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FAREWELL TO TWO SUPERSTARS IN OUR STAFF

Dalia Alvarado enriched our school community, with her contribution throughout 44 short years. Your East LA Skills Center family wishes you farewell, good fortune and many wonderful trips. And that your new horizons (Not the textbooks!) bring you happiness and contentment. I know many of your peers will miss your sweet and pleasant demeanor, as will all your students and myself. And as Mr. Carmona put it so eloquently: **“Dalia** represents what all of us should always strive to be like, especially when blessed with the positions we hold.” We will all miss you. She wanted to share the following words with everyone:

*“I have worked for LAUSD for **44 years** starting when I was a senior in high school. I am a product of the Summer Youth Program and was an office clerk for 7 years at the LAUSD central offices, while I*



*completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration at Cal-State LA. I have taught for **37 years** and have worked at several schools throughout the district. I taught many subjects including Math, Basic Reading, Basic*

Language Arts, the I.I. Lab. And had the opportunity to teach ESL to the horse groomers at Santa Anita Race Track for 2 years (through Roosevelt Adult School). This has been a wonderful journey! I have taught many students many things throughout my career, but I have also learned many things from them. I have learned that besides teaching we need to listen, understand, be patient, care and love our students. Above all, not judge our students because we don't truly know what their lives are like outside of school. I will miss teaching something to

someone they thought they could never learn. I'm amazed at the dedication and sacrifice that many of our students make to further their education and better themselves and being part of this positive change in their lives. I will miss their appreciation. My advice to students is to never give up on their goals, even when encountering difficult obstacles. To my fellow teachers, I say never give up on your students! Take the opportunity to try a new approach or try something new. I want to give my appreciation and gratitude to all of my co-workers, friends, and the administrators at ELASC for the help, support, love and friendship. I will greatly miss this school and everyone here.”

Dalia Alvarado

Julie Singer has been a teacher for LAUSD for **33 years**. I will miss seeing her at the end of trimester ceremonies getting choked up and teary eyed while listening to some of her students' speeches that never fail to touch her soul. Those of us who were lucky to have worked with her knew of her fiery spirit to fight for just causes and her unwavering dedication to help her students learn the language to help them succeed in life. Throughout her 33 years in the profession, she crafted lessons that empowered every student who stepped in her classroom. Your East LA Skills Center family also wishes you farewell, good fortune and many great new



projects and trips. We hope you continue following your bliss. She wrote the following letter to her colleagues and students:

“Dear Colleagues and Students, Of course, while I am writing this, tears are streaming down my cheeks. After 33 years, it is hard to say farewell. Thank you, students, for feeding me, nourishing my body and soul, clothing me, adorning me, and always treating me with respect and love. I have learned so much from you: 1) American parties are boring 2) Dance more 3) Eat more 4) Laugh more. Thank you for your life lessons and sharing your most intimate joys and sorrows with me. You have made my life richer in countless ways.



Thank you, colleagues, for supporting me, having my back, striking with me in 1989 & 2019 and entertaining me during break. Your camaraderie has sustained me. The magic happens in the classroom. The bureaucracy is what we have to wade through, to get to that magic, but it's always worth it. Keep teaching and making magic!

And I say farewell and not good-bye. I'm hoping to substitute in the near future, be invited to school parties and celebrate in person when our universe has normalized!

*With immense gratitude, **Julie Singer***

(A special delivery was made as a token of our appreciation to Ms. Alvarado and Ms. Singer on Tuesday, June 9th. They loved the plants and we are happy they will remind them how much we cared and appreciated them for all they did for our students. Their friendship and all the fond memories of happy times and times when they rose to the top to lead us by example will remain encrusted in the hearts of all of us who love them and will truly miss them.)



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Congratulations to Our Eastside Evening ESL Graduates

My name is **Hanzie Marin**. I am 42 years old. I am from the southern part of Guatemala. I joined ELASC in July



2019. I feel excited to be graduating and fulfilled that I will be finally finishing the ESL program. I am grateful I am finishing this milestone. It had been a

goal of mine since I had tried finishing it several times before this. I am grateful to ELASC for giving me this opportunity to study with them. I am also grateful for their endless support and in comparison to other schools they have great passion and dedication to giving the best education possible. I plan on continuing school to attain a high school diploma.

My name is **Sung Man Chin**. I am from Seoul, Korea. I was a jazz singer in Korea, but retired and came to America late. So I became a late student. I have studied at ELASC since July 2019. I won't tell you my age because I am afraid you'll be



surprised if you know my age. But I am sure I am the oldest student in this school's history. I am very pleased and happy to be able to graduate even if I am late. Thanks to Mr. Lemus for motivating and teaching me for almost a year. And thanks to the school and all the staff who helped me graduate.