



# 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

This Saturday there was a Career Technical Education meeting at Slawson Occupational Center to discuss Safety Practices for Student Success and the PLC process for each CTE industry sector. We had several staff members attend: Armando Del La Torre, Roy Ramirez, Raymundo Rodriguez, Miguel Solis, Luis Garcia, Debbie Torres, John Alvarez, Harim De Leon, Elizabeth Penuela and Ellen Baker. Student safety is very important and each CTE industry sector will be reviewing and updating their safety tests as part of the CTE PLC objectives.

Please be sure that you report any safety issues to your site administrator or Main Office personnel. A safe school environment for students and staff is an important component of student success.

Ellen Baker, Principal

### Calendar of Events/Important Dates

- Tuesday, November 8 — EVSC and NHALC PLC, EVSC Room 127, 10:45am-12:15pm
- Wednesday, November 9 — EVSC and NHALC PLC, EVSC Room 115, 7:30-9:00pm
- NO SCHOOL Friday, November 11. Happy Veterans Day!
- November 21-25 — Thanksgiving Break



### Open Classes!

#### North Hollywood Adult Learning Center

All I.I. Labs and ESL classes

#### Rinaldi Adult Center

Computer Operation - M - F 8:00 to 10:00am and 10:15am to 12:15pm

Reading 2/3 - M-F 8:00 to 10:00am

Reading 1 - M-F 10:15am to 12:15pm

ESL Conversation (Inter Low - Adv)

Tuesdays 12:45 - 2:45pm

ESL Pronunciation (All levels)

Wednesdays 12:45 - 2:45pm

ESL - 8:00 to 10:00am and 10:15 to 12:15pm

(Int. Low, Int. High A, Int. High B, Adv. Low)

#### East Valley Skills Center

Computer Operation

Several ABE and ASE sections, AIS

#### NVOC

Business Math - M - F 8:00 to 10:00am

Keyboarding - M - F 10:15am to 12:15pm

Computer Operation - M - F 8:00 to 10:00am

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Graphic Design - M - Th 6:15 to 9:00pm

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

Student Council is coordinating a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many families live in poverty and are unable to celebrate holidays. A simple way to help these families is by donating food items to those in need. Help make a difference this Thanksgiving season.

#### MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Rice (2 pound bag)
- Canned fruit
- Pinto Beans (2 pound bag)
- Canned Juices
- Peanut butter
- Canned tomatoes
- Oatmeal
- Canned soup (all kinds)
- Ground coffee
- Canned tuna
- Spaghetti

Donations boxes will be sent out this week.

All donations will go to Meeting Each Need with Dignity (MEND).

### WIOA Tech Workshop Change

The November 10 workshop, "Leveraging Your Students' Mobile Phones as Instructional Tools" has been changed to Friday, February 10, 2017. It will still be at North Hollywood Adult Learning Center.

The next workshop will be Friday, December 2 at NVOC. The topic will be "Introducing Burlington Software for CASAS Improvement." Matthew Huffine, the representative from Burlington for LAUSD schools, will be presenting.

Workshop attendance earns District Sponsored Training Rate or can be used for Step Advancement.

### ESL Registration Update

The last day for ESL Registration will be Friday, November 18, 2016.

ESL Open Enrollment will be Monday, January 23 to Friday, January 27, 2017.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs)

- Develop effective reading, writing, listening and speaking skills
- Utilize current technology and/or resources to enhance subject area learning
- Demonstrate problem solving skills through individual and collaborative work
- Set and complete short and long term goals

**Suicide Prevention Awareness**

*From LAUSD Bulletin-2637.1*

Suicide prevention is the collective efforts of local community organizations, mental health practitioners and related professionals to reduce the incidence of suicide through education, awareness and services.

**Suicide Risk Factors**

While the path that leads to suicidal behavior is long and complex and there is no “profile” that predicts suicidal behavior with certainty, there are certain risk factors associated with increased suicide risk. In isolation, these factors are not signs of suicidal thinking. However, when present they signal the need to be vigilant for the warning signs of suicide.

