

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.

Vision Statement

North Valley Occupational Center's vision is to be a highly effective school that prepares its students to achieve their goals toward academic excellence, career and college preparation, and success in a global economy.

WEEKLY



Message from the Principal

Two educational organizations are teaming up to create an event in support of adult education and CTE students. That is what is happening on Friday, October 19 when CCAE and SkillsUSA present the CCAE Fall Awards Banquet that brings awareness to CCAE and raises funds for SkillsUSA. This event needs your support. See the email attachment for more information. Throughout the school year, many programs submit reports to District offices. For our reports to be submitted on time, teachers need to be mindful of due dates for submitting TopsPro Entry forms, EL Civics student work and attendance reports. We have teacher advisors and program coordinators who are here to help if you need it. Everyone, have a great week.

PLC Leads Announce Meetings



NVOC Welcomes New Teachers



Natalie Paniccia is brand new to teaching and very excited to be a part of the team at NVOC! She is exiting out of talent management and into ESL instruction where she is happy to feel she is making a difference in the world. In addition to teaching ESL, Natalie is a tutor with Compass Education Group tutoring the verbal portions of the SAT and ACT exams and she works part-time as a party princess and festival performer with The Merry Unbirthday.



Qui Nguy is our new II Lab/HiSET teacher in the evening. He has 18 years teaching experience and currently works as a high school teacher with Alhambra USD but he "loves working with LAUSD because the staff is so welcoming." Qui grew up in Los Angeles and lives in Rosemead.

Last week, **Julieta Flores** and **Chrystal Mendez** attended the PLC At Work Institute in Long Beach. They learned strategies to improve and enhance our PLC journey. Out of 1,800 educators in attendance, they were they only two representing adult education, putting us on the map! Way to go Julieta and Chrystal! They look forward to sharing what they learned with you.

FALL PLC DATES	October 12 November 30
SPRING PLC DATES	January 25, 2018 February 22, 2019 March 29, 2019 May 17, 2019

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



Program Performance CASAS/EL Civics News

CTE Teachers

- We would like to thank our CTE instructors for collecting CASAS entry information from their students and for turning in the forms in a timely manner.

Academic Teachers

- Please continue to pretest any new students and collect CASAS entry information.
- Our next round of CASAS testing will begin on October 15.
- Please keep in mind that we started using the new CASAS reading GOALS 900 series in the summer. Please box up the old CASAS test booklets (185R/186R/187R/188R/513R/514R) and let us or your Academic Advisor know when they are ready to be picked up.
- Only the reading tests have changed; we will continue to use the same tests for math.

ESL Teachers

- EL CIVICS testing starting last week. The SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS test was assigned to the 8:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. classes. The HEALTH test was assigned to the 10:15 a.m. classes.
- Please plan on testing students anytime between September 17 – 27. All EL CIVICS tests and materials are due back in the WIOA/CASAS office on Friday, September 28.
- Our next round of CASAS testing will begin on October 8.
- THANK YOU and feel free to call, e-mail, or come by the WIOA/CASAS Office (Room 104) with any questions or needed support. In the evening at NVOG, Gloria Booth, extension 1401, is available for CASAS/EL Civics testing materials. You can also contact your ESL advisor.

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CAAT Training Due September 30

The fall online Child Abuse Awareness Training (CAAT) is due from all LAUSD employees on September 30th. If you have not yet completed this training, you must do so before the deadline. Remember, this training is mandated by the Federal government and the District. If you need any help accessing the training online, please speak to your site administrator.

Apply for Financial Aid



The beginning of the annual college financial aid application season starts on October 1st. The free Application for Federal Student Aid, more commonly known as the FAFSA, is available for the 2018-2019 school year beginning today, October 1. Filling out the FAFSA is required to access any of the billions of dollars that get handed out each year in college grants, loans, and work study awards.

This is the second application cycle since the U.S. Department of Education moved up the financial aid timeline by three months. The process of applying will actually look different than in previous years, thanks to some security updates that were made to an online tool designed to ease the process of filling out the form. Here are some tips to be successful in applying.

First: Everyone should file a FAFSA.

Every student who is considering college next year should fill out the FAFSA. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for federal grants, most states and many colleges also use the form to award grants and scholarships. And it's required to take out any federal student loans, which are cheaper and safer than private market loans.

