



May 8, 2017

# 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

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** The NVOC Administration heartily thanks all of our teaching staff for the hard work and effort you put in daily on behalf of our students. Teaching is an honorable and an important profession. What you do on a daily basis impacts the lives of your students and their families that extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. **Thank you!**

I attended the East Valley Skills Center International Day last Thursday evening. It was a great celebration with costumes and food from many different countries along with several student performances. It was a lively celebration and I enjoyed spending time with our EV staff and students!

Next week is the **AEBG Conference**. The Adult Education Block Grant is our funding source and this conference will have workshops and information that will be crucial for our continued success. If you haven't done so already, please register at [laraec.net](http://laraec.net). We are proud to have NVOC staff workshop presenters:

- Melissa McCarthy, APACS "Adult Transitions: First Year Insights and Lessons Learned"
- John Alvarez, WIOA Navigator/Debbie Torres, Perkins Advisor "Increasing iTrain referrals to your school."

Please come out and support their workshops and attend other workshops of interest to you. Staff not on the clock will receive District-Sponsored training rate or step advancement. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Ellen Baker, Principal*

### Teacher



Teachers are dedicated, to our education.  
This is their passion, and our liberation.

Their sincere kindness, warm feelings, it brings.  
They guide and protect us, under their wings.

They show us patience, and readily spread.  
Their helpful advice, fills us like bread.

They don't just instruct, but encourage and believe,  
That there's nothing out there, we cannot achieve.

They think about, our future all the time.  
Work tirelessly to direct us, away from conflicts and crime.

At the end of the day, teachers do understand.  
It takes both tools and love, for our minds to expand.

By Unknown

Read more at <http://festivals.iloveindia.com/teachers-day/poems/short-poem-for-teacher.html#G3Au1jophDHCLkit.99>

### Calendar of Events/Important Dates

**Monday, May 8, 2017—Friday, May 12, 2017**

- Teacher Appreciation Week

**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

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

- LARAEC 1st Annual AEBG Conference  
@Universal Sheraton—8:00am to 2:00pm

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

- Mother's Day

### CCAE 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award



Congratulation to **Ms. Ilona Brewster** for receiving the California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) State Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Excellence in Teaching award is given to gifted teachers who reach out and touch the hearts and souls of their students. Through this award, CCAE recognizes that adult education teachers truly understand that learning is life-long, and they give their expertise to anyone with a thirst for knowledge. This is true about Ilona and NVOC is grateful for her dedication, commitment and service.

Ilona has been working in the Division of Adult and Career Education since 1998. She has worked as an academic teacher in the High School Program, an ESL teacher, GAIN/CalWORKs Advisor, Perkins Advisor, Teacher Advisor, College Transition Advisor and Teacher Advisor. Ilona is a proven and valuable resource for NVOC students, faculty and administrators.

Ilona was joined by her family and the NVOC delegation at the CCAE State Awards Breakfast to cheer her on as she received her award last Saturday, May 6th. As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, let us take a moment to congratulate and thank Ms. Ilona Brewster.



# Teacher Appreciation Week | MAY 8TH-12TH



## 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

CASAS Update/Testing is taking place this week. You should have received your testing materials on Friday.

#### EL Civics

We are currently grading the EL Civics Nutrition tests that were due Friday, May 29th. Results will be delivered as soon as your students' tests are graded.

#### PAYMENT POINTS METER

Program/Focus Area	As of April 20, 2017
ABE	353
ESL	1616
ASE	244
EL Civics	5508
<b>NVOC Totals</b>	<b>7721 (89%) 912 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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#### ◆ Joe Alvarez

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#### ◆ Javier Flores

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#### ◆ Maura Sakhakorn

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## Community College Summer Course at NVOC

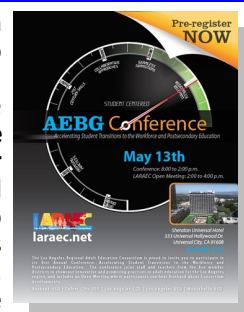
In partnership with Los Angeles Mission Community College, through the Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium, North Valley Occupational Center will be offering the Counseling Success Seminar 40 course (3 units UC:CSU transferable) this summer at the NVOC campus M-Th, 8:00-10:30AM June 12-July 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!



