



May 15, 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

Last Saturday was a the first AEBG conference and it was a great success! The speakers were Robert Sainz, Asst. General Manager for the City of L.A. Economic and Workforce Development and Brant Choate, State Superintendent of Correctional Education. They brought a lot of interesting information and insights into how adult education can help serve their clients. So many people need to enter the workforce and adult education can provide much needed training for them. It was a great turnout from DACE at the conference and NVOC had many attendees. The workshops where very well presented, the entire conference was well worth the time! Professional Development is an important part of continuing to grow in one's profession.

We also have two scholarship awardees, Raul Chatara is receiving a WE Scholarship and Maria N. Hernandez is receiving a CCAE Student Scholarship, who will be honored at the Spring Awards lunch at Monterey Hill Restaurant on Sunday, May 21. Please let Ms. Beauregard at EV or Ellen Baker at NV know if you would like to attend. We are so proud of our student scholarship winners!!

Ellen Baker, Principal

Calendar of Events/Important Dates

Monday, May 15, 2017—Friday, May 19, 2017

- CTE Summer Pre-registration Week
- @NVOC—8:00am to 8:00pm
- TABE Promotional Testing

Friday, May 19, 2017

- ESL Beg Low PLC Meeting
- @NVOC, Room 7—10:30am to 12:15pm

Monday, May 22, 2017—Friday, May 26, 2017

- CTE Summer Open Registration Week
- @NVOC—8:00am to 8:00pm
- ESL Promotional Testing

Sunday, May 21, 2017

- CCAE Spring Awards Brunch
- @Monterey Hills Restaurant, Monterey Park—11:00am

Thursday, May 25, 2017

- Counseling/Advisement Staff Meeting
- @NVOC, SIS Office—1:30pm to 2:30pm

Monday, May 29, 2017

- Memorial Day Observed—School Closed

LARAEC 2017 AEBG Conference



The inaugural Adult Education Block Grant Conference was received with great appreciation and satisfaction by those who attended. The Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium provided this professional development event which focused on Accelerating Student Transitions to the Workforce and Postsecondary Education. The conference attendees from the five member districts were reassured of the importance and integral role that adult education played in preparing students for employment in jobs that pay a living wage and provide pathways to postsecondary education.

LARAEC is the largest consortium in the State by the geographical area it covered, the numbers of students served, and the amount of programs offered. **Mr. Joseph Stark**, DACE Executive Director, and his LARAEC counterparts shared that we were leading the effort to deliver the AEBG mandates therefore all of the work we do would be the example for the entire State. **Dr. Frances Gipson**, LAUSD Chief Academic Officer, was in attendance and delivered a clear message of her support for DACE and LARAEC.

One of the many innovative features that the conference had to offer was its use of the guidebook mobile app. Instead of a printed conference program, an electronic version was available through the app. While the intention was to go paperless, this app made it possible for the AEBG Conference participants to view and access the conference information via their smartphone and mobile devices. Kudos to **Ms. Melissa McCarthy**, NVOC APACS, **Ms. Debbie Torres** and **Mr. John Alvarez**, CTE Advisers, for leading workshops that help further reaching the goals of our Consortium's regional plan. Overall, the first annual AEBG Conference would be considered a success as it provided practical and purposeful training to all. It was very encouraging to see the group from NVOC who attended and we hope to even have a bigger group attend next year.

College Success Seminar

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, 8:00AM-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 was extended to Wednesday, May 17th for this summer course. Please register today to begin your first college course towards earning your college AA degree!





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 22th. Both ABE and ASE teachers need to posttest all currently enrolled students by June 2nd.

ESL Teachers:

CASAS

CASAS Update/Make up Testing is taking place this week. Please return all testing materials by Saturday May 20th.

EL Civics

Results were printed and delivered. Please share with your students.

