NEW YEAR, NEW FACES

Meet DLA’s new staff of 2019-'20

Daniel Barajas is currently serving as Assistant Principal of Del Lago Academy in the Escondido Union High School District. He grew up in Escondido and attended local K-12 schools. Upon graduating from San Pasqual High School, he began working as an AVID Tutor while attending College at Palomar Community College and California State University, San Marcos. Once graduating college, he became the first in his family to earn a Bachelor’s degree. He later earned a Master’s degree in Education and is currently in Cohort 13 of the Joint Doctoral Program at UCSD and CSUSM where he will earn his doctorate in June of 2020. He has worked in education for over 23 years as a paraprofessional, teacher, and administrator.

Greetings! My name is Miss Jacques, and I am thrilled to join the DLA team and the Escondido community. As a lifelong resident of San Diego, I attended high school locally, and I continued to UCSD for my B.S. in Cognitive Science and my M.Ed. in Education Studies. I am passionate about empowering scholars to think collaboratively, creatively, and critically so that they can be advocates for the changes they wish to see in the world, and where mathematics is a vehicle for this empowerment. Outside of work, I spend most of my time surfing, playing piano, hiking, and more recently, birding!

My name is Ms. Oyama and I am the new Special Education Teacher here at Del Lago and I am so excited to be working with your scholars! I was born in New Jersey but spent many of my years in Tokyo, Japan. My family still resides in Tokyo with my two dogs (who I may even miss more than my family). Outside of school, I am either dancing, going to the beach, petting dogs, or reading a book at a coffee shop. I recently graduated from Pepperdine University in the sunny Malibu north of Los Angeles. Your scholars have been so welcoming to me already, I am so excited to be working, learning and growing alongside them.

AUG-SEPT EVENTS

- Wed Aug 28 - Make-up Picture Day
- Mon Sept 2 - Labor Day, No school
- Tue Sept 3 - School Site Council Meeting @ 3:45pm
- Th Sept 5 - ELAC Meeting @ 6:00pm
- Sat Sept 14 - National SAT Day
- Mon Sept 16 - Late Start, students expected to arrive by 10:47 AM
- Mon Sept 16 - ACT Practice Test @ 7:00-11:00am
- Tue Sept 17 - Dialogue with Del Lago @ 6:00pm
- Tue Sept 17 - Parent Foundation Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Sat Sept 21 - Cal-SOAP Test Prep Workshop
- Tue Sept 24 - Late Start, students expected to arrive by 10:47 AM
- Tue Sept 24 - Back 2 School Night @ 6:00pm
- Th Sept 26 - EUHSD College & Career Fair

BACK 2 SCHOOL NIGHT
Tuesday, September 24
6:00-8:00pm

Counseling Department activities:
*Hands-on Canvas Parent Workshop
*College Workshop for 12th grade families
   -Applications/FAFSA/Scholarships
DLA PARENT COMMITTEES

Roles and Responsibilities

School Site Council
Virtually all schools in California have a School Site Council (SSC), a committee of teachers, parents, students, and school staff that works with the school principal to plan for the needs of the school. Council members generally serve two-year terms with half of the members beginning in even years and half in odd.

A major duty of the SSC is to develop and then annually update the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), a formal plan for the school that satisfies both state and federal program requirements. The SPSA identifies a school’s strengths and weaknesses in regard to student achievement, and documents the SSC’s strategies to close the gaps. Working with the principal, the site council may recommend ways to allocate the school’s spending budget to improve outcomes.

ELAC
If your school has more than twenty English Learners, it is required by law to set up an English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC). This committee’s purpose is to advise your school’s leadership, particularly when it comes to determining the goals expressed in the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Your school district is required to have a similar district-level committee (DELAC) to advise the district’s school board on programs and services for English learners. This advice is meant to include input on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

One of the responsibilities of the ELAC is to consult with parents regarding academic services provided to English learners. All ELAC meeting agendas are publicly posted and meetings are a matter of public record. The ELAC also advises in the development and implementation of the school site plan for services and programs for English learners and submit them to the district’s governing board. As well as, review the school’s language census report and academic achievement results when developing the school’s plan for English learner services and programs.

Parent Leadership Institute (Instituto de líderes)
Escondido Union High School District offers a leadership institute for parents and local community leaders. The goal of the program is to form local leaders capable of guiding other parents and legal guardians with navigating the school system and supporting a rigorous and successful education.

