# **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**

The CCAE Conference on Saturday, September 24 was a great success! We had many staff members attend and APO Elizabeth Penuela had a workshop in every session on Legislative Advocacy. There were a lot of informative workshops and resources for teachers. Among the special guests who spoke were Joseph Stark, DACE Executive Director, Dr. Frances Gibson, Chief Academic Officer and Assemblywoman Patty Lopez. It was great to see so many people come out on a Saturday and it was good to hear the positive messages about Adult Education. Staff Development is an important component of learning and improving our educational practices which will lead to increased student success!

Interim Principal, Ellen Baker

#### **Calendar of Events/Important Dates**

Monday, September 26 — CTE Business dept. meeting, Room 105, 11:15am - 12:15pm

Monday, September 26 — CTE Industrial dept. meeting, Room 20, 8:15 - 9:00pm

Tuesday, September 27 — EVSC Student Council meeting, Room 218, 9:45 - 10:15am

Wednesday, September 28 – CTE Industrial dept. meeting/PLC, Room M1, 10:30am - 12:15pm

Wednesday, September 28 – EVSC Student Council meeting, Room 209, 7:15 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday & Thursday, September 28-29 — NVOC HiSet testing, 5:00pm Friday, November 11—Veterans' Day Holiday

November 21—25—Thanksgiving Break

#### **CASAS/WIOA**

#### **Classes Still Open!**

Your help with spreading the word is greatly appreciated!

Adult Independent Study (AIS), HS English Must score at least 10 on the TABE reading test.

Tues 9:00am to 12:00pm

5:00 to 8:00pm Thurs 2:00 to 5:00pm

<u>Graphic Design (forum)</u> - M-Th 6:15pm to 9:00pm

<u>Computer Operation (all levels, forum)</u> M-F 8:00am to 10:00am, 10:15am to

12:15pm

M-Th 6:15pm to 9:00pm <u>Accounting</u> - M-F 8:00am to 10:00am M-F 10:15am to 12:15pm <u>Reading 1</u> - M-Th 6:15 to 9:00pm <u>Reading 2</u> - M-F 8:00 to 10:00am <u>I.I. Lab</u> - M-Th 3:15 to 5:45pm

<u>HS English Lab</u> - M-Th 3:15 to 5:45pm M-Th 6:15 to 9:00pm

#### ABE Reading and Math Teachers:

CASAS tests have been scanned. Student gains reports will be delivered this week. Please continue to pretest any new students.

#### **ESL Teachers:**

EL Civics Employment additional assessment will take place from October 4th to October 14th. Assessment materials including task sheets, task folders and pre-printed labels will be delivered this week.

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

http://www.wioalausd.com/elcivics

#### I.I. Labs Teachers:

CASAS tests are being scanned this week. Student gains reports will be delivered as soon as possible. Please continue to pretest any new students.

Please direct your concerns and questions to the WIOA/CASAS team: NVOC Room 104 818-365-9645 Extension 381 Gustavo Cubias- gac84281@lausd.net (NVOC) Javier Flores- fjf8560@lausd.net (NVOC and EVSC) Karla Galleguillos- kvg8203@lausd.net (NVOC) Maura Sakhakorn-maura.sakhakorn@lausd.net (Rinaldi and Whipple)

#### 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

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#### NVOC WIOA Technology Workshops

NVOC's instructor-taught series of hands-on workshops focuses on one type or aspect of technology each session. Teachers who are not "on the clock" can receive District Sponsored Training Rate for attending or count workshop attendance for step advancement purposes. Note that workshops rotate around the main branches and are on alternating Friday and Thursday afternoons in the hope that teachers who could not ever attend on a Friday, may be able to attend on a Thursday.

Please indicate your interest in attending by emailing Barry Bakin at barry.bakin@luasd.net with the dates of the workshops you plan to attend.

Teachers are especially encouraged to attend the first workshop as it will feature ideas and management tips for using the brand new computer lab in room 102. (Look for a sign up sheet for the lab at North Valley shortly.)

