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IMPORTANT DATES

ESL Trimester August 13, 2018 – November 9, 2018

Veterans Day Observed, no classes in session Monday, November 12, 2018

Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday, November 22, 2018 and Friday, November 23, 2018

Winter Unassigned Day Monday, December 17th, 2018

Winter Unassigned Break Tuesday, January 2nd, Friday, January 5th, 2019

Solar Power International Conference News

Jorge Gutierrez, Manny Carmona and Martin Bueno are recent East Los Angeles Skills Center graduates and have recently been employed in the industry.

Jorge and Martin are two HBI anti-recidivism candidates working for Aerotek Industries doing commercial solar installation. Manny Carmona is working for Grid Alternatives in a design externship!

These moments make all the hard work worth it. It was great seeing them at the convention.

(Article submitted by Mr. Edward Ruiz, Photovoltaic instructor.)



Photograph taken at the Solar Power International Conference on Wednesday, September 26th. Standing from left to right are Jorge Gutierrez, Manny Carmona, and Martin Bueno—all recent graduates.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

Benjamin Franklin

Academic Success Story

Dear Mrs. Sanchez

First and foremost, I would like to say "Thank You" to you and to The Eastside Learning Center staff. I decided to return back to School, after a long absence of school. In March of 2014, I suffered an ischemic stroke which is a blockage on the left side of the brain with side effects that include numbness, blindness and some memory loss. Within one year of my stroke, I realized that I needed to get back on my feet and finish something that I started a long time ago. I needed to accomplish and obtain my high school diploma. So after a year of learning how to write, walk straight and use all my functions all over again, my wife and I decided that I needed to go back to school and get my education.

In March 2015, I entered Eastside Learning Center, and started my journey. This was a challenge because my learning was at a very low level and I wasn't in the required classes for graduation. I had to push myself to learn and to adapt to being at school again. In the beginning it was a struggle for me. I felt out of place but I had a lot of help with all the teachers and staff helping me along the way. After explaining my situation and what I had to endure, all the staff made me feel comfortable being on campus. Most of the work was familiar although it was a struggle at times due to my stroke. I continued to move forward a few classes at a time. During the summer, I would attend summer school and even picked up independent study classes. My weekends and time off were dedicated to school.



In May 2018 I was able to accomplish one of my goals by passing the HSET test. My initial reaction was shock. I didn't know who to call or who to tell. I first called my wife and told her the great news. Then I took a moment to myself and cried, because of everything I had been through to get here. Now I can grow in my education and in life. I have worked hard to obtain multiple licenses in the security field and now, with my diploma, I was able to apply to a government agency and hold the title of "federal officer." I can personally say, that with hard work, determination, great family support, and an awesome teaching staff, I was able to achieve my diploma. To anyone that knows of somebody that has not finished school, or is thinking about leaving or dropping out, encourage them to fight on and to believe in themselves.

Steve Rodriguez

(Article submitted by Ms. Vanessa Sanchez)

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO

Ms. Ify Anyiam, Sept. 2



Ms. Jenisha Hasselerger, Sept. 26

Ms. Andrea Rodriguez, Sept. 24

Ms. Laura Sharpe, Sept. 27

ESL Perfect Attendance and Let's Talk Fridays at ELASC



The ESL Department kicked off their first perfect attendance ceremony and “Let's talk Fridays” activity, on Friday, September 28th, 2018.

Students received awards if they attended period 1 and 2 for the Month of September. If the student had perfect week attendance they were issued raffle tickets and entered into the raffle. ESL teachers donate \$10 and every month gift cards are purchased and raffled off to every single class. There is one winner for every class.

Our “Let's Talk Friday” activity was a huge success!! All students at all levels were engaged as well as the teachers. This time students introduced themselves, asked each other about their star sign, birthday and characteristics. Students' objective is to use their language skills and talk to as many students as possible. Teachers circle around for student to practice with them and to keep everyone engaged and on task.

(Article submitted by Ms. Gabriela Carrasco, ESL Advisor)



Internship Available



Ariston would love to offer an Internship for one of our students. They are looking into hiring someone in a few months and they believe this internship will be the way to go. Please see Ms. Alison Bacon, Career Technical Education Pathways Advisor for more information.

Our website is a great source of information!

Visit www.eastlaskillscenter.org

Give us a review on any of your social media outlets and help us spread the word about our great programs!

Meet one of our own.

Ms. Alison Bacon, CTE Pathways Advisor, has been an educator for 18 years. Ms. Bacon was a Los Angeles Police Officer for 8 ½ years in the traffic division.

In her spare time, Ms. Bacon enjoys bike riding, road biking, reading, exercising, and is an avid traveler. She holds a Bachelor degree in business management and a Master degree in organizational management from UC San Diego and adult teaching credential with public service, business and finance, art, media and entertainment and marketing sales and services. Her motto is “Don’t live beyond your means.” And “Treat every day as if it’s a job interview. Be positive and do good to people. You never know when you will run into that person again.” Stop by the CTE office and welcome her.



CALPRO Professional Development Opportunities

This fall CALPRO is offering many online professional learning opportunities for you to choose from. These classes are just 4 weeks long and require about 3 hours a week of your time. Enrollment is limited, and they fill up fast. Check the CALPRO Event Calendar to learn more and register!

- **Accelerated Learning to Facilitate Career Pathways (Online Course) – NEW!**
Dates: October 1, 2018 – October 28, 2018
strategies that move students towards their career goals **Application Deadline: September 28, 2018.**
- **Understanding the Adult Learner: Adult Learning and Development (Online Course)**
Dates: October 9, 2018 – November 5, 2018
This course examines how adults learn and the implications for adult literacy programs.
- **Effective Lesson Planning (Online Course)**
Dates: October 15, 2018 – November 11, 2018
Learn to plan and deliver effective lessons! This course takes participants step by step through the process of lesson design and provides an opportunity to create a lesson plan using the OTAN Online Lesson Plan Builder.
- **Effective Teaching for Adult Educators (Online Course)**
Dates: October 22, 2018 – December 18, 2018
Build capacity to identify the skills and knowledge required for excellent teaching as presented in the Adult Education Teacher Competencies.
- **Managing the ESL Multilevel Class (Online Course)** **Dates:** October 28, 2018 – December 2, 2018
Learn how to meet the needs of ESL students in a class with skill levels ranging from beginning to intermediate to advanced.

CHILD ABUSE TRAINING

Thank you for completing the Child Abuse Awareness Training!



Our Mission

The East Los Angeles Skills Center in collaboration with community—based organizations and stakeholders will provide access to educational programs and services to students to achieve their personal and or career goals through language acquisition, academic and career pathways.

Our School-wide Learning Outcomes

The East Los Angeles Skills Center offers opportunities for all students to:

- Have access to an educational plan and course of study to increase employability
- Obtain technical skills for entry and advanced employment
- Acquire language and academic skills for advanced educational options and careers

Our Vision

To be a dynamic educational and job training institution to empower students to be college prepared and career ready.