



# North Valley Occupational Center

### Mission Statement

North Valley Occupational Center offers educational and training opportunities that provide a diverse population of students with skills to participate more effectively in the family, at work and in the community.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### Principal's Message

Summer applications will be given to all teachers soon. When we finalize the schedule for summer, teachers selection will be based on the information we receive from HR. We will run a summer session similar to the one last year with classes offered during the day at NVOC, EVSC and Rinaldi. Teachers who wish to work summer school and are not selected will be placed in an HR pool and will be contacted for open positions at other schools or may be called to substitute.

Ellen Baker, Principal

### Calendar of Events/Important Dates

#### Monday, February 6, 2017

- LAUSD Consolidated Charitable Campaign begins

#### Thursday, February 9, 2017

- Counseling Staff Meeting, 1:30pm @NVOC, SIS Room
- HiSET Registration for 02/22 & 02/23 Session, 5:00pm @NVOC Counseling Office

#### Friday, February 10, 2017

- WIOA Technology Workshop, 1:00pm @EVSC, Room 207

#### Tuesday, February 14, 2017

- Job Fair Planning Committee Meeting, 12:15pm @NVOC, Room 102

### LAUSD Consolidated Charitable Campaign



The annual LAUSD Consolidated Charitable Campaign (LAUSDCCC), also known as the Sharing Bring Hope Campaign, provides all employees and students with the opportunity to support help our struggling families through these tough economic times by way of fundraising. Last year, North Valley Service Area employees and students raised \$ 2,822.12 for the 12 participating fund distribution agencies, representing over 400 nonprofit groups.

Please look out for your LAUSDCCC packets as we will conduct collections beginning Monday, February 6, 2017 through Friday, February 24, 2017. There is no donated amount considered too small for families in need.

Submit collected donations to Sonia Nava, Financial Manager or the Administrator at your site. Please turn in your classroom collection envelopes no later than March 1, 2017. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting needy families in our community. Sharing bring hope!

### February is Black History Month

Every year, the LAUSD Board of Education celebrates Black History Month, and supports instructional and community activities that recognize the central role of African Americans in U.S. history.

Please visit the LAUSD website <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/12314> and watch a new video produced for this occasion. Instructional resources for Black History month is also available on the web-site.



### Disabilities Support Services

The Disability Support Services (DSS) Office at North Valley Occupational Center provides services and support for students with special needs and disabilities.

- Recommendations for program accommodations in accordance with recent documentation.
- Information and assistance in the area of academic planning.
- Liaison activities between faculty and students with disabilities.
- Referral to off-campus resources.

The DSS Office is located in Room 10 on the NVOC Main Campus. They are open from 8:00am to 2:30pm, Monday to Friday.



### WIOA Technology Workshop

The first WIOA Technology Workshop for the Spring 2017 semester will be "Leveraging Your Students' Mobile Phones as Instructional Tools" on Friday, February 10, 2017 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in Room 207 at East Valley Skills Center.

Learn how you can add an atmosphere of competition and excitement to instruction through competitive games using the websites Kahoot and Quizlet. Both Kahoot and Quizlet are suitable for all class types-NOT just ESL. If you use multiple choice tests and quizzes for review or testing, you can use Kahoot and Quizlet as alternative study and review methods.

Future workshops being planned include using an electronic white board (e.g. Smart Board or Promethean Board), more suggestions for using laptops, iPads and the computer lab, and introduction to other included components of the Burlington English software. For more information, please contact Mr. Barry Bakin at (818) 759-5841 or via email at [barry.bakin@lausd.net](mailto:barry.bakin@lausd.net).

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

- Develop effective reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- Demonstrate problem solving skills through individual and collaborative work
- Utilize current technology and/or resources to enhance subject area learning
- Set and complete short and long term goals

**CASAS/WIOA Updates**

**Academic Teachers:**

Please continue to pretest any new students and submit their entry/test forms to our office within 24 hours. Look for the WIOA instructional supply request form that was delivered to you last Friday, February 3, 2017. If interested, please return it to the WIOA office by February 16, 2017.

**ESL Teachers:**

Our next CASAS round of testing (pretest for new students and posttest for returning students) will tentatively start on the week of February 13. Look for the WIOA instructional supply request form that was delivered to you last Friday, February 3, 2017. If interested, please return it to the WIOA office by February 16, 2017.

**EL Civics News:**

The Soft Skills test is currently being graded. As soon as the results become available, we will provide you with the total number of payment points earned in term 2. Our next test is DMV. Preparation lessons will be delivered after completing term 3's first round of CASAS testing.

Please direct your concerns and questions to the WIOA/CASAS team.

- **Gustavo Cubias**  
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Room 104- (818) 365-9645 Extension 381.
- **Joe Alvarez**  
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Room 104 and Main Office (818)365-9645  
Extensions 381/401/320.
- **Javier Flores**  
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Room 7 (818)365-9645 Extension 370.
- **Maura Sakhakorn**  
maura.sakhakorn@lausd.net (Rinaldi and Whipple—day)
- Rinaldi: (818)366-9171
- Whipple: (818) 508-3600

**Valentine's Day ESL Activities**

For fun worksheets to practice Valentine's Day vocabulary, visit [http://bogglesworldesl.com/valentines\\_day\\_worksheets.htm](http://bogglesworldesl.com/valentines_day_worksheets.htm)

**College Admissions and Financial Aid**



EVSC will be hosting two LA Community College presentations for students planning to apply for college admission for the summer or fall 2017 terms. It is critical that our adult students start the college admission and financial aid process early, before they graduate so they can secure priority registration for classes and qualify for the maximum financial assistance if needed.

