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## **Jr. High Students Complete Intensive Summer Job Skills Training Program**

Crystal Ramirez Garcia, Program Director of Los Mesteños Career Academy (LMCA) announced the successful completion of an intensive summer training program by 13 area junior high students, presenting each a \$50 cash award for perfect attendance during the two-week program. She gave special recognition to Brooks County Independent School District (BCISD) for providing the students daily transportation to the Craft Training Center in Corpus Christi where the classes were held. During the training sessions, students got hands-on experience with welding, electrical, scaffolding, and other trades.

Ms. Ramirez said, "This is the fifth year we have offered this program with BCISD's help and we are very proud of our kids' participation and their parents who motivated them. While other junior high students all over the country are sleeping in during the summer, these young leaders of tomorrow were on the bus and ready to go to work at 7 30 a.m. every morning". "One of the instructors even told me that our kids were heads and shoulders above most of their other students in behavior and dedication", she added.