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### **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.



# Message from the Principal

he 3rd annual Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium is this Saturday, March 9 at the Sheridan Universal Hotel. There are always many interesting and pertinent workshops. Three of those workshops are presented by our NVOC faculty:

"Explicit Writing Instruction" by Cheryl Miller at 9:45 am

"Learning By Doing: An IET Love Story - Lessons learned from LAUSD/DACE's summer 2018 IET program" by Maura McCarthy Sakhakorn and Reymundo Rodriguez are on the panel at 10:45 am

"CASAS E-Testing 101" by Joe Alvarez, Ellen Baker, Barry Bakin and Gustavo Cubias at 11:45 am

If you plan to attend this informative Conference you should sign-up online at the laraec.net/third-annual-laraecconference/. I hope I will see you there at this value conference!

### **REMINDERS:**

When teachers leave for break, please remember to have students leave your room and lock yourdoor. We are responsible for anything that may occur in your absence. Please don't leave your room unattended at break time with students still in the classroom.

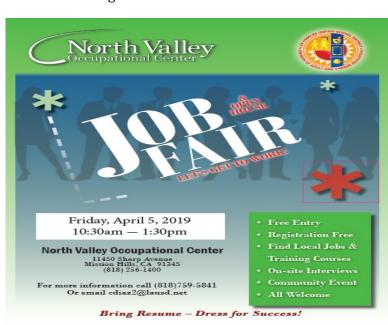
If you have any discipline/security concerns please notify your site administration immediately so that we can handle the issue in a timely fashion. Administration works with security to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for our students.

Turn in your keys at the end of your assignment. Do not take keys home.

## RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

If you are looking for non-fiction reading comprematerials, check out www.readworks.org. You can set up a free account and print handouts to use in your classroom or you can set up a class and have students read and complete assignments online. You can access their progress and grades. You can also project the materials for classroom instruction. They have Article-A-Day sets that are about 10 minutes long. The articles are labeled by K-12 grades, but you can choose the articles that best match your levels. For those classes that are doing projects for Women in History Month, they have materials about "Famous Latin-American Women," "Women Activists," "Inventions by Women," and a lot more.

Remember, non-fiction reading aligns with the English Language Proficiency Standards which addresses preparing our students for careers and post-secondary education and also aligns with our Vision Statement.



### **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



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### **Program Performance CASAS/EL Civics News**

### **CTE Teachers**

• EMT, Buildings and Grounds and Child Development cohorts are currently collecting CASAS update information from the students.

### **Academic Teachers**

• Please continue to pretest any new students and collect properly completed entry forms.

### **ESL Teachers**

• All EL Civics tests were due on Friday, March 1st.

### **CASAS e-testing:**

- All ABE and ASE classes at the NVOC campus continue to pre/posttest students.
- For the first time E-testing for ESL classes was available at all NVOC .
- 322 testing stations, which include desktops, laptops and Ipads, have already been registered for e-testing.
   More stations are currently being registered in academic labs at EVSC.

It is important to acknowledge the critical contribution of a diverse dedicated group of advisors and instructors that made e-testing a reality at all NVOC sites. This project was NOT a one man/woman project. On the contrary, in addition to the Program Performance Advisors, our Instructional Technology Teacher Advisor and technology support, we were very fortunate to receive the support of all ESL advisors, Academic advisors and ESL and academic instructors at all sites. This collaboration mitigated the impact of lastminute computer glitches and other unforeseeable setbacks very typical of significant expansions such as ours. Thank you all.

THANK YOU and feel free to call, e-mail, or come by the WI-OA/CASAS Office (Room 104) with any questions or needed support. In the evening at NVOC, Gloria Booth, extension 1401, is available for CASAS/EL Civics testing materials.

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### **Registration Schedule for 10-week classes**

SPRING PRIORITY REGISTRATION
MARCH 12-15

SPRING GENERAL REGISTRATION MARCH 18-26

### **EMT Students Transition to Employment**



You may have been wondering why there were so many ambulances on campus on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. You may have even been a little terried. Don't worry. It was not an emergency. It was just our EMT program doing what it does best. CTE Advisor Johnathan Scheaeffer and Emergency Medical Technician Instructor Joshua Effle-Hoy organized an event to connect our EMT students with six local ambulance providers. This event gave students an opportunity to network with EMT companies to discuss future employment.

The biggest surprise of the event, and a major source of pride of our program, came when students realized that each of the six organizations participating had at least one graduate of the NVOC EMT program working for them. Liberty Ambulance hired **Amy Ruiz** (Spring 2017) as an EMT Field Training Officer; Lifeline EMS hired **Steve Dodgen** (Fall 2013) as Operations Supervisor; Firstmed Ambulance hired **Jonathan Lopez** (Fall 2017) as Lead Dispatcher / EMT, PRN Ambulance hired **Renee Biggle** (Spring 2014) as (Critical Care EMT); American Professional Ambulance hired **Trystenn Esquivel** (Fall 2018) as an EMT. Ambulnz hired **Paolo Garzona** (Spring 2017) as an EMT.



The visitors introduced themselves to the soon-to-be EMT program completers to encourage current students as they close in on class completion, showing where their hard work has led. Also, the graduates had the opportunity to discuss employment opportunities with their organizations after completing the EMT course. The current EMT course will complete on March 7. Good luck to our current group of EMT students as they head in to finals!