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Health Fair at Evans Community Adult School



On November 20th more than 1,000 students from Evans Community Adult School (Evans CAS), an LA Unified Division of Adult and Career Education School, attended a health fair in which twenty community partners were able to share information about the health services they offer. Participants included: Amanecer Community Counseling Service, APLA Health, Arroyo Vista Family Health Center, Belize Cancer Society of California, Chinatown Service Center, City of Los Angeles Office of The City Attorney - Victim Assistance Unit, Eisner Health, LA County Department of Mental Health, LAUSD Children's Health Access and Medical Programs (LAUSD CHAMP), Para Los Niños, Saban Community Clinic, UCLA Community Engagement's Allied Healthcare Careers Program, and YWCA Greater Los Angeles Sexual Assault Crisis Services

The Health Fair also included free HIV testing by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) in addition to free blood pressure, blood sugar, vision, and pulse oximetry screenings by CVS Pharmacy along with Evans CAS's Medical Assistant students. During the Health Fair, the students were able to help several of the attendees identify serious health issues warranting immediate medical attention, including high blood pressure, extremely low blood pressure and ear infections.

To encourage the attendees to learn more about the physical and mental health resources available in our community, English as a second language (ESL) students participated in a scavenger hunt while academic and career technical education (CTE) students were given a writing reflection activity requiring them to interact with and get information from the participating agencies.

The health fair was just one event during Evans CAS's Health Awareness Month. Other on-campus events included free mammograms for students through Alinea Medical Imaging and free eye exams, including free glasses for eligible students, through the Tzu Chi Medical Foundation.

You're a STAR Abram Friedman Occupational Center!

Automotive program instructor Nathaniel Davis has placed Abram Friedman Occupational Center (AFOC), an LA Unified Division of Adult and Career Education School at the STAR level! He reports, "AFOC just became the only school teaching a smog certification program with a STAR rating from Sacramento. We are now a STAR Certified Station test, repair and training facility."

The STAR Program establishes performance standards for Smog Check stations and inspectors, with STAR Certified Stations meeting higher performance standards. Being STAR Certified will give AFOC students the edge in obtaining the best jobs.

Mr. Davis would like to thank Principal Martha Peralta and Assistant Principal Juan Noguera for their encouragement, help and support." We appreciate Mr. Davis's hard work and dedication in making this happen. Wow!



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May the Air Force Be With



We are happy to report that Natassja Hernandez, a former AC2T student with DACE's East Los Angeles Occupational Center, is now serving our nation as an air force airman stationed in Tucson, Arizona. Joining the Air Force was her motivation to complete her high school diploma and is allowing her to continue her pursuit of college. She is currently halfway to earning an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Natassja continues her schooling as she aspires to move up the ranks, hoping to get assigned overseas in the next three years. Her preferred assignments are Italy, France, and Spain.

Natassja's advice to young adults like her in Boyle Heights is to take control of their lives and change it for the better. She added, "Dropping out of high school or college doesn't mean it's all over. Time is of the essence. If you have a goal and you want to pursue it, the time is now." We'd like to thank Natassja for her update and wish her the best of luck in her current and future endeavors.

One Team. One Mission.



From Our ELASC Students



I just accepted a position with Tesla's Solarglass division starting at \$21 an hour, with a \$1,500 signing bonus and 20 shares in the company. This is by far the best job I could ever have dreamed of getting.

East Los Angeles Skills Center (ELASC), which I started attending this past August is a class act. All the staff, administrators and instructors, including Mr. Calderon, Mr. Ruiz and Ms. Carbonell have just been incredible in their effort to educate us in math, photovoltaics and solar thermal. It has been a life changing experience for me, and I am just so grateful to have had this opportunity. I have a long way to go, but I am on the right path with the knowledge and tools to get started.

So, thank you to Homeboy Industries, who financed and sponsored my schooling, and to everyone at East Los Angeles Skills Center!

Sincerely, Steve Howe



I just wanted to express my gratitude for the education I have received at the East Los Angeles Skill Center (ELASC). I also want to thank Homeboy Industries and Father Greg Boyle, who

have paid for me to be part of their Solar Installation program. Ms. Carbonell is an amazing Math teacher, Mr. Ruiz taught me how to size up Photovoltaic systems, and I still cannot believe Mr. Calderon was able to help me memorize so many vocabulary words with everything I have been through in my life.

The education I have received at East Los Angeles Skills Center has been a life changing experience for me. I have come from incarceration to education. My next mission is to land a job with a well-known company where I may use the skills I have been taught. Thank you East Los Angeles Skill Center!

Yours, Jesus Ulloa Jr.

Gassed-up & Good To Go!





Continuing our mission of creating pathways to employment for our students, LA Unified's Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE) recently partnered with The Los Angeles Regional Adult Education Consortium (LARAEC) and the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) to offer its Gas Appliance Technician Boot Camp. The boot camp was open to qualified candidates from campuses throughout the Division and was designed to prepare participants for SoCalGas's rigorous Gas Appliance Technician hiring process. Traditionally, this position was only open to candidates from within SoCalGas but has recently been offered to outside applicants. SoCalGas reached out to LARAEC and DACE about offering the Gas Appliance Technician Boot Camp due to the high quality of our students and high capacity of our programs. Participants were given a week of intensive training and information on the position, hiring process and testing involved. Participants who completed the week successfully were then awarded a boot camp certificate. Within the hiring process, the certificate propels candidates to the front of the eligible and qualified applicants list.



Since the end of the boot camp, 17 out of 18 certificate earners have applied for a job with SoCalGas and of those, 83% are still being processed for employment! At DACE we understand the powerful impact adult education has on our students' lives and are excited about continuing this fruitful partnership with LARAEC and So Cal Gas!