



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

AEBG Conference: The 1st Annual LARAEC Conference focusing on Accelerating Transitions to the Workforce will be held on **May 13, 2017** at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. It is an important conference for Adult Education as we continue to streamline our efforts to provide quality education and program pathways to the workforce and higher education. Registration is open now and available online at <http://laraec.net/1st-annual-laraec-conference-sheraton-universal/>. The Call for Presenters is also available online and they are searching for adult educators and leaders to deliver a 45 minute presentation that addresses innovative and effective tools that will enhance and enrich instruction in the field. Teachers will receive District-Sponsored Training Rate or Salary Step Advancement. I hope to see many of our teachers and staff at this worthwhile conference.

Ellen Baker, Principal

Calendar of Events/Important Dates

Monday, March 27, 2017

- Industrial & Automotive Department Meeting (PM) @NVOC, Principal's Conference Room—8:15pm

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

- EVSC/NHALC PLC Meetings 1 @EVSC, Room 206—10:45am
- Industrial & Automotive Department Meeting (AM) @NVOC, Room M1—11:45pm

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

- EVSC/NHALC PLC Meetings @EVSC, Room 206—7:30am
- Industrial & Automotive Department Meeting (PM) @NVOC, Principal's Conference Room—8:15pm

Thursday, March 30, 2017

- DSS Campus Tours @NVOC, 9:00am to 12:15pm

Friday, March 31, 2017

- Cesar Chavez Day Observed—School Closed

Thursday, April 6, 2017

- WIOA Technology Workshop—Creating "Community" @EVSC, Room 207—1:00pm to 2:30pm

NVOC Main Line: (818) 256-1400

Women in History Celebration



The East Valley Skill Center campus hosted a **Women in History** celebration last week during the break time in the quad area. The event was a success for the reason that many of the classes participated in showcasing their research and answered questions about the famous and historical women they had selected to honor.

Many thanks to our EVSC faculty for providing the opportunity for their students to work collaboratively as a group. As we continue to implement our DACE initiatives, events like this promote meaningful learning situations both inside and outside the classroom. It has been proven that students who do small group work generally learn more of the material and retain their knowledge longer than students who don't. This is another example that we at NVOC are committed to improving instruction and help our students succeed.



LAUSD EMAIL Account Reminders

The Los Angeles Unified School District email system is an important communication tool at LAUSD. It enables the District to relay official and important information in a timely, efficient and secure manner. Your assistance is needed to ensure that every employee takes advantage of this tool and does not miss out on important information that is shared via email.



A copy of the memo from Ms. Thelma Meléndrez de Santa Ana, LAUSD Chief Executive Officer, dated March 20, 2017 was shared with you. Please read the memo and understand your responsibilities to your email account. We are reminded as District employees that our email account is used as a central tool to facilitate official work-related communications, 1.) from the District to employees, 2.) between employees, and 3.) between employees and external stakeholders.

Regardless of work location and duties, every employee is responsible for monitoring his/her assigned email account regularly for official correspondence and notices. Email can also be accessed through any internet connected computer and Smartphone.

Should you need assistance with your email you may contact IT HelpDesk online or by phone at (213) 241-5200. If you have any questions, please direct your concern(s) to your immediate supervisor.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

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



CASAS/WIOA Updates

CTE Teachers:

- *We would like to thank you for your cooperation in the collection of entry/update information from your students.*
- We are currently processing all the forms that were submitted on time. Our CTE advisers have provided assistance in collecting the forms from teachers who needed additional time. From this point forward and to comply with state mandated funding requirements, all new CTE cohorts/classes will be expected to collect entry (blue form) information at the beginning of the cohort/semester and update (green form) information at the end.

Academic Teachers:

- Our next round of CASAS testing will take place after May 12th.
- Both ABE and ASE teachers need to pretest any new students on their first day of class and submit their entry/test forms to our office within 24 hours.

ESL Teachers:

CASAS

- Post testing will take place this week only. Make ups will be handled by your site ESL adviser. This will be a test-only session. Our next update/test will take place the second week of May before promotional testing.

EL Civics

- Thank you for submitting your EL Civics testing materials on time. We are currently grading them and results will be printed out within the next two weeks.
- Our EL Civics Nutrition preparation lessons will be distributed the first week of April.
- Testing will begin the week after Spring Break.

THANK YOU and feel free to call, e-mail, or come by the WIOA/CASAS Office (Room 104) with any questions or needed support.

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WIOA Technology Workshop



The 2nd round of WIOA Technology Workshops was held on March 22, 2017 at NVOC. The workshop was focused on learning about the new Promethean ActivePanel. This new type of interactive

classroom presentation and instructional board offer students a learning experience that is reflective of how they are learning in the “Real World.” Using technology in the classroom is nothing new but learning how to use it effectively had always been the challenge. Indeed, this may be a semester in which a teacher (or teachers) who demonstrates high enthusiasm, interest, and motivation for having such an instructional tool in their classroom may lead us to the next level of instruction. The plan is for teachers to experiment with lessons using the ActivePanel in the computer lab.

Kudos to **Mr. Barry Bakin**, WIOA Instructional Technology Teacher Advisor, for arranging with Mr. Bryson Bregen of Promethean to loan NVOC a 70" ActivePanel for teachers to use in their classrooms in addition to the smaller one that we already have. Both boards are currently stationed in Room 102 until further notice. Please contact Mr. Bakin at **barry.bakin@lausd.net** if you wish to give the ActivePanel a try.