## 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 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.

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

*A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination,  
and instill a love of learning  
-Brad Henry-*





## CCAE LAM 2017 Spring Awards

The California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) 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, CCAE 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:

CCAE 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](mailto:lbarbosa@lausd.net) for CCAE LA Metro nominations and applications.

**Ms. Saida Pagan** at NVOC's North Hollywood Adult Learning Center, (818) 508-3600, [srp13821@lausd.net](mailto: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 CCAE 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.



## The Renaissance of Adult Education

The resurgence of adult education is something that we all thought we would never see after the "shutdown" in June of 2012. After the three day CCAE State Conference in Long Beach, California Adult Educators can now breathe a sigh of relief. Adult Education continues to trend upward proven by the fact that conference registration was halted one week before its start. A reported number of 904 confirmed registrations was announced on Thursday evening during the CCAE President's reception and Installation event. It was so reassuring to see the many adult educators who filled each of the seventy seven workshops and presentations held from Thursday, May 4th through Saturday, May 6th.

This year's conference theme was "The Renaissance of Adult Education" The CCAE South Coast Section wanted to send the message that California adult educators have been tasked to bridge the old systems with this new laser focused mission of workforce development similar to the European Renaissance period which was a transition from the Middle Ages to the Modern history. The CCAE SCS delivered on their promise to provide a "fun and exciting weekend, full of adventure and magic." Those who attended were treated to a lively and interactive presentation from Mr. Andres Ruza, a scientist and author, who described his work of understanding and protecting the Boiling River by bringing together modern science and traditional Amazonian knowledge. On Friday night, conference attendees were treated to a 45 minute boat tour that gave a different perspective of the Long Beach Harbor to both locals and visitors. It was very encouraging to witness many of our WorkSource and CBO partners at hand as well as many representatives from the Community College Districts. We have taken the step together towards the right direction.

The CCAE State Conference honors outstanding members who make a difference daily in adult education through their dedicated and committed service. This year NVOC's own, **Ms. Ilona Brewster**, was a recipient of the Excellence in Teaching award along with DACE's **Mr. Sam Powers** and **Ms. Jennifer Bedon**. We should be equally as proud of **Ms. Candace Lee**, WVOC Principal, and **Ms. Sonya Ramirez**, HOC Principal and **Ms. Rosalia Cerros**, ELASC Classified, for their CCAE State awards.

We are very lucky to have the support and sponsorship of **Mr. Joseph Stark**, Executive Director and the Division of Adult and Career Education. DACE generously sent a group of NVOC representatives to participate in the conference. Attending the conference provided the opportunity for learning, networking and developing as an adult educator. NVOC was represented by **Mr. Joe Alvarez**, **Mr. Barry Bakin**, **Ms. Jean Beauregard**, **Ms. Melisse Bouziane**, **Ms. Ilona Brewster**, **Ms. Donna Case**, **Mr. Armando De La Torre**, **Ms. Julietta Flores**, **Mr. Charles Garcia**, **Ms. Elizabeth Montalvo**, **Ms. Saida Pagan**, **Ms. Elizabeth Penuela**, and **Mr. Vladimir Tigno**. Mr. Bakin not only represented NVOC but also represented DACE proudly with his innovative presentations on using technology to enhance instruction.

The 2018 CCAE State Conference will be hosted by the Central Section starting on Thursday, May 3, 2018 to Saturday, May 5, 2018. There is already a buzz and excitement for next year's "All Star" conference and it is being built up to be the biggest CCAE State Conference ever. If you are not a CCAE member, please consider membership to this solid and credible organization. See **Ms. Saida Pagan** for CCAE membership details.

