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SBC PACIFIC BELL AWARDS 24 INTERSHIPS TO STUDENTS AT THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (CART)

Clovis, CA (October 14, 2002) – The Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) announced today that SBC Pacific Bell has awarded 24 telecommunications students with internships at SBC Pacific Bell. SBC Pacific Bell has been a longstanding partner of CART's, naming the "SBC Pacific Bell" Telecommunications Lab in 2000.

Second year students from the Clovis and Fresno Unified high schools who are enrolled in the SBC Pacific Bell Telecommunications Lab this year are the latest recipients of the esteemed SBC Pacific Bell Internships. This year there were initially 8 internships available. However, after interviewing all 24 eligible students, all 24 students were placed in an internship based on their willingness to learn, and enthusiasm to work with a team.

"SBC Pacific Bell has played an active role in CART since its conception. Through their generous gifts and commitment to education, students have been given numerous opportunities that would not have otherwise been possible. We applaud SBC Pacific Bell for their continued dedication and support of our school" said Steve Ward, COO of CART.

SBC PACIFIC BELL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAB

The students study the various technologies used to transmit electronic data, including fiber optics, wireless, global positioning systems, telephony, and computer networks. Students can prepare to take industry certification and license exams. **A+ Certification** preparation is part of this lab curriculum. Students learn about career opportunities in the rapidly expanding field of telecommunications.

SBC PACIFIC BELL

SBC Pacific Bell is a company of **SBC Communications Inc.** (www.sbc.com), a global communications leader. Through its subsidiaries' trusted brands - SBC Southwestern Bell, SBC Ameritech, SBC Pacific Bell, SBC Nevada Bell, SBC SNET and Sterling Commerce - and world-class network, SBC companies provide a full range of voice, data, networking and e-business services, including local and long-distance, high-speed Internet access and data transport, voice and data network integration, software and process integration, Web site and application hosting, e-marketplace development, paging and messaging, as well as directory advertising and publishing. America's leading provider of high-speed DSL Internet service, SBC companies currently have more than 60 million access lines nationwide. SBC has a 60 percent equity interest in **Cingular Wireless**, its joint venture with BellSouth, which serves more than 20 million wireless customers. Internationally, SBC has telecommunications investments in 28 countries and has annual revenues that rank it among the largest Fortune 500 companies.

CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY (CART)

The Center for Advanced Research and Technology (www.cart.org) is an innovative learning environment that enables juniors and seniors from the Fresno and Clovis Unified school districts to make connections with their future. Students utilize technology to solve real-world problems from their community under the mentorship of dedicated teachers and business partners. At CART students are connected with a range of possibilities for the present and future as they become immersed in a program of continuous improvement and begin to regard education as an opportunity to think, learn, do, and most of all, "become" vital members of their communities.

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