



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

We had another successful NVOC Job Fair! With over 80 employers our students gained valuable information and heard inspirational messages from our special guest speakers. A great effort from Ms. Elizabeth Peñuela and her committee!

The Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium's 2017 Adult Education Block Grant Conference is only two weeks away. I highly encourage all NVOC faculty and staff members to attend this conference so that we can gain a deeper understanding of the vision and mission of our Consortium as well as the implementation of promising practices that help adult education students accelerate training towards transitioning into postsecondary and career pathways. If you have not completed your online conference registration, you can do so by visiting www.laraec.net. Register today.

Ellen Baker, Principal

Calendar of Events/Important Dates

Monday, May 1, 2017

- EVSC Academic Department Meeting @EVSC, Room 119—9:00am to 10:30am

Thursday, May 4, 2017

- EVSC Student Council Multicultural Celebration @EVSC, 9:30am and 7:30pm

May 4, 2017 to Saturday, May 6, 2017

- 2017 CCAE State Conference @Long Beach Renaissance Hotel

Monday, May 8, 2017

- HiSET Testing (Day 1) @EVSC, Room 127—10:30am

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

- HiSET Testing (Day 2) @EVSC, Room 127—10:30am

Thursday, May 11, 2017

- Graduation Meeting (PM) @EVSC, Room 119—7:30pm to 8:00pm

Friday, May 12, 2017

- Graduation Meeting (AM) @EVSC, Room 127—10:00am to 10:30am

2017 NVOC Job Fair



North Valley Occupational Center hosted its Annual Job and Resource Fair on April 28, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It was another successful event with 84 employers from all over the North East San Fernando Valley region who participated. NVOC's cul-de-sac was buzzing with students and people from the community as they interacted with the numerous professional agencies and business representatives. This year, there was a large business presence from the Aviation and Machining industries. An estimated number of 2,000 people attended the job fair and approximately 700 jobs were available and potentially offered to job seekers last Friday at the event.

Much of the success of the job fair can be attributed to the strong and generous support from our local legislators, LAUSD Board, LA City and the Division of Adult and Career Education. The Office of Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra graciously sent out 27,000 mailers inviting residents within the neighboring zip codes to attend.

The Job Fair was kicked off by inspirational words and motivational messages from **Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra**, Assembly District 39, **Ms. Diana Sanchez**, Van Nuys Airport Public and Community Relations Director, **Ms. Ruby Chavez**, Chief of Staff for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff District 6, and **Ms. Ambrosia Solis**, Community Affairs Deputy for LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson District 3. It was an honor to have these special guests drop by NVOC's Job Fair and experience the positive energy generated by the event.



Kudos to **Ms. Elizabeth Peñuela**, Assistant Principal, and her committee of 20 job fair planners for another productive event. Special thanks to **Mr. Charles Garcia**, **Mr. Ismael Serrano**, **Ms. Donna Case**, **Ms. Melisse Bouziane**, **Mr. Ramiro Gonzalez** and **Ms. Sonia Nava** for their outstanding contributions towards the success of this year's job fair. Additionally, Ms. Peñuela had plenty of help from NVOC student volunteers. In particular, **Karina Navarro** and **Muhammed Sagir Umar** from Mr. Garcia's Graphic Design class who worked on the graphics for the map and seating charts which were instrumental in the planning stages of the event.



Ms. Peñuela and her team achieved their goals of connecting NVOC students with employers and resource providers. However, their work continues as they review this year's event and started planning for next year.

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 in compliance with the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) guidelines. In order to maintain this status, you will receive entry (blue) forms at the beginning of the term or cohort and update (green) forms at the end.

Academic Teachers:

Our next round of CASAS testing will take place starting May 15th. Both ABE and ASE teachers need to pretest any new students on their first day of class and posttest them before issuing a credit slip.

ESL Teachers:

CASAS

Our next update/test will take place the second week of May before promotional testing.

EL Civics

We are currently grading the EL Civics Nutrition tests that were due Friday, May 29, 2017.