Ses- sion	Date	Title	Location
1	Friday, Sept. 30, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	What to do in the ESL Computer Lab! (Including Implementation tips)	NVOC Room 201
2	Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	What to do with a Laptop Cart! (Including implementation tips!)	East Valley Skills Center Room 207
3	Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	What to do with iPads! (Including implementation tips!)	Rinaldi Adult Learning Center (Room tbd)
4	Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Leveraging Your Students' Mobile Phones as Instructional Tools (Quizlet, Remind, Kahoot!)	North Hollywood Adult Learning Center Room 2
5	Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Introducing Burlington Software for CASAS Improvement	NVOC Room 201
6	Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Introducing Aztec Software for ABE and ASE	North Hollywood Adult Learning Center Room 2

#### **HiSet Exam at NVOC**

HiSet testing is on September 28-29 at 5:00pm sharp.

Students should plan ahead for the next available exam--registration is on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 5:00pm.

#### **CCAE Membership Info**

The California Council for Adult Education invites you to become a member of the Los Angeles Metro section. CCAE is the voice of adult education in the state and offers a wide of leadership and networking range opportunities as well as scholarships, member recognition and professional development. Membership is open to all school employees, students and community members. If you or your students are interested in joining CCAE, contact please Saida Pagan at srp13821@lausd.net for more information.

#### **Adult Ed Literacy Week!**

Celebrate Adult Education and Family Literacy Week September 26 to October 1. According to the National Coalition for Literacy, low literacy affects 36 million U.S. adults.

You can find activities, toolkits and resources for your classroom online at: national-coalition-literacy.org.

#### **Reminder to CTE Teachers**

Please submit your Job Completers form to Debbie Torres for the 2015-2016 school year. You can pick up a blank form from the Counseling Office or email Debbie Torres or John Alvarez. We want to make sure that we capture this important information. Thank you!

Ms. Torres: dmt2809@lausd.net Mr. Alvarez: jta3552@lausd.net

#### Successful Relaunch of nvoc.org

Encourage your students to visit us at www.nvoc.org! According to our Google Analytics account, we receive over 15,000 views per week, and 60% of visits come from mobile devices.

The new website features all of our programs and locations. More content will be uploaded in the coming weeks.

Open registration dates for CTE classes are listed on the main page.

#### **CTE Open Registration Dates**

All mid-semester CTE open registration dates can be viewed on our website's main page at www.nvoc.org. Please advise any of your students who are interested in CTE courses to register on the first available date. Many of our CTE classes fill up within hours.

#### **Staff Development Opportunities**

In October and November CALPRO is offering a series of online workshops on Teaching Critical Thinking. Critical thinking skills are survival skills in our complex world and are required for success in employment and further education. How do we best teach these skills? Learn how to help your students become better critical thinkers, problem solvers and decision makers.

These interactive workshops are delivered entirely online and are free and open to any adult educators in California who are employed by WIOA-funded agencies.

#### Teaching Critical Thinking online series:

Session 1: Critical Thinking and Metacognition Tuesday, October 25, 2016 - 4 to 5:30 pm. Helps teachers move students beyond simple knowledge to greater understanding of what you are teaching. It will demonstrate methods for teaching critical thinking skills and for planning instructional activities that encourage and require students to think critically.

Session 2: Problem Solving and Decision Making Wednesday, October 26, 2016 - 4 to 5:30 pm. Presents the basic steps to problem solving and decision-making. You will explore strategies for helping your students apply critical thinking to their lives both in and out of the classroom. (Session 1 is a pre-requisite)

Session 3: Implementing Critical Thinking Strategies Wednesday, November 2, 2015 - 4 to 5:30 pm.

You can also register from the CALPRO Event Calendar or the California Adult Education Training Calendar. For questions or further information contact Sudie Whalen, 800-427-1422 x 8 or swhalen@air.org.