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### **Nine students of “Starting Your Own Business” Paso Robles Spanish Class will graduate on November 13**

Nine Spanish speaking individuals have successfully completed Mission Community Services’ “Starting Your Own Business” class and will celebrate graduation Saturday morning at the Mission Business Information Center in San Luis Obispo. The class was presented in Spanish. The graduation is sponsored by Farmer’s Insurance in San Luis Obispo with a \$100 donation.

These nine individuals will be starting new businesses or in some cases, improving or expanding their existing businesses in automobile repair, concrete construction, landscaping, restaurants and retail. These businesses in turn will contribute to the economic vitality of their community; including creating or retaining much needed jobs.

San Luis Obispo County Community Development Block Grant funded this class and the Service Corps. of Retired Executives provided a Spanish translation of their book “Starting A Business In San Luis Obispo County” to each student. Copies of this book are available to anyone for \$12 at the Mission Business Information Center.

Instructor Ross Griego led this 10 week class providing practical support and guidance from a wealth of experience in working with Latino and Hispanic entrepreneurs in the central coast and valley regions of California. Topics included in the class were writing a business plan, time management, business licenses and permits, personnel, operations, financials, loans, marketing and leadership. Mission Community Services, the Mission Business Information Center, Cuesta College Small Business Development Center, and the Service Corps. of Retired Executives will continue to provide support to these entrepreneurial students in the future.

Mission Community Services and the Business Information Center is a collaborative non-profit public benefit organization dedicated to enhancing opportunities for potential entrepreneurs and small business owners to become self-sustaining, successful contributors to their communities. MCSC Business Information Center provides training, technical assistance, loans and support to unemployed, underemployed, low-moderate income individuals and businesses to expand opportunities to own, manage or operate business enterprises throughout the northern Central Coast and Valley regions of California.

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