

# The Eastsider

## EAST LOS ANGELES OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 17, 2020
  - ELAOC Back to School Zoom Meeting @ 8 AM
- August 17 - 19, 2020
  - Mandatory DACE PD for Teachers
- August 20, 2020
  - First Day of Synchronous Instruction
- September 4, 2020
  - Admission Day, No School
- September 7, 2020
  - Labor Day, No School
- September 30, 2020
  - Child Abuse Training Deadline

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear ELAOC Faculty, Staff, and Students,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year and to our newly combined school, East Los Angeles Occupational Center. I am grateful and honored to have been given the **opportunity to serve as your Principal**. I anticipate that this year's change and transition may cause some added stress and concern to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. But I assure you that I and the entire ELAOC Leadership Team will be supporting all of you to provide the best educational experience for our students. I am confident that we can deliver the same quality education that we provided before the school shutdown on March 13, 2020. All of us committed to the task and accepted the challenge of transitioning from in-person classes to 100% online instruction. I have witnessed what we can do and what we had accomplished together since the start of the school closure and excited how high we can push the bar as we continue to adapt and improve our instructional practice. While there are more unanswered questions than clear answers I can provide, I am asking for your patience and understanding. I encourage all of you, faculty, staff, and students, to work collaboratively and openly communicate with me and the ELAOC Leadership Team so that we can find perfect solutions during this time of transition. **"WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!"**



## Three S for Site Safety



**Start every day with Screening**  
If you have a fever, cough, or flu-like symptoms, please **DO NOT** enter. Return when you're well.



**Sanitize frequently**

- Practice rigorous hand hygiene.
- Clean high-touch surfaces frequently.
- Wear a face covering - age 2 and over.



**Practice Social Distancing**

- Keep at least 6 feet between people at all times.
- Look to signs that mark 6 feet of distance on the floor or wall.
- Distribution of food, devices and other items must comply with social distancing requirements.



**Keeping safe and healthy is everyone's job!**

June 4, 2020

### DISTRICT REQUIRED TRAININGS



All employees are reminded to complete the following district-required trainings and assessments:

- Child Abuse Awareness Training by September 30, 2020
- Suicide Prevention & Awareness Training by October 31, 2020

To access the trainings log into MYPLN. Once you have successfully completed the training and assessment, email a copy of the certificate to Veronica Perez, School Administrative Assistant.

### ADULT ED CHANGES LIVES



Amidst all of the chaos during the pandemic times, there is wonderful news to share and chase the gloom away. This is a story about achieving the "American Dream" and proof that anything is possible through hard work and dedication.

This is Brian Camperon and his family. But before this happy family took this picture, let's rewind time to the Fall of 2019. Brian was a student at East Los Angeles Skills Center and attended the Powerline Mechanic program with Mr. Robert Estrada as his instructor. The Powerline Mechanic program is an articulated program with the Los Angeles Trade Technical College. Student who successfully complete the program earn certifications from both training providers which lead up to an opportunity to apply to a union.

After earning his certifications and with only \$900 to his name, Brian decided to move to Minnesota. Most his money was spent on gas and hotels expenses on the way to his destination. Not knowing how long the job search was going to be, he was able to get a job within the first week of arriving. It was rough at the beginning as he at time would sleep in his car waiting for payday.

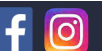
Fast forward 2 months later, Brian is applying the knowledge and skills he learned everyday at his job. Things are going great as he was able to purchase a home on July 30, 2020. Way to go Brian and ELAOC is rooting for you.

#### Mission Statement

ELAOC is committed to providing access to high-quality educational programs, enabling students to achieve their personal and career goals through language acquisition and academic and career pathways.

