

The Eastsider

EAST LOS ANGELES OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

Skills Center Campus | Eastside Learning Center | Roosevelt Campus | Puente Learning Center | ELAOC AC²T | ELASC AC²T | Roosevelt AC²T | Garfield AC²T | Franklin AC²T

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 23-27, 2020
 - Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- November 30, 2020
 - Leadership Team Meeting
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm,
Zoom Meeting
- November 5, 2020
 - DACE-SIS Coordinator
Training;
7:00 am to 2:00 pm; Zoom

Mission Statement

East Los Angeles Occupational Center 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 pathway.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)

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

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

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THE AMERICAN DREAM IRL



“When I came here, I could not imagine what my life in America would be like, but I knew that I wanted to get an education.”

Nhi Mui Tong is from Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam. She immigrated to the United States two years ago with the aspiration to get an education. “When I came here, I could not imagine what my life in America would be like, but I knew that I wanted to get an education.” Encouraged by her mother-in-law, who had studied at ELAOC Skills Center Campus five years earlier, Nhi started in ESL level 2B with Mr. Lemus and Ms. Tarasyuk in 2018. She studied English all the time and set her goal to complete each level of ESL.

By 2019, she was promoted to the Intermediate High-A (4) level and co-enrolled in the VESL Health Career class. Despite the current 2020 pandemic, Nhi continued her education learning to Zoom and use Schoology. She credits her classmates, Ms. Leon and Ms. Giglio, for their support and encouragement to continue to study online. This year, she completed the IET Health Information Technology and Medical Terminology classes. Most recently, in November, she reached her goal by finishing the ESL program. Nhi is very excited about her future and is now enrolled in the CNA program. Nhi’s ambition is to have a career in the medical field as a Medical Assistant. She added, “I am fortunate and grateful for the

opportunity at ELASC and encourage everyone to set a goal for yourself, like I did, and don’t let anything stop you.”

Lan Ngoc Phan is from Ben Tre City, Vietnam. She came to the U.S. in 2008 with the dream of having an education and an opportunity to get ahead. Lan knew that learning English was the key. In 2017, on the recommendation from a friend, she enrolled in ESL classes at ELASC. Lan studied hard, even though learning English was challenging. There were times when she felt like quitting, most notably when the school closed in March due to the pandemic. The idea of using technology and taking classes online scared her, but with the support of family, friends, and teachers, Lan **endured on. She added,** “Today, I am proud to say that I know how to use Zoom. I have learned how to type, use tools like Schoology, KAMI, and Google Docs. I have used technology to read, write, and communicate with people in English.” Together with taking ESL, Lan enrolled in the VESL Health Career course. She loves to help people and dreams of a career in the medical field. In November 2020, Lan will complete the ESL program and continue with the VESL course. Her next pathway is to take HiSET classes and the HIT Medical Terminology class. Lan’s confidence in her abilities is an example for her young daughter. She added, “I want my daughter to know that she can achieve anything she sets her mind to.”



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ELAOC congratulates Nhi Mui Tong and Lan Ngoc Phan on their accomplishments and continued pursuit of their educational and career goals!

THE FUTURE IS NOW



Jesse Alvarez was an Accelerated Career and College Transition student who graduated in June 2020. Jesse was sponsored by the Para Los Niños Youth-Source Grant which contributed in Jesse completing the B & G Training class with Mr. Gloss. Jesse was concurrently taking classes to complete his HS diploma with his CTE Course. Upon completion of both programs, he was hired by the District. He has also completed one of three plant manager classes. His goal is to become a CTE instructor and to teach B & G for DACE.

ELAOC would like to welcome our new Assistant Plant Manager Lorenzo Alvarado. He attended East Los Angeles Skills Center for the Maintenance Supervision course taught by Mr. Gloss. He worked as an custodian for EL Rancho Unified before coming to LAUSD. He is married with two beautiful children, his daughter is a senior at the University of Santa Barbara, and his youngest his son loves Star Wars. His goals are to continue to move up in ranks and eventually become an Area Operation Supervisor. He enjoys sporting events both in person and on television and attending music festivals.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW APM



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BREAKING BARRIERS**It's never too late to achieve your goals**

Olivia Escamilla started in ESL 1 1995 at Garfield and Roosevelt CAS. She took 4 levels and completed at levels 5 and 6 at East Los Angeles Occupational Center in 2012. Olivia started the academic program and earned her high school diploma in October 2020. **"I took a little longer with obstacles arising."**

She prepared to take the HiSET English and on her first attempt, she passed Math, Social Studies, and Science. She was unable to pass the Reading and Writing portion. Her goal of completing in 2018 was delayed. Olivia had an anxiety attack and didn't take the test, nervousness got the best of her. She got help to overcome and control her anxiety of passing the HiSET test. She always believed in herself, her biggest obstacle was anxiety.

Olivia had other barriers to overcome. She is a mother of three children, she also worked part-time while taking her children to school and took **classes in the evening.** **"While it took longer, I knew I could complete my HS eventually. We all have different obstacles, but I know I would overcome those obstacles and complete my HS."**

Olivia's advice for people thinking of giving up: **"Whatever your obstacles are, don't let any negativity get to you. It doesn't matter how long it takes you to reach your goal, you will reach your goal with dedication."** Olivia would like to take Child Development classes at ELAOC, and start her own childcare business.

She would like to thank Mr. Vollmer, Ms. Alcaraz and Ms. Milner-Kutsch **"Excellent teachers that are very supportive and knowledgeable."**

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Mr. Saenz,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for every single one of your daily dose messages that give us some type of training not only academically but also like the school of life. Personally, I look forward to your messages that have been helping me to cope with an uncertain future.

In the midst of this pandemic I lost my job where I had great salary, the best boss that I have ever met. And I went back to work at one of my previous jobs, my patients are the same here at my old job and also where I was working at. I love to serve my patients and always put my best smile to welcome them; I really like my job!. In fact, one day I will be managing my own clinic and have my own business.

I would like you to know that I am very fortunate to meet a professor like you, so well prepared, very knowledgeable, kind, respectful, inspiring your students to continue their education. so many things happening simultaneously, but you are very committed to your students and go above and beyond in the name of education to support your students.

Your daily dose messages have been helping me to deal with some issues with coworkers; but also to be a better human being. Your daily dose messages have inspired me to continue with my education.

Thank you for all you do for your students!!

Sincerely,
Isabel Medina



Los Angeles County Supervisor
HILDA L. SOLIS
First District • Chair Pro Tem



FREE DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC

Friday, November 20, 2020
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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