PAYMENT POINTS METER

Program/Focus Area	As of April 20, 2017
ABE	356
ESL	1616
ASE	242
EL Civics	5677
NVOC Totals	7891 (91%) 742 to go

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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- ◆ **Javier Flores**
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Multinational Student Celebration @NHLC



North Hollywood Adult Learning Center had 22 countries represented including Mexico, Africa, Russia, El Salvador, Brazil, and Thailand and many more. Students brought food, artifacts from their countries, clothing and music. Students also created informational poster boards that told the story of their country.

ESL BL PLC

Our final PLC of the school year will be on May 19, 2017 at the North Valley Occupational Center, Room 7 from 10:30am to 12:15pm. We will complete our rubric and celebrate the collaborative progress that we had made. We look forward to close out the year and build upon our successes we achieved this year for a more productive 2017-18 school year.

Food for Thought

*Education is not the learning of facts,
but the training of the mind to think.*
-Albert Einstein-

ASM Raul Bocanegra Welcomes NVOC



On Friday, May 12, 2017, **Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra** 39 AD and his office welcomed Assistant Principal **Elizabeth Penuela** to hear more about the great programs NVOC has to offer to the community, and how he enhance his support of adult education.

Ms. Penuela presented Assembly Member Bocanegra with the collection of North Valley Occupational Center student essays on why the students love their school. She discussed the positive impact adult education has on the community and its stakeholders was highlighted as well shared her personal story and how adult education had a positive impact in her life.

She drew attention to NVOC's 2011 and 2016 data on the number of high school diplomas, CTE certificates of completion, HiSET certificates, 8th grade diplomas awarded and the dramatic difference between those two years. She discussed the students served during those years and why NVOC is serving less students in the community today in comparison to 2011. Assembly Member Bocanegra and Ms. Penuela also discussed the cuts of adult education since 2008, AB 86 and the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG).

Ms. Penuela highlighted the strong partnership NVOC has with Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Valley College, the WorkSource centers and other employers in the San Fernando Valley. She elaborated on what has been accomplished up to date in terms of exposing and bridging more NVOC students into workforce and into higher education. Assembly Member Bocanegra was very impressed! He said, "Adult education is important to me, to the community and to my constituents." "I support adult education and want to help adult education get stronger and serve even more students."

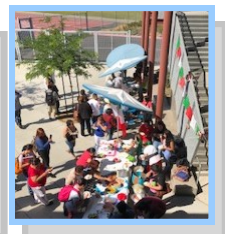
Ms. Penuela invited the Assemblyman and his office to attend the AEBG Conference on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Universal Sheraton. Assembly Member Raul Bocanegra was honored to receive the invitation and will attend if his schedule permits. His Field Representative, Rosemary Jenkins, will be attending the event. Ms. Penuela stated that, "Assembly Member Bocanegra made it very clear during the meeting that he supports adult education and is looking forward to working hard and side by side with NVOC, DACE and with adult education across California to make it stronger." "He is looking forward to strengthening his relationship with NVOC and DACE and seeing how he can further support adult education." He closed the meeting with stating, "I am here to serve you, the rest of the NVOC family and all the constituents in the North-East San Fernando Valley."

Multinational Student Celebration @EVSC

EVSC Student Council celebrated the much anticipated annual Multicultural Student Celebration on Thursday, May 4, 2017 for both the day and evening programs. Classes "adopt" a country and shared facts, food, drinks, culture, costumes, music, songs, dance, and artwork with the entire school. Cultural food samples were provided and everyone was welcomed to eat their way through the celebration as they "traveled" from country to country learning information about many cultures.

This year, 22 classes participated in the festive event. This year's countries that were adopted included: Thailand, Honduras, Philippines, Bolivia, Italy, Costa Rica, Peru, USA, El Salvador, Argentina, India, Spain, Guatemala, Mexico, China, Korea and Sri Lanka. We were treated to performances from Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico, and the United States.

The Multicultural Student Celebration provides an opportunity to share pride in our cultures with others, to educate, and to give students and staff a chance to experience a little taste of countries that they might not otherwise experience on their own. The Multicultural Student Celebration promotes inclusion and a school culture that says "You are all welcome here!"





