



# 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 NEWSLETTER



### Message from the Principal

**W**elcome Back Faculty and Staff! I hope everyone is rested, recharged and ready to go! It is Year 2 of our Strategic Plan: VIA is the focus for this year which means **VISION, IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESSMENT**, therefore we will be implementing the vision and assessment to measure our student outcomes and success. All students this year will receive counseling in every department and an **INDIVIDUALIZED STUDENT PLAN**, or ISP. All students should have **TRANSITIONAL** goals as to the pathway they will follow to continue their education. In addition, this is the first year of the new evaluation system using the LAUSD **TEACHING AND LEARNING FRAMEWORK**. The evaluation information can be found in **MYPGS** (Personal Growth System). Administration will work with teachers in navigating this new process. This process will be a valuable tool for teachers, it focuses on student learning and how instructors are facilitating the learning process to move students forward. While not everyone will be evaluated this year, all teachers should become familiar with the new framework. This year will be our mid-cycle accreditation visit and we will work on updating our Action Plan, focus on student achievement and collect data. NVOC has a new Assistant Principal of Operations, **Cynthia Diaz**. **Elizabeth Peñuela** is now at Venice Community Adult School. Ms. Peñuela has done so much for our school and we wish her well in her new assignment and welcome Ms. Diaz to the NVOC family. **Monica Martin** has been promoted to Assistant Principal, Operations and is now at West Valley Occupational Center. We wish Monica the best in her new assignment. We also have new advisors: **Jonathan Schaeffer** is CTE Pathways Advisor; **Tony Serrano** and **Julieta Flores** are Academic Pathway Advisors. We are always happy when our staff promotes. Now, with positive energy and commitment, let's begin the 2018-2019 school year.

### NVOC Reviews DACE Strategic Plan



There is no better way than starting the school year on a positive note, and that is how it started for advisors and administrators at the DACE Back to School Meeting last Tuesday, August 7th at Puente Learning Center. Every DACE school received accolades for the last school year and were sent off to meet by school to discuss DACE's Strategic Plan Objectives for the 2018-2019 school year. This is the second year that program advisors have joined the administrative staff at the Division's Back to School Meeting as DACE extends its support to schools through coherence and being more inclusive. We share Central Office's sentiments in believing that we are starting on a positive note and we are ready to build on last school year's success.

### NEW CLASSES AT NVOC

Child Development	C. Villalobos	East Valley M-F 8:00—11:15 am
Accounting/Tax Prep	A. Van Winkle	NVOC M-F 8-10 am M-F 10:15—12:15 pm

### 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



## ESL Students Learn a Trade



This summer, North Valley Occupational Center conducted a summer school program that was designed to help student achieve their goals faster by combining language acquisition with career tech classes. In the IET program (Integrated Education Training), classes were taught by two team teachers from ESL and CTE departments.

Mr. Caplan and Ms. Brady team taught a VESL Business Administration class with a final project of Job Interview Techniques. (picture below)



Ms. Martin and Mr. Ramirez team taught a VESL and Business Computers class with a final project of creating a spreadsheet. Ms. Sakhakorn and Mr. Rodriguez team taught a VESL and an Electrician Class with a final project of installing and testing electrical switches.

During the four week summer school, students also had the opportunity to take Vocational ESL classes, Soft Skills Classes and Integrated Education Training or IET classes. These classes followed DACE's Strategic Plan, and the Adult Education Program (formerly known as the Adult Education Block Grant) to create pathways towards CTE classes, measurable skills gain, and job placement. We are proud of our summer teachers for the enthusiasm and dedication they demonstrated in participating in a new program, our students for taking new paths to success, and our advisors Emilio Mendez, Maura Sakhakorn, and Chrystal Mendez.

NVOC will continue to offer IET classes in the fall:

- VESL Business/Office Occupations teams with Computer Operation
- VESL Business/Administrative Assistant

## Active Shooter Training



School Police Officer Amir spoke to the NVOC staff during an Active Shooter Presentation at the End of the School Year Meeting on Friday, June 8. Officer Amir gave accounts of the recent incidents occurring in US and foreign countries, explained pre-incident indicators that threaten school/student safety, identified steps to implementing a Rapid Relocation in the event of a security breach. Our own teacher, Karen Lendman gave a terrifying account of her experience at the Las Vegas shooting, and a sobering warning of how people react in dangerous situations.

## First Day of Class Recommendations

Let's start the 2018-2019 school year on a positive note by

- Greeting each student entering class
- Assure that students are in the correct class/section
- Memorizing your students name and call them by their names daily. Insist students memorize your name, too.
- Exuding a positive attitude
- Getting the students excited about your classroom
- Providing each student with a Syllabus that contains class information about class meetings, methods of instruction
- Reviewing the Behavioral Contract that was presented at the Back to School Meeting
- Having an ice-breaker to get students acquainted with each other
- Promoting appreciation of and respect for diversity
- Discouraging prejudicial conduct and discriminatory attitudes
- Informing students about Title IX Complaint Managers for your campus

The first day of class is not only to get students situated, but also to make them feel welcomed, safe, and excited about learning. It's a perfect time to establish positive communication and have students commit to finishing the class. Teacher Advisors and Administrators are available to help.

## HiSET Price Increase

Effective July, 2018, HiSET testing has increased for paper-based tests. Computer-based testing fees remain the same.

HISET	PAPER - BASED	COMPUTER - BASED
FULL BATTERY	\$ 175	\$ 150
SUB TEST	\$ 30	\$ 25