Second: Get organized.

Start by [creating an FSA ID](#), and before you begin filling out the form at fafsa.ed.gov, gather your 2017 tax return and W-2 forms and current bank statements. This year you'll be using 2017 tax information to apply for the school year that starts in the fall of 2019.

Third: Pay close attention to various deadlines, and submit the form as early as possible.

Procrastinating can cost you: While federal grants won't be affected by the date you file, some states and colleges give out limited award money until it runs out. Pay close attention to "priority deadlines" on college websites, as well as those for state and agency programs.

California Dream Act Application is available as an alternative means to pay for college education in California for eligible undocumented students. Undocumented students should not complete the FAFSA, but instead complete the California Dream Act application at caldreamact.org and follow the same tips for success.

For additional information on funding your college education check out the Fund Your Future Magazine at fundyourfuture.org and cash4college.csac.ca.gov.



Aviation Student Becomes Pilot



Kyle Blackburn entered the Aviation Mechanic program at NVOC right out of high school. Kyle says the choice to come here was the best choice he ever made. He always wanted to be a pilot. Kyle completed the course in March of 2014 and soon after took the FAA test for his Airframe and Powerplant certification. Soon after receiving his FAA A&P Certificate, he began working at a flight school as a mechanic and used the money he made as a mechanic to pursue his life-long dream of flying and began taking flying lessons. After earning an FAA Private Pilot Certificate, Kyle went through training for Commercial Pilot, Instrument and Multi Engine Ratings. In Kyle's words "working as a mechanic after NVOC brought me many valuable lessons, people and connections. My certificates have taken me on many adventures, and the opportunities continually present themselves."

Kyle is currently flying along the eastern coastline of the United States for Cape Air. He says he has one more year with them, after that he will pursue a flying job with a larger airline.

We are expecting to hear him talking to us from the cockpit of a major airline in the next few years. Way to go ,Kyle! Your success has no limits.

Reminders for all Staff

Staff is to adhere to contracted schedules. No staff is to be on school grounds outside of their assignment hours

Staff is not to meet with students on school campus outside of their assigned hours, with exceptions of field trips or events approved by the principal.

All students attending must be registered in the class. Teachers, please check your sign-in sheets against your e-attendance. Students attending without registration cannot receive credit, hours, or proof of attendance. Teachers allowing students to attend without registration are in violation of district policies.

Single Sign on For Adult Students

You have all heard the news by now. All adult education students in DACE are getting Single Sign-On (SSO) accounts! The main benefits for NVOC students is that all will have:

- 1) an LAUSD email account
- 2) a Google Drive account and can create Google Documents
- 3) an Office 365 Account AND access to Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc. for their home computers
- 4) Schoology accounts and access to other programs (e.g. Burlington English, Edmentum, and APEX) using their SSO to sign in.

Informing our students and helping them start to use their new SSO accounts and LAUSD email addresses will be a school-wide project commencing September 17 and lasting 4 weeks. Teams of NVOC teacher advisors will be visiting all classes at each site to inform students and help them activate their new SSO accounts, develop passwords, and learn the basics of using them to log on to a website, complete a task such as fill out a Google Form, and send an email.

More details about the schedule of classroom visits will be forthcoming. Please pay attention to your email messages and posted announcements at your sites for details. We hope that you will welcome the Teacher Advisors to your classrooms, and encourage your students to activate and use their new LAUSD email addresses and SSO accounts on a regular basis.

As the school year progresses, further Professional Development on ways to manage your students' SSO accounts, set up on-going communication with your students via their new LAUSD email accounts, and ways to help your students access all of the benefits of having SSO accounts will be provided.

Good Luck, Dina Beltran



This week, NVOC bids farewell to student body worker, Dina Beltran. Dina has been hired as an Office Technician with LAUSD and will be working at Noble Avenue Elementary. Dina started her educational journey with us as an ESL student at Pacoima Skills Center in the early 2000's. She then transitioned into the ABE program and naturally moved on to the ASE program. While a student, Dina was hired as a Student Body Bookstore Clerk and soon after completed the GED in 2012. She continued her education at Los Angeles Valley College and recently received her Associate Degree in June of 2018. She is presently enrolled in classes at Valley College to continue to the next step in her education. We will miss her and wish her the best.