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. This year, NVOC has two scholarship awardees. **Mr. Raul Chatara** is receiving a Women Educators (WE) Scholarship and **Ms. Maria N. Hernandez** is receiving a CCAE Student Scholarship.

Please join us as we celebrate these two scholarship winners as well as 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.

LAUSD Celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage



May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

The rich heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders spans the world and the depths of America's history. Generation after generation, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have forged a proud legacy that reflects the spirit of our Nation—a country that values the contributions of everyone—who call America home. Through times of hardship and in the face of enduring prejudice, these women and men have persisted and forged ahead to help strengthen our Union.

Like most commemorative months, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress. In 1977 Reps. Frank Horton of New York introduced House Joint Resolution 540 to proclaim the first ten days in May as Pacific/Asian American Heritage Week. In the same year, Senator Daniel Inouye introduced a similar resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 72. Neither of these resolutions passed, so in June 1978, Rep. Horton introduced House Joint Resolution 1007. This resolution proposed that the President should “proclaim a week, which is to include the seventh and tenth of the month, during the first ten days in May of 1979 as ‘Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week.’”

Since 1992, May has been designated to recognize the personal achievements and valuable contributions to the American story by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. We celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented among more than 56 ethnic groups (speaking over 100 languages) from Asia and the Pacific Islands who live in the United States.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.



Protect Your Computer from Security Threats

A recent security threat has emerged that has infected many computers around the globe. The Information Technology Division (ITD) is working to ensure the threat does not affect District systems. However, it's important that you also take steps to ensure your computer is not vulnerable.

Please visit the ITD Helpdesk website at helpdesk.lausd.net (do not type www) and click on "Protect Your Computer" to get more information on how to protect your computer in the following ways:

- Installing or updating your antivirus software
- Installing system updates and security patches (Windows users only)
- Handling questionable attachments and links

If you experience any issues with your computer, please call the ITD Helpdesk at (213) 241-5200 for assistance.

Mental Health Awareness Month



Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as "Mental Health Month") has been observed in May in the United States since 1949, reaching millions of people in the United States through the media, local events, and screenings.

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition, as 1 in 5 U.S. adults will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime. However, everyone is affected or impacted by mental illness through friends and family. Throughout May, participants across the country are raising awareness for mental health. Each year, mental health educators and professionals fight the stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care. See more at: <https://www.nami.org/mentalhealthmonth#sthash.UgF6rPhq.dpuf>



Los Angeles Unified School District | Student Health and Human Services
Pupil Services
Foster Youth Achievement Program



MAY is FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH



Nationwide, there are over 400,000 youth residing in foster care. Despite this alarming number many of these youth are thriving and increasing their chances of obtaining their dreams of graduating from high school. We know this cannot be done without the support of great individuals who make a difference in their lives. Individuals such as teachers, principals, nurses, Pupil Services and Attendance Counselors, Psychiatric Social Workers, and other support personnel who are dedicated to ensuring that the level of foster youth achievement rises, by providing foster youth with opportunities to reach their full potential.

You can make a difference too! Throughout the month of May, wear a blue ribbon and show your support for foster youth. Continue to advocate and be an ally!

Here are some things that you can do at your school to show support.

If you have a DAY...

Learn the facts and share them with the staff at your school site.
Learn about the services offered for foster youth at your school site.

If you have an HOUR...

Post an article promoting Foster Care Awareness Month in your school's newsletter or website. Create a bulletin board on your school campus to highlight and celebrate Foster Care Awareness Month.

If you have a MINUTE...

Wear a blue ribbon.

Make an announcement during your school's announcement time; letting everyone know that May is Foster Care Awareness month.

Meet your school's School-Site Foster Care Liaison and /or Foster Youth Achievement Program Counselor. Ask what you can do to help support the foster youth at your school.



Student Health and Human Services, (213) 241-3840

Pupil Services, (213) 241-3844

Foster Youth Achievement Program, (213) 241-3552