Please encourage our students to attend one of the scheduled presentations on Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 p.m. or Friday, February 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Counseling Office at EVSC in room 119. College outreach representatives will be discussing the LA Promise Program that will allow adult students transitioning into the LA community colleges for the 2017-2018 school year to attend tuition free!

**EVSC Student Council Meeting**

EVSC Student Council representatives will meet on February 7, 2017 at 10:00 am in Room 218 for the AM students and on February 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm in Room 209 for the PM students. Please remind and encourage your Student Council representatives to attend.

**"Love My Adult School" Essay Contest**

Please be reminded that all essay should be limited to one typed page, and only include the student name, ASIS #, and program name at the top right of the page. All essay are due to Mrs. McCarthy by Wednesday, February 15th at EVSC.

**Food for Thought**

*A SMART person knows what to say.  
A WISE person knows whether to say it or not*

**National School Counselor Week**

National School Counseling Week 2017, "**School Counseling: Helping Students Realize Their Potential**," will be celebrated from Feb. 6-10, 2017, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselors Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

Our counseling focus at NVOC is helping students realize their potential. Philosopher Confucius once said, "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." Potential is defined as, "an ability that may or may not be developed." Everyone has the potential to achieve excellence and discovering your potential is an extraordinary journey. The first step to realizing your potential is exploration. Your NVOC counseling staff is here to help students find the keys to their personal potential. Please encourage students to stop in and talk to a member of our advisement staff. Achieve something great today!

**NVOC Student Successes**



It has been two years since Clay Lacy Aviation established the \$10, 200 Annual Clay Lacy Scholarship Fund for the Aircraft Mechanics students at North Valley Occupational Center (NVOC). The Clay Lacy scholarship initiative provides funds toward tuition, tools and FAA exam fees for students attending the NVOC Aviation Center located at Van Nuys Airport.

Through much investigation Ms. Elizabeth Peñuela, Assistant Principal and the instructors at the NVOC Aviation Center, have been working together to follow up with the scholarship recipients. She is happy to share that out of the twenty-four 2015 Clay Lacy scholarship recipients, thirteen students are working for aviation companies including, Able Air Inc., Zetta Jet Aviation, JPL, Scaled Composites, General Autonomic, Delta Airlines, Fed Ex, Avsource Airlines and Channel Islands Aviation. Nine students are still at NVOC finishing their studies as Aviation Mechanics.

Many of the students will be sharing their individual success stories during the following months with NVOC. Nick Lucero, one of the 2015 Clay Lacy scholarship recipient shared with Ms. Peñuela that he was hired soon after he passed his FAA exam which he took shortly after graduating in October of 2016. Delta Airlines and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) extended Mr. Lucero employment offers in addition to two other major airlines. After considering all of his options, he chose to work for JPL. Nick stated that, "This outcome of job marketability was a direct result of the excellent skill set I acquired at the North Valley Occupational Center Aviation Center campus and the financial help I received from Clay Lacy Aviation."

NVOC is excited and grateful for the second year of Aviation Mechanics scholarships provided by Clay Lacy Aviation.

**LAUSD Schools are Tobacco-Free**

Smoking and the use of all tobacco products are prohibited on all LAUSD property and in District vehicles at all times by all persons, including employees, students, and visitors at any school or District site or attending any school-sponsored events. This is in accordance with California Assembly Bill 816 and the Federal Goals law, the District implemented the Tobacco-Free Workplace policy on January 1, 1995. Violation of this policy will result in appropriate administrative or disciplinary action.



Additionally, all students and visitors are reminded to turn down loud music to a level that is not disruptive to classes as they drive onto the NVOC campuses.

**Professional Development Opportunity**

The Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE) will be hosting the next Career Technical Education (CTE) Professional Learning Community (PLC) mini-conference on Saturday, February 25, 2016 at East Los Angeles Skills Center, located at 3921 Selig Place, Los Angeles CA 90031. The focus of this CTE PLC will be on **“Safety Practices for Student Success.”**

All CTE instructors are encouraged to attend and participate in the PLC. Your input is being requested and needed to update course outlines and safety procedures. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to connect and collaborate with your colleagues from other DACE schools who teach in the same industry sectors to share best practices and increase achievement. This is a Division sponsored professional development event and all participants will receive the District sponsored training rate or salary step advancement credit. To register for the CTE PLC, please contact Ms. Ana Martinez, DACE CTE Specialist, at [amarti01@lausd.net](mailto:amarti01@lausd.net).

We hope to see all CTE instructors there!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Career Technical Education  
Safety Practices for Student Success Spring 2017**

February 25, 2017 | 8:30 am -2:00 pm

**East Los Angeles Skills Center**  
3921 Selig Place  
Los Angeles CA 90031 | (323) 224-5970

**Role of DACE CTE  
in LARAEC Consortium**

- Professional Learning Communities
- Effective instructional strategies through collaboration
- Breakfast and lunch will be served

**To Register Contact:**  
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Participants will be paid at the District- sponsored training rate or receive salary step advancement credit.