HERITAGE SPANISH CAREER FLUENCY PROGRAM
BUSINESS PARTNER RECOGNITION

We are thrilled to continue our Business Partner program, which recognizes businesses and organizations for their support in building futures for our students and helping to accomplish our mission and vision. We know these collaborations are vital to ensure our students are successful, and we truly value and appreciate these partnerships.

We are committed to providing multiple and flexible pathways for students to ensure they are college and career ready. We continue to work with colleges/universities, organizations and local businesses to enhance these options and meet our students' diverse and individual needs. We know these pathways are critical to help with the labor shortage and to connect students to hands-on, immersive experiences, as well as certifications, credentials and scholarships. One of our top priorities is to remove barriers for all students to help them access employment and build positive futures. The focus is to connect them with viable short-term and long-term career options and work-based learning that can provide a supported pathway through their college pursuits.

Tonight, we are pleased to recognize five businesses and organizations that assist us in this work and are true examples of Business Partners. The Village of Addison, the Addison Park District, the Addison Public Library, SWD Inc. and College of DuPage are part of our Heritage Spanish Career Fluency program, which helps students develop their skills in professional settings and introduces them to various career paths, while enhancing their biliteracy.

This is accomplished through a job-shadow component, where students visit the locations mentioned once a week during second semester of the school year. The students rotate through the worksites, so the companies welcome a new group about every three weeks. The goal of this course is to encourage students to use their Spanish as much as possible, so they can learn about different fields and how to use their Spanish professionally to give them a competitive edge.

We know embracing our students' biliteracy as an asset will help prepare them for success in their future endeavors. The Heritage Spanish Career Fluency program wouldn't be possible without the five groups here tonight, who understand and appreciate the need for this important work. As you can see, they are tremendous Business Partners, and we truly thank them for all they do for our students, families and the community. We are always looking to develop more partnerships, and those who are interested can find information at www.dupage88.net/BusinessPartnerships.