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# Job training program kicks off for East Side students

*'Promise Zone to Work' prepares students for careers*

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SAN ANTONIO - The city of San Antonio and Alamo Colleges kicked off their "Promise Zone to Work" program Friday.

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The program will offer free job training in trades like manufacturing, certified nursing assistants, construction, welding, heavy equipment operators, IT/computer technology and career readiness to residents on the East Side.

Recruitment and orientation was held Friday at Sam Houston High School to register students for the program.

“We want to make sure that [the students] get a good start to life,” said local Promise Zone Director Dr. Mike Etienne. “We want them to go to college, but there are those that may not want to go to college now. So in the meantime we are providing opportunities for them so they can get meaningful jobs.”

A year and a half ago the East Side was designated as a promise zone by the White House to help improve the quality of life for its residents.

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