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IMPORTANT DATES

- March 9, 2020 – ESL 3rd Trimester Classes Begins
- March 9, 2020 – ESL Registration new students begins
- March 10, 2020 – ESL Planning Meeting 11:45am-12:15 pm ELASC
- March 10, 2020 – HiSET 9:00am ELASC
- March 11, 2020 – Academic Department Meeting 1:00pm-3pm ELASC
- March 12, 2020 – Community Advisory Council Meeting ELASC Auditorium 9:00am-11:00am
- March 13, 2020 – ESL Planning Meeting
- March 14, 2020 – LARAEC Conference Universal Sheraton Hotel
- March 14, 2020 – EL Civics Census Saturday Classes

Coronavirus Update

As most of you already know, the spread of Coronavirus is a health issue all of us must take seriously. It is spread through coughing and sneezing, personal contact, such as touching and shaking hands; touching an object with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands. Symptoms include fever, cough, difficulty breathing and severe illness. Use hygiene protocols at all times. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for about 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Talk to your students and make sure they follow these directions. More information can be found at the County of Los Angeles Public Health Center for Disease Control at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/> .

“The secret to a rich life is to have more beginnings than endings.” David Weinbaum



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY
Grace Castro - 9



Motivation and Persistence for Adult Learners – Part 8

Supporting Appropriate Goals

SMART – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound

Scenario – ESL student says to you: “I want to improve my speaking in English.” Articulate a bigger picture of a specific goal for him or her.

Which of these questions for helping students set goals would you use to help this student create a goal statement?

- **Where are you now? (Self-awareness)**
- **What are your weaknesses? Where do you want to go? (Goal recognition)**
- **What would you like to accomplish in your lifetime? (Be specific) How are you going to get there? (Plan)**
- **How can this help be provided? What is going to encourage you to hang in there? (Motivation)**
- **How would these skills affect someone else in your life? When do you want to go? (Time Frame)**
- **Where do you see yourself in five years? How do you know you have reached your destination? (Goal Status)**
- **What are your interests?**
- **What do you enjoy doing?**
- **What are your skills and strengths?**
- **What would make you happy in the future?**
- **What does success mean to you?**
- **What would you like to be able to do that you can't do now? (Be specific.)**
- **Why do you want to do it?**
- **What skills do you need to do this?**
- **Are these skills attainable?**
- **What is your specific goal?**
- **What can you do to become successful and attain that specified goal?**
- **What can you do to gain the necessary skills?**
- **What present skills can you utilize?**
- **What help do you think is required for you to attain this goal?**
- **What is important to you today and why?**
- **Why do you want to acquire new skills?**
- **How would these new skills affect your life?**
- **Where do you see yourself in the next three months?**
- **Where do you see yourself in the next six months?**
- **Where do you see yourself in the next year?**
- **What can you do now that you couldn't do 3 months ago?**
- **What can you do now that you couldn't do 6 months ago?**
- **What makes you feel good about yourself today?**
- **Is there another goal you now have in mind?**

Adapted from Go for the Goal (2001), Illinois Literacy Resource Development Center, by Lin Baer and Suzanne Knell.

(From Communities of Practice, a CALPRO project by Kristi Reyes, Mariam Thacher and Sudie Whalen, April 2019)

“Don't compare your life to others. There is no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it's their time.” Anonymous

ESL Eastside Learning Center Evening Success Stories



Samuel Diaz was a Chemistry teacher in Guadalajara, Mexico. He started taking classes at Eastside in 2016 but took two 6-month breaks in between due to work changes. He completed the ESL program this trimester and plans to continue improving his English. He wants to open his own business in the future.



Lorena Fajardo took classes in 2010 and got her GED certificate. She came back to Eastside three years ago to complete the ESL program because she wants to improve her English and go to college to study accounting. She is also from Guadalajara, Mexico, where she worked as an accountant.



Charmi Naara Ventura took 2 years to complete the ESL program at Eastside. She is planning to get her HiSET and enroll in college. In Guadalajara, Mexico, she studied Radiology in the university. She would like to practice her profession here and work as a radiologist.

East LA Skills Center and Eastside Learning Center celebrated their ESL graduation on Thursday, March 5th. In addition to the evening students featured above, we congratulate Rosaura Cruz, Aura Martinez, Maria Peñaloza, Eliseo Rojas, and Elisa Vazquez, for completing the ESL program in the morning.

Kudos, to the following HiSET graduates: Rony Davila, Vanessa Pineda, Kendra Sosa, Lirio Vargas, Rigoberto Vásquez and, completing level six from ELASC, Blanca Flores.

- **ESL trimester-based teachers, please make sure all completers were marked in all sections.**
- **If a student is not officially enrolled in your class, please send them to the counseling office. This applies to both, trimester-based and semester-based classes.**

ESL/ABE Graduation Ceremonies



KUDOS to all our completers and graduates and good luck in all your future plans and endeavors.



Ms. Alvarado congratulates Elmer Cazun after completing the ABE program. Also graduating from the program were Verenice Gonzalez and Elizabeth Martinez (not pictured).

Mr. Melara welcomed the students during the opening of the ESL graduation ceremony on Thursday, March 5th. Our students enjoyed the short program full of moving and heartfelt speeches by the graduates.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Most of our graduates have already taken the TABE test and enrolled in their next phase of their educational goal.



Ms. Carrasco, ESL Adviser, addresses the ESL graduation audience as the ESL completers from ELASC, who gave very inspirational speeches listen to her.



ELASC ESL Graduates sit on the stage and listen, as Jesus Arroyo addresses the audience. This is always a very moving part of the ceremonies.



Ms. Lemus, (pictured right) ESL teacher, presents Charmi Naara Ventura, with the certificate of completion during the evening ceremony.



Students at the evening ESL graduation ceremony at Eastside Learning Center gathered in the Multipurpose Room. The program included inspirational words from the graduates.

Meet One of Our Own: Marlon Reyes, Accounting Technician II



Marlon Reyes, our Accounting Tech, is an Angelino native who worked as an office technician from 2015 to 2017. He attended Cal State Long Beach and graduated with a Bachelor degree in Accounting. He always wanted to be an accountant and worked for a few months in the private sector before coming back to LAUSD. During his spare time, he enjoys working out at the gym, hanging out with friends, playing video games and going out with friends to the movies. He loves being active and playing sports. At this point in his life, he would not change anything at all. But he wants to live his life to its fullest. One of the biggest challenges in his life came a few years ago when his close uncle passed away and he had to reflect on how precious life is. "The thing that inspires me the most in my daily life is knowing that there is so much more to do in life." He has plans to travel to Cancun in July. He also wants to learn about real estate. What he values the most in his life is his ability to grow as an individual and knowing that at the end, everything is going to be all right. His favorite quote is "Shooters shoot". An analogy he takes from basketball, where you miss 100% of the shots you don't take in life.

"Never get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life." Anonymous

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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.