This program runs throughout 3 semesters of an academic school year. Currently lead by Bilingual Parent Liaisons and District staff, trained by SDCOE, and offered in Spanish.
EUHSD COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR
Thursday, September 26th, 5pm-8pm
at Escondido High School

Over 100 college and career representatives will be in attendance to share information about application processes, program offerings, and career opportunities. There will also be a variety of workshops about scholarships, financial aid, etc.

More information about this FREE event is available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b2vX88UGmQtXK4we8mxhol_r7ZdrjS-V/view?usp=sharing

Junior Parent Internship Meeting
Wednesday, October 2nd
6:00pm in DLA Theater

This mandatory meeting will explain our Junior Internship program, discuss important dates and deadlines, and review the process of landing an internship placement. Translation will be provided and all families should save-the-date for this exciting program launch!

College Representative Visits
Senior scholars will receive invitations and can sign-up through Naviance to attend college presentations by visiting representatives throughout the fall semester. All presentations will take place in the OMNI Room and scholars should see Mr. Ramirez with questions. While this schedule is subject to change, the following colleges are currently scheduled for September:

- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) – Thurs, Sept 5 at 2:40pm
- University of San Diego – Mon, Sept 9 at 2:00pm
- University of Chicago – Tues, Sept 10 at 2:40pm
- New School of Architecture and Design – Thurs, Sept 12 at 2:40pm
- University of California, Riverside – Tues, Sept 24 at 2:40pm

Counseling & Career Team and Programs
We are excited to share a document to introduce our scholars and families to the 2019-2020 Counseling Department. There is contact information for each team member, as well as a list of their roles and areas of expertise. Additionally, there is a breakdown by grade level of the counseling and career programs that our scholars participate in here at Del Lago. Thank you for taking the time to view this document – we look forward to serving your scholars this year!

View the Counseling Department flyer here: http://bit.ly/Counsel1920Eng

DLA Scholarship Center
Senior scholars – It’s never too soon to start looking for scholarships! Available scholarships will be updated throughout the year, so bookmark this link: http://bit.ly/DLAscholarship1920
SAT/ACT Test Prep and Registration

Del Lago will be offering full-length practice ACT or SAT tests (no essay section) for Del Lago scholars only during Late Start Mondays this fall. These practice tests will be fantastic ways for scholars to identify their strengths and weaknesses or monitor their progress since last spring. Scholars MUST pre-register by completing this form. Each test session can accommodate 50 scholars, with preference given to seniors!

When: Monday, Aug 26th, Monday, Sept 16th, and Monday, Oct 14th
Where: Del Lago Academy (OMNI Room)
Time Details: Doors open at 7:00a. Doors close at 7:15a. Tests will finish by 10:47a (in time for Nutrition Break)


School-to-Career Program Volunteers

Del Lago is hoping to continue expanding our school-to-career program by offering more internships, bringing more professionals on campus to share their journey, and connecting our scholars with more industry partners. We can only achieve this goal and help prepare our scholars for life after high school with YOUR help! If you know anyone in the Escondido or greater San Diego community that might be interested – please spread the word! For details about all available 2019-2020 volunteer opportunities, click here: http://bit.ly/S2C1920

PALOMAR HEALTH

Ready, Prep, GO!
Are you prepared for when a disaster strikes? Take steps NOW to prepare for a future disaster. Join Palomar Health at the 4th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair on September 7th and be one step ahead of an emergency or disaster. Donate blood, learn safety techniques through hands-on demos, speak with experts, receive giveaways and more! The event is free to attend. For more information: https://www.palomarhealth.org/disaster-preparedness/disasterpreparednessfair

Flu Season is Coming!
Flu season is on the horizon (October-May). To protect yourself and others, remember to get your annual flu vaccination. Please visit https://www.palomarhealth.org/flu-source/seasonal-influenza-community-vaccination-clinics Palomar Health’s website to learn more about where you can get your flu shot in the community.

Pathmaker Internship
Calling all future healthcare professionals! Looking for hands-on experience in the medical field? Join the Pathmaker Internship Program! The next application cycle will open in October, but there are things you can be doing now to prepare. This is the cycle to apply to if you want to have this experience for your Junior Internship. Stop by during our Palomar Health Liaison’s open office hours on DLA’s campus or email them at Jennifer.Kortbawi@palomarhealth.org for questions/more information.

New Office Space and Office Hours for Palomar Health Liaison
Jen Kortbawi
Our Palomar Health Liaison, will be in the Nursing Classroom (C103) this year. Stop by with your questions or for assistance or email to request an appointment Mondays | 8:00AM–5:00PM*
Fridays | 3:30PM–5:00PM**