



# 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 a fantastic graduation this year. Our special guest speakers brought some inspiration message for our graduates. One of our speakers was Dr. Frances Gipson, Chief Academic Officer for the Division of Instruction which focuses on instructional strategies and student success. We were very honored to have Dr. Gibson here to speak at our graduation. We have 140 high school graduates, 120 high school equivalencies recipients and 20 eight grade diploma recipients. The NVOC family is all so proud of our graduates!

**Monday is a Pupil-Free day – teaching staff is scheduled to work on that day.** We will have a meeting at the NVOC cafeteria from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Teachers may report to their assigned locations before and/or after the meeting for last minute organizing and clean-up.

*Ellen Baker, Principal*

### Calendar of Events/Important Dates

#### Tuesday, June 6, 2017

- EVSC AM Student Council Recognition Awards @EVSC, Room 218—10:00am

#### Wednesday, June 7, 2017

- EVSC PM Student Council Recognition Awards @EVSC, Room 209—7:30pm

#### Thursday, June 8, 2017

- NVOC Medical Assistant Graduation @Rinaldi AC, Auditorium—12:30pm

#### Friday, June 9, 2017

- Final Day of Instruction 2016-17

#### Monday, June 12, 2017

- Year End Meeting @NVOC, The Grill—10:30am

#### Monday, June 19, 2017 to July 28, 2017

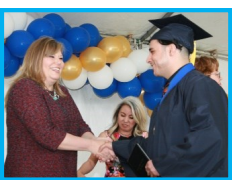
- 2017 Summer Session

## CONGRATULATIONS NVOC CLASS of 2017



Every journey has an intended and targeted destination. These days, we rely on the available technology and apps to help us get to our destination using the shortest or fastest route. Most times than not, we do not travel on the original route and it becomes necessary to “recalculate” the route to our destination. We may decide to take a left turn instead of going straight which may affect our arrival time. But we always feel satisfied and relieved upon our arrival to our destination.

On Friday, June 2, 2017, one hundred forty NVOC students had finally arrived to their intended destination, Graduation Day! For many of these students, the thought of receiving their high school diploma on Graduation Day would never be a reality. However these students have proven to themselves and to the rest of the world that with commitment, determination and perseverance, they caused change and successfully recalculated their route to earning their high school diploma.



Amongst the sea of smiles seen from the students, their families, NVOC faculty and staff, the biggest smile belonged to **Dr. Frances Gipson**.

While it was an honor to have Dr. Gipson, LAUSD Chief Academic Officer, to attend the NVOC graduation ceremony and deliver an elevating speech, she felt as equally honored to have been invited. During her speech, she informed the graduates that they were teachers and superheroes in their own right for leading the example of success.

The NVOC Class of 2017 were also treated to the **Ms. Monica Balbuena's** inspiring personal story of triumph. Ms. Balbuena, DACE Adult Counseling Services and AC2T Coordinator and HiSET Chief Examiner, shared her story of uncertainty and using education as the key to overcome all obstacles. She told the graduates that the were not done and earning a high school diploma only opened more opportunities for them to explore. Ms. Balbuena gave them a graduation “assignment” to tell their story and to continue learning.

**Mr. Adrian Rubalcava**, NVOC graduate, delivered a motivating and inspirational speech that described his reasons for persisting to get an education despite the obstacles he had endured and overcome. He challenged the Class of 2017 to be the very best. He shared that “...being the best doesn’t mean being better than anyone else. To me, being the best means trying my hardest to succeed and knowing that I did

everything in my power to attain that goal.” Mr. Rubalcava will be attending the Los Angeles Mission College in the fall.