Food for Thought

*Anger and intolerance
are the enemies of correct understanding.*
-Mahatma Gandhi-

ESL Beginning Low PLC



We would like to thank our ESL Beginning Low Instructors, **Colleen Daly, Delisa Sexton, Elena Flores, Judy Cajacob, Karen Lendman, Maylin Popovian, and Pilar Zorilla** for their hard work and positive collaboration in our ESL Beginning Low Professional Learning Community. As a result of this wonderful effort, we were able to create a **Common Formative Assessment**. We are building

upon each Professional Learning Community meeting and our ESL BL instructors are collectively coming together to establish goals for the department and how students can achieve these goals.

All NVOC sites were represented, and our participants were on task and engaged in the PLC activities to improve our student learner outcomes.

NVOC Workforce Development Partners



WorkSource of Sun Valley conducted an information session at East Valley Skills Center (EVSC) on Monday, March 13th. More than 30 students visited Room 203 after daytime class dismissal to hear about the no-cost career services offered by WorkSource and receive information on the City of Los Angeles Targeted Local Hire (TLH) program.

The TLH program offers an alternative pathway to a full time job at the City of Los Angeles via a comprehensive, fully paid on-the-job training program. Currently, WorkSource of Sun Valley is the only application site for TLH in the San Fernando Valley. Additional recruitments at EVSC are in the works and dates will be announced in classrooms soon.

CTE Programs Partnership At Work



North Valley Occupational Center is proud to be the home of two programs that is unique to the Division of Adult and Career Education. Students who are interested in working the Machining Industry or interested in earning their

Federal Aviation Administration in Airframe and Powerplant license can enroll at NVOC's Machinist Trainee program or Aviation Mechanics programs.



Last Tuesday, the students in these programs had the opportunity to learn how these two industries have plenty in common. **Mr. Dave Bowerman**, Powerplant Trainee instructor, approached **Mr. Armando De La Torre**, Machinist Trainee instructor, about

creating a Concentricity Gauge. This is one of many important tool used in the Aviation industry to inspect crucial parts of a jet engine. The pieces machined from our state-of-the-art CNC machine produced was accurate and precise to the specifications given.

The visit was very productive for the reason that curiosity in the programs have been sparked amongst the students in both programs. Some machinist students have expressed interest in enrolling into the Aviation Mechanics program after they complete their program and vice-versa. Future projects have been discussed by both instructors and we look forward to strengthening the learning collaboration between our programs.



2017 NVOC Job Fair

North Valley Occupational Center (NVOC) will host its **Annual Job and Resource Fair** on **Friday, April 28, 2017** from **10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The job fair connects NVOC students with employers and resource providers from in and around the North East San Fernando Valley area. In addition, it will give teachers the opportunity to showcase their programs and recruit future students.

Preparation and planning is well under way and we are excited to have our long standing partners join us once again towards what is building up to another successful event. Instructors who wish to participate and have a booth to promote their program, please send Ms. Elizabeth Penuela an email at epenuela@lausd.net on or before April 15th.

Display boards will be available at the NVOC Bookstore after Wednesday, March 29, 2017. Please be sure to bring your students to the job fair. Refer to the attached Job Fair flier to view the names of the confirmed participants for the event. More participants will soon to follow.

North Valley Occupational Center
JOB FAIR & OPEN HOUSE
Bridging Your Future: Workforce & Higher Education

Friday, April 28, 2017
10:30am—1:30pm

Keynote Speaker

Assembly Member
Raul Bocanegra
Assembly District 39

Special Guests
Senator Bob Hertzberg
The Honorable Tony Cárdenas
Eric Garcetti
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Mónica Ratliff

Supporters
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All education and vocational opportunities are offered without regard to handicap, marital status, race, color, ancestry, nationality, origin, age, religion, sex and sexual orientation.

Teacher Academy

TEACHER ACADEMY
SOFT SKILLS INSTRUCTION

In Partnership with the City of LA Worksource Centers, all DACE schools will be offering a summer soft skills bootcamp (6 weeks, 10hrs/wk). The Teacher Academy is being offered to instructors **credentialed in ESL** who are interested in teaching this course. The Teacher Academy is comprised of four sessions, each one covering different material.

TIME (FOUR SESSIONS)
12:30 p.m.-3:30p.m.

LOCATION
Room 118
Evans Community Adult School
717 N. Figueroa St. | Los Angeles, CA 90012

DATE(S)
APRIL 2017: S M T W T F S (12:30 p.m. highlighted)
MAY 2017: S M T W T F S (12:30 p.m. highlighted)
JUNE 2017: S M T W T F S (12:30 p.m. highlighted)

RSVP BY April 17th!
RSVP AT:
bit.ly/dacesoftskills
(copy link into web browser)

Training Rate or Step Advancement Provided
For More Information contact Sam Powers: spowers@lausd.net

About eleven months ago our city partners asked the Division of Adult and Career Education to participate in the Targeted Local Hire (TLH) program with the City of Los Angeles. One of the primary requests was that DACE provide soft skills training to those applicants who do not have the necessary employability skills (soft skills). To that end, a Soft Skills Course was created by our Curriculum and Instruction Unit. This is an ESL Intermediate High/Advanced program which is divided into two 30 hour courses.

In anticipation of being able to meet the needs of our city partners, DACE would like to open up participation to all instructors credentialed in ESL to teach this new course. Interested teachers will need to complete the Teacher Academy for Soft Skills Instruction, which is comprised of four sessions with each one covering different material. For more information, please contact **Mr. Sam Powers** at spowers@lausd.net. The deadline to apply for this Teacher Academy is on April 17, 2017.

Adult Education Conferences

2017 CCAE STATE CONFERENCE
The Renaissance of Adult Education

Renaissance Long Beach Hotel | May 4-6, 2017
PRESENTED BY SOUTH COAST SECTION

CCAE
California Council for Adult Education

SAVE THE DATE

AEBG Conference
Accelerating The Process for Workforce Entry

May 13th
Conference: 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.
LARAEC Open Meeting: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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