



Strategies

*How are we going to sustain this focus area over time? (Limit to one line or sentence)*

- Maintain an equal balance of educators and business representatives on the committee
- Focus on facilitating involvement by all Chamber educational institution members
- Gain commitment from Chamber business members to financially support the efforts of the committee
- Partner with local businesses and MCOE, COM & Dominican to facilitate dialog and action with respect to helping provide enriching student internship experiences.



Plans

*What is the work to be done? List activity, who will be responsible, when will it happen, and what is the budget impact. (Limit to one line or sentence)*

- Create Education committee sub-committees to plan and execute events
- Work closely with the chamber and committee liaison to facilitate events
- Promote the Chamber and membership benefits whenever possible
- Achieve positive visibility in the community and at the Chamber
- Gain commitment from committee members to participate and contribute