- Access to means (e.g. firearms, knives, medication)
- Stressors (e.g., loss, peer relations, school, gender identity issues)
- History of depression, mental illness or substance/alcohol abuse disorders
- History of suicide in the family or of a close friend
- History of mental illness in the family

**SMH Clinic and Wellness Center**

Valley Clinic  
 6651-A Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys, 91406  
 Tel: 818-758-2300 Fax: 818-996-9850  
 Please indicate if you would like to be considered for services at a Valley Clinic Satellite Location: Kennedy HS (Granada Hills), Telfair ES (Pacoima), Sunland ES (Sunland).

**2017 Annual Benefits Open Enrollment**

Open enrollment for eligible employees is Nov. 1—20 for the plan effective Jan. 1, 2017.

During the open enrollment period, employees may access the Benefits Administration website, [benefits.lausd.net](http://benefits.lausd.net) to make changes to your plan.

**A registration code is required, please see your enrollment packet.**

Obtain details on all plan choices, view and download all benefits publicans and forms, and links to benefit providers’ websites.

Or call the automated telephone system 800-527-1482.

**Job Search Tools**

Our school website contains information on no-cost community resources available to assist our students with job search.

On [www.nvoc.org](http://www.nvoc.org), point to Services, then click on Job Search Tools.

As we continue to develop our relationship with WIOA and the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department through the Navigator program, more resources will be added to the webpage to help connect our students to jobs.

**CASAS/WIOA**

**ABE Reading and Math Teachers:**

Student gains reports will be delivered this week. Please continue to pretest any new students.

**ESL Teachers:**

The Transitions El Civics supplemental lessons were hand delivered to all ESL classes, except beginning low. CASAS did not authorize the use of Transitions for BL this time. Please refer to the memorandum included in your packets for additional information and instructions. CASAS post testing will take place the week after Thanksgiving.

**CASAS and EL Civics support materials can be found on Quizlet.com and by going to our official link below.**

<http://www.wioalasd.com/elcivics>

**II Labs Teachers:**

Student gains reports will be delivered this week. Please continue to pretest any new students.

Please direct your concerns and questions to the WIOA/CASAS team.

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**Patty Lopez on the CA Adult Ed Students Succeed Webpage**

*From [www.adultedlearners.org](http://www.adultedlearners.org)*

Originally from Michoacán, Mexico, Assemblywoman Patty López came to the U.S. at 12 and grew up in Pacoima. While raising her own family, she started studying at the North Valley Occupational Center. As a mother of four, she knew educating herself was the best way to provide a better future for her daughters. She took basic ESL and high school classes, GED preparation, vocational and college courses.

Patty became active in a local parent group that worked with the Los Angeles Unified School District to help failing schools. She gradually expanded her political and community organizing roles, and was especially concerned by the elimination of adult education funding at the height of the state's financial crisis.

The desire to help her community led to a decision to run for the State Assembly in 2014. In a surprising upset, she won the election and took office as a political novice. She has since introduced legislation in key areas of concern to her and her constituents. Four of her bills have been signed by the Governor.

Locally, she has hosted dozens of free workshops on housing, education, small businesses, immigration and other issues. She has been a champion for the people in countless ways.

Now, Patty is fighting hard to rebuild the adult education system in California. In 2016, she introduced a bill to restore funding to pre-recession levels.

Whether from within the legislature or elsewhere, Patty's plan is to continue working hard to improve our communities, and she is deeply committed to helping people understand our system of government.

Patty overcame difficulties in her life by educating herself and taking the time to learn something new each day. Having access to adult education programs helped her achieve her goals and it is one of the reasons she wants to ensure that other adults have that same opportunity.





# NVOC DOOR DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!



**2ND PLACE!**  
**MS. VICENCIO'S EVENING CLASS**  
**ROOM 206**



**1ST PLACE!**  
**MS. RAQUENDAN'S EVENING CLASS**  
**ROOM 3**



**3RD PLACE!**  
**MR. GOMEZ'S CLASS**  
**ROOM 2**