

**LeBlanc delivers Commencement Speech at  
Young Community Developers  
Job Readiness Training Program Graduation**



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Good Afternoon and Congratulations to Young Community Developers Job Readiness Class of 2011.

To the proud families, friends and San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Office of Economic and Workforce Development and Lennar who are partners.

**Today**, we are not here by accident. The eight week training workshop utilizes a work redness curriculum, equipped for the future has been successful. As you complete this journey of hard work and dedication it is important to apply the tools that you have learned for your next step of success.

**Today**, this is your opportunity to make a positive difference in your neighborhood, in the economy with the jobs you will have and in the lives of your family and friends. This is only the beginning to the path of great achievements. This spells success. But know there is so much more to follow.

**You are**, ideally placed to learn more and put the knowledge and skills to amazing use. Amongst you will be outstanding people of all professions, vocations, employment and amazing entrepreneurs.

**I believe you** will have a happier, more successful, fulfilled life if you follow your passion and stick to your plan. You must stay focus and side step distractions. Keep your eye on the prize and do not fall for instant gratification. Fulfill your dreams by hard and honest work.

In closing, I urge you not to stop now. Build on your success. Keep feeding on that magical taste of success. You have just begun on a journey of lifelong learning that will be the engine room of your success.

**Find your passion and get to it.**

I would like to congratulate Shamman Walton, Executive Director and the staff of Young Community Developers for all of the hard work they continue to do with the youth and residents in District 10. People are benefiting, don't get discouraged.

This speech was given by Brigette R. LeBlanc, MTA President of LeBlanc and Associates on May 27, 2011 at UCSF Mission Bay Campus.