PAYMENT POINTS METER

Program/Focus Area	As of April 20, 2017
ABE	356
ESL	1612
ASE	291
EL Civics	4552
NVOC Totals	6811 (79%)

Performance Outcome Goal for 2016-2017: 8,633

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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LAUSD Celebrates FAW



Fresh Attitude Week (FAW) is an annual event in America, along with France and Italy, to highlight fresh fruits and vegetables in school meals. As part of a coalition of the largest school districts in the United States, LAUSD is celebrating FAW from May 8-12, 2017.

Food Services Division will celebrate FAW with fresh fruits and vegetables at lunch that are not typically on the student menu. Suggestions for fun, easy activities for students and staff that can be used for promoting FAW are available at <http://home.lausd.net/apps/news/article/703968>.

Food for Thought

*Nothing is Impossible,
the word itself says "I'm Possible!"
- Audrey Hepburn-*

Community College Summer Course at NVOC

In partnership with Los Angeles Mission Community College, through the Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium, North Valley Occupational Center will be offering the Counseling Success Seminar 40 course (3 units UC:CSU transferable) this summer at the NVOC campus M-Th, 8:00-10:30AM June 12-July 13, 2017. This course is a fantastic opportunity for adult and AC2T students to earn their first 3 units of college credit towards their Associates in Arts degree at their own adult school campus! The course will explore issues related to higher education that impact student success. Topics will include an overview of academic skills, college student policies and procedures, educational planning, career development, and self-assessment techniques. A perfect orientation course to college life! There is no college entrance exam required or prerequisites to take this course.



To start the registration process, simply visit the counseling office to complete a brief enrollment form. You will need to also fill out the college online application for college admission to generate your college student ID number. The adult school Advisors or the visiting college outreach counselor can assist you if you need help. The deadline to register is Friday, May 12th for this summer course. Please register today to begin your first college course towards earning your college AA degree!

NVOC Student Fieldtrip to LAMCC



On Tuesday, April 25, 2017 students from North Valley attended a fieldtrip to LA Mission College. Although most students were picked up by a bus provided courtesy of LA Mission, others met the group at the college. Approximately 46 students participated in the event that included a walking tour, presentations from college staff regarding special programs and services, and registration for the LA Promise Program. Students met with and had the opportunity to speak to both the Dean of Student Success, Carlos Gonzalez and Dr. Larry Resendez, Associate Dean of DSPS who made time to also present about programs they supervise. Student presenters provided information about their experiences as well. NVOC student were treated to lunch and provides snacks during their visit from 8:00AM-2:00PM.

LA Mission College will be providing another bus, for these same students and other eligible adult students to return to Mission on May 3, 2017 to take the Accuplacer (college entrance exam) and meet individually with college counselors to review their placement results, receive priority registration for summer and fall classes, and establish their Comprehensive-Student Educational Plan (C-SEP).

Not only was this fieldtrip a great experience to orientate our adult students to the community college, all students participants will also satisfy the three required components for entry into the LACCD system. These components are Orientation (O), Assessment (A), and Counseling (C). By completing these three required components and establishing their C-SEP, our adult students are in compliance with what the community college requires to secure priority registration for classes. An event such as this is a wonderful example of LARAEC partnership collaboration and provides a model to transition DACE students into the community college system. We are awaiting confirmation and looking forward to a similar event with LA Valley College to be held this month of May.





LARAEC 2017 AEBG Conference

The Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium is proud to invite you to participate in its first Annual Conference: Accelerating Student Transitions to the Workforce and Postsecondary Education. **The LARAEC Conference is open for registration.** The conference joins staff and teachers from the five member districts to showcase innovative and promising practices in adult education for the Los Angeles region, and includes an Open Meeting where participants can hear firsthand about Consortium developments.



At this Saturday event, attendees will learn about practices already implemented by the Consortium that are aimed at meeting the needs of the region's adult education students; hear from Consortium leaders about future plans and activities; and gain a deeper understanding of the vision and mission of the Consortium. Attendees will meet and network with staff members from other member districts, state AEBG leadership, the Executive Team, the Point Persons Team, members of the LARAEC workgroups, as well as workshop presenters.