The NVOC graduation celebrated the accomplishments of our HS graduates, HiSET Certificate and Eighth Grade graduates. It was also a time of reflection as **Ms. Ellen Baker**, NVOC Principal, called attention to and thanked all of the instructors, classified staff, school security custodians, and administrators for their contributions towards helping the NVOC students achieve their educational goals and for assisting them to finally reach their intended destination of graduation day. She also thanked **Ms. Rosemary Jenkins**, Field Representative of Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra, and **Ms. Ruby Chavez**, Chief of Staff for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff, for attending and for their unwavering support for the school and our students. **Congratulations to the NVOC Class of 2017!**





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CASAS/WIOA Updates

CTE Teachers:

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:

All CASAS related materials are due this week. Our final data submission to Central Office will take place on June 9th.

ESL Teachers:

All CASAS and EL Civics related materials are due this week. Our final data submission to Central Office will take place on June 9th.

PAYMENT POINTS METER

Program/Focus Area	As of April 20, 2017
ABE	356
ESL	1774
ASE	248
EL Civics	5922
<b>NVOC Totals</b>	<b>8308 (96%) 325 to go!</b>

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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Secure Classrooms

This is a reminder to secure your classrooms and/or shops for the upcoming one week (June 13, 2017 to June 16, 2017) break. It is important to take all necessary precautions to reduce the probability of theft and vandalism to your classroom and the campus during this period.

On Monday, June 12th, teachers must ensure the following:

- Ensure that valuable equipment is secured in locked cabinets or closets.
- Lock desk and cabinets.
- Unplug any non-essential electronic devices in the classroom.
- Double-check to ensure that classroom doors are closed, locked and secure at the end of the day.
- Ensure that all interior doors to classrooms are locked.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Food for Thought

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. -Aristotle-

Thank You Margarida!



After 40+ years as an educator and 21 years of service to LAUSD, North Hollywood Adult Learning Center branch ESL instructor Ms. Margarida Quin will be riding into the retirement sunset. A retirement gathering in her honor was held at NHALC on Monday, June 5, 2017. Many sincere thanks and appreciation to Margarida for her outstanding teaching and years of service. Congratulations on your retirement. The staff of NVOC and your students will miss you. .

Student Completions & Certificates

The end of the semester is upon us. This is a reminder of end of term considerations and duties:

- Will your student complete the current course of study?
- Will s/he promote to the next level in your class?
- Will s/he promote to a different classroom?
- Will s/he earn a CTE certificate of completion?
- Do you need to review the new CTE curriculum to determine whether the student has mastered all the competencies?

The answers to these questions will determine whether:

- You bubble a "C" for all course completers.
- You send students to the Counseling Office now to pre-register as a continuing student.
- You complete a request for certificate form and, following the instructions on the form, submit it with your final roster showing the "C" bubbled in for the student earning the certificate.

A Peek Into 2017-18

We had a very productive and busy 2016-17 at NVOC. We had implemented and completed many of the Division's initiatives as well as AEBG mandates that are focused on accelerating student transitions to the workforce and post-secondary education. Many of these objectives are driven through providing effective instruction and purposed training. As we build on our efforts, the NVOC administrators plan on visiting all of the classes next year. These visits will provide support for instructors and ensure that NVOC is committed to improving instruction. Those instructors who will be formally evaluated for the 2017-18 school year will be notified prior to the end of this school year.

These things and more will be covered at the Year End meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at The Grill on the NVOC campus. We look forward to seeing all of you then..

CCAE Membership Works



As you are likely aware because of the leadership role CCAE played in working with the State Legislature and Governor's office, many Adult Schools will be receiving dedicated funding starting in 2015-16, and all schools will be able to receive additional funding through their Consortia. Although many questions remain, one thing is for sure Adult Education will be more accountable and need to adapt to the new requirements coming our way. The good news is that CCAE can help schools through our professional development conferences and networking. CCAE possesses within its membership some of the most knowledgeable administrators, teachers, and support staff in regards to Adult Education and the Consortia Model of operation.

CCAE is counting on your membership to continue this legislative action to continue work with the legislature and the Governor to improve funding and support for Adult Education. Please contact Ms. Saida Pagan for more information about CCAE (Los Angeles Metropolitan Section) membership or visit www.ccaestate.org to apply or renew your CCAE membership now.