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The revitalization of the Dos Calles Bike Shop at the Burleson School for Innovation and Education will be a collaborative effort between the ISCP, the Burleson school staff, local bike shops, and Ghisallo Cycling Initiative. The project goal is to provide consistent cycling guidance and education and to develop Dos Calles into a fully functional bike



shop and educational resource center for the West Side of San Antonio by 2026. The shop will also operate as a hands-on opportunity for students to learn bicycle mechanics as a trade. Phase I of the project begins in February 2024 with the reorganization of the shop site and aims to be completed by May 2024. The Bike Shop should relaunch in time for the 2024-2025 school year.

Paid Internships for Burleson Students

The Skills Training to Employment Project (STEP) is a collaboration between several organizations including Toyotetsu, the Texas Workforce Commission, the ISCP, and Edgewood ISD. STEP is a 12-week paid automotive manufacturing internships which provides students with the opportunity to learn valuable job skills as



they rotate between three departments within the Toyotetsu company. Students who successfully complete the internship may be offered full-time employment. The first cohort of interns from the Burleson school should begin in March 2024.



Project SEARCH at Baptist Medical Center

Project SEARCH and the ISCP have partnered with Baptist Medical Center to host students from Burleson for a full-year internship in the medical field. Project SEARCH host businesses provide access to an on-site training room that can accommodate up to eight interns per year. Through a series of three targeted unpaid internships, students acquire competitive,



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marketable, and transferable skills to enable them to apply for a related position in the hospital. Interns build skills in communication, teamwork, and problem-solving which are all skills that are important to their overall development as an entry level worker. Students complete the internship by focusing on refining skills, achieving career goals and fine-tune individualized job development.

WISE Receives Toyota Foundation Funding



The Winston Intermediate School of Excellence (WISE) received a gift of \$17,795 from the Toyota Foundation to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

programming. The funds will provide hands-on, experiential learning activities for students. Additionally, the funds will support a field trip to NASA in Houston. The award was presented to the school on January 19th by representatives from the Toyota Foundation.