Through this Conference, LARAEC will continue to highlight the needs of adult education students in the region, the proposed strategies of the state-approved three-year Regional Comprehensive Plan, and the collaborative efforts currently underway with City and County entities; multiple community based organizations; Workforce Development Boards; business, industry, and employer representatives; and many other stakeholders. The Conference will also focus on multiple promising practices that help adult education students accelerate training and create seamless transitions between programs, schools, and systems. These practices will prepare students for employment in jobs that pay a living wage and provide pathways to postsecondary education.

The registration process is as easy as 1-2-3:

Visit the <http://laraec.net> website,

On the home page (upper right hand corner) click on the LARAEC Conference icon. Click on the Attendee Registration icon and follow the prompts.

The whole process should take 2 to 3 minutes. All DACE certificated and classified employees are encouraged to attend this one-day conference. **For more information, please visit <http://laraec.net>.**

LAUSD Board Member at Rinaldi AC

On Wednesday, April 26th, NVOC welcomed **LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson**, onto Rinaldi Adult Center campus. Mr. Schmerelson who represents Board District 3 wanted to visit our staff and students as part of his promise to serve his constituents and work towards improving "LAUSD policies, budget decisions and community relations in order to increase collaboration, partnerships and support for student success." Mr. Schmerelson spoke with our students, teachers and staff about directing adequate resources in order to provide quality education and to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for all students.



LAUSD Board Member Scott Schmerelson is a life-long educator who has spent over 35 years working closely with students, parents and his school site colleagues. He was a former ESL teacher and during his visits to our ESL classes, he was delighted to see so many dedicated and committed students taking our classes to improve their lives. NVOC is very grateful for Mr. Schmerelson to take the time from his busy schedule to spend it with us at Rinaldi AC and connect with our students, faculty and staff. Additionally, we extend our special thanks for **Mr. Joseph Stark**, DACE Executive Director, and **Mr. Rosario Galvan**, DACE Administrator, for their unwavering support for NVOC by joining Mr. Schmerelson's visit at our Rinaldi AC campus.



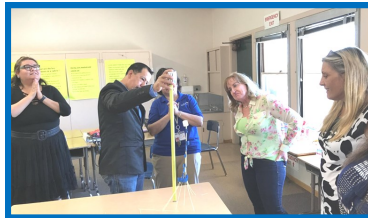
Administrative Professionals' Day



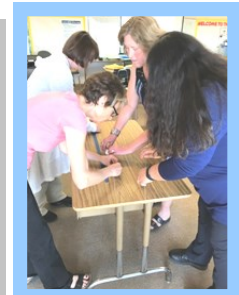
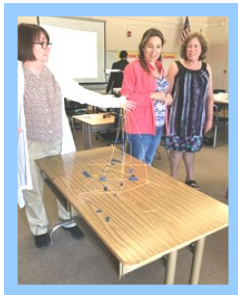
NVOC celebrated Administrative Professionals' Day last Thursday, April 27 by honoring our wonderful, hard-working and dynamic Classified staff. Please take a moment to personally thank NVOC's office staff who are integral in making our school one of the best in the Division. We truly value the work and commitment that each and every one of our staff puts in on a daily basis.

On behalf of the NVOC students, faculty and administration, we thank you for your continued dedication in helping all of our Division of Adult and Career students to achieve.

ESL Beginning Low PLC



In April's BL PLC, teachers collaborated to complete the Marshmallow Challenge. They worked together to build a tower using only spaghetti, masking tape, and a marshmallow. Both teams successfully built their towers to about 20 inches tall. The BL PLC team also started creating a rubric for their common formative assessment. Rubrics help team teachers grade student papers consistently and they also help them communicate with each other about standards and criteria. Thank you to **Judy Cajacob, Colleen Daly, Elena Flores, Nataliya Kugel, Karen Lendman, Maylin Popovian, Liz Regalado, and Delisa Sexton** for your participation! And just a reminder, a PLC is successful when everyone is on time and participates.