#### Student Learning Outcomes

- ELAOC offers opportunities for all students to:
- Have equal access to an educational plan & course of study to increase employability opportunities
  - Obtain technical skills for entry-level & advanced employment
  - Acquire language & academic skills for college & career readiness





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**WHAT A REMARKABLE CAREER!!!**



ELAOC salutes and congratulates Ben Avila, Assistant Principal of Operations, for his 41 years of service and contributions to LAUSD and the Division of Adult and Career Education. Throughout his career, teaching and serving adults was his first and only choice. He **started in the district in 1979 by working at the District's Business Division Garage as a mechanic in the power equipment shop.** In 1984, after being recommended adult education by a colleague, he began his teaching career as the Auto Mechanic Instructor at AFOC. He taught in the classroom for six years and later transitioned to DACE Central Office as a Program Advisor. He made the leap to become Assistant Principal of Operations in 1994 at ELAOC. His administrative leadership has carried him to various schools within DACE throughout the last 26 years, including Manual Arts/Jefferson, N. Hollywood-Poly CAS, Van Nuys, Belmont, AFOC, and coming full circle at ELAOC since 2016. Mr. Avila is grateful for his 41 years of service and relationships in adult education programs. What he has enjoyed **most about his career in education is that "it's a people business."** He has always told students, **"The greatest and cheapest investment in your life is in yourself."** He believes that **"the current adult education workforce stands on the shoulders of many people before us. Their work kept adult education alive for us to continue the legacy."** Mr. Avila has never been hesitant to speak his mind, and will be remembered for his humor, wit, and adages, including the following:

- "You don't have to go home, but you can't say here."
- "You're so lucky you haven't lived my life!"
- "I feel like I am more of a man and less of a God."
- "When having a senior moment, the moments become episodes, and the episodes become a way of life."

Mr. Avila's retirement plans are not entirely determined, but he plans to do some gardening in his spare time and possibly pick up playing the piano again. ELAOC acknowledges Mr. Avila for his four-plus decades of service and bids him farewell with one final adage, "Mr. Avila, you don't have to go home, but you're always welcome at the OC."

**SAVE THE DATE!**

LARAEC will hold a Virtual Conference on September 25, 2020, from 9 AM to 4PM. This event is free for LARAEC member-district faculty and staff. The conference will offer:

- Online presentations
- Synchronous sessions
- Plenary speakers
- Collaboration Awards! Celebrating collaborations between districts, industry, and partner organizations.



A call for presenters and award nominations are coming soon. More information to follow. Be sure to save the date!

**STUDENT DEVICE DISTRIBUTION**

ELAOC has a limited amount of laptop loaners for students that critically need one to participate in online classes. The following are prerequisites for laptop eligibility:



- Student must be currently registered in an ELAOC class section/s
- Student must be in present contact with an instructor by phone/text/email
- Student must have Wi-Fi or internet access to be able to participate
- Student must meet criteria need for laptop loan set by the school

Selections are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be contacted by an ELAOC Administrator/Advisor with specific instructions for pick-up time and day. Please contact your supervising administrator for requesting instructions.

**TEACHER INITIATED TRANSFER REQUEST**

The Teacher Initiated Transfer Program provides teachers the opportunity to seek transfers to any school in the District wherein the transfer will not disrupt the instructional program needs of the sending school (as specified in the LAUSD/UTLA Collective Bargaining Agreement Article XI, Section 5.0). The Teacher Initiated Transfer application deadline is September 30, 2020. Click the link to access the Teacher-Initiated Transfer Request application. [rb.gy/5smvp7](https://rb.gy/5smvp7)

**HOMEBOY WINS HUMANITARIAN PRIZE**

Homeboy Industries has won the 2020 Conrad Hilton Humanitarian Prize. The honor, which comes with a \$2.5 million prize, is given to non-profits that have made "extraordinary contributions" toward alleviating human suffering. Founded in 1988, by Father Gregory Boyle, Homeboy Industries was formed with the goal of improving the lives of former gang members in East Los Angeles. Today, it is the world's largest gang intervention, rehab, and re-entry program. ELAOC is a proud community partner that collaborates with Homeboy Industries to reduce recidivism and enhance job opportunities through our Photovoltaic (PV) program at the ELASC Campus. Each year, numerous Homeboy and Homegirl participants receive PV training with all the educational expenses paid by Homeboy Industries. The partnership produces many graduates that are especially sought-after in the solar panel marketplace. ELAOC commends its valued partner on its commitment and most recent distinguished award.



**FFCRA**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) requires the District to provide employees with paid sick leave or expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. All active employees including return retirees that are employed with the district for at least 30 days are eligible for FFCRA paid sick leave. The Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) and Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansion Action (FMLA+) provisions under FFCRA are applicable beginning April 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. For more information please click on the link <https://rb.gy/wdf04z>



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