ESL Holidays and Celebrations Booklet

Are you ever in need of stories about holidays and celebrations? Well, look no further! At EVSC, we now have a binder with handouts that teachers can make copies of and distribute to their students. The booklet includes stories with vocabulary and worksheets. Stop by the ESL Registration Office (Room 124) to check it out. We currently have a booklet for Beginning Low and a few stories for Beginning High. The next celebration that's included in both binders is Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy!

Adult Education Conference

2017 CCAE STATE CONFERENCE *The Renaissance of Adult Education*



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





CCAIE LAM 2017 Spring Awards

The California Council for Adult Education (CCAIE) Los Angeles Metropolitan Section Spring Awards will be on Sunday, **May 21, 2017 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM** at **Monterey Hill Restaurant**, located at 3700 W Ramona Blvd, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Every Spring, CCAIE LAM Section recognizes outstanding adult educators and awards student scholarships at the Spring Awards Brunch. **The deadline to submit the nominations and scholarship applications is 4:00pm on Thursday, May 4, 2017.** Here is the list of awards that will be celebrated at the event:

CCAIE LA Metro will be awarding the following:

- CALCO Excellence in Teaching Award
- Golden Apple Award
- Outstanding Student Scholarships

Women Educators will be awarding the following:

- Joan Ririe Advanced Degree Scholarship
- Mattie Walker-Lois Hotchkiss Grant Award
- Pauline Hopkins Undergraduate Degree Scholarship
- Sadae Iwataski DACE Student Scholarship Award

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the following:

Ms. Lidia Barbosa at Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, (323) 357-7700, lbarbosa@lausd.net for CCAIE LA Metro nominations and applications.

Ms. Saida Pagan at NVOC's North Hollywood Adult Learning Center, (818) 508-3600, srp13821@lausd.net for Women Educators applications.

We will be celebrating all of the difference makers who work tirelessly to help our adult students achieve their educational goals. Additionally, the CCAIE LAM Spring Awards Brunch is also a great way to get together and catch up with former colleagues and friends from DACE. We look forward to seeing all of you there.



Appropriate Personal Necessity (PN) Usage

Please review the following on the appropriate usage of Personal Necessity (PN) code absence. Personal Necessity (PN) is a time code used to report absence(s) of an employee due to any of the following reasons as specified in the applicable Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, Personnel Commission Rules or Board Rules.

- Death of a close friend or relative not included in the definition of immediate family.
- Death or serious illness of a member of the employee's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as the employee's: Spouse, cohabitant Parent (includes in-law, step and foster), parent of cohabitant, Grandparent (includes in-law and step), grandparent of Cohabitant Child (includes son/daughter-in-law, step and foster), child of cohabitant, Grandchild (includes grandchild of spouse and step grandchild), grandchild of cohabitant, sibling, or a relative living in the employee's immediate household
- Accident involving the employee's person or property or the person or property of a member of the employee's immediate family.
- Birth of a child of the employee.
- Religious holiday of the employee's faith. ***
- Imminent danger to the home of the employee occasioned by a disaster such as flood, fire or earthquake.
- Appearance in court as a litigant, or appearance in court or governmental agency as a non-litigant witness under subpoena.***
- Attendance at a conference or convention which does not qualify as miscellaneous absence under the various Collective Bargaining Unit Agreements. ***
- Up to two hours for verifiable automobile failure if the employee's automobile is required to be used for work purposes on that day (applicable to classified employees only).
- Up to one day a year for verifiable registration or final examinations at a District-recognized institution of higher learning (applicable to classified employees only).
- Required attendance in the classroom of the employee's child or ward or a meeting with the school administrator because of the child's or ward's suspension.
- Adoption of a child by the employee (including child of cohabitant).
- Up to four hours of personal necessity leave and up to 36 hours of accrued vacation or unpaid leave not to exceed a total of eight (8) hours per calendar month or 40 hours per school year for each child or ward of the employee in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12 to visit the child's or ward's school provided under 230.8 of the Labor Code.

Note: ***Five (5) days advance notice is required.

Adult Education Conferences

