



# Student Voice

## Spotlight On | Leg Day



*Martha and Yafa with Assembly Member Luz M. Rivas*



*Martha and Yafa with Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian*

On Monday, April 8, two members of our WVOC community travelled up to Sacramento to take part in the state’s annual “Leg Day”, sponsored by the California Council for Adult Education (CCAE). CTE Pathway Advisor Martha Martinez and CTE student Yafa Saghian met with state legislators to lobby for additional Adult Education funding for the 2019-2020 school year. California’s Adult Educators are asking for \$110 million more as listed below:

California Adult Education Program (CAEP) Funding Proposal for 2019-2020	
Item	Amount
CLASP report recommendation for 6% targeted performance bonus system	\$30,000,000
CTE Support to address fees not covered in original CAEP MOE funding	\$30,000,000
STRS, PERS, Overall Cost Increases, Access Growth	\$50,000,000
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$110,000,000</b>

Since student success stories and testimonials can serve as the driving force to demonstrate the importance of Adult Education, WVOC sponsored Ms. Saghian to share her story with the state legislators. Yafa arrived in this country from Iran with only one suitcase and not speaking a word of English. Her family’s properties had been taken by the new regime after the Iranian revolution.

Adult Education was the essential stepping stone to a new life in a new world. Yafa came to WVOC and took ESL classes. She learned the language and helped her father establish a textile company. She then started her own company. With the income she generated, she was able to provide for her family. She raised two children and paid for their college educations.

In later life, Yafa returned to WVOC to pursue her life’s passion which is to work in landscaping. She plans to utilize landscaping as a form of therapy for at risk youth as well as to provide them with a fun and viable way to make a living.

Yafa captivated the Assembly Members with her enthusiasm, courage, and determination to succeed. The WVOC community would like to express our admiration and gratitude to Yafa. Her success story is a true testament to the importance of Adult Education.

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## Graduation



Mark these dates for West Valley Graduation Ceremonies:

Academic Program – May 29 at 6:00 PM

ESL Program - May 30 at 6:30 PM

CTE Program – May 31 at 10:00 AM

## Dr. Q | Technically Speaking



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## Class Terms

<b>Quarter 1</b> 10 Weeks  08/14/18 thru 10/19/18	<b>Quarter 2</b> 9 Weeks  10/22/18 thru 01/18/19	<b>Quarter 3</b> 10 Weeks  01/22/19 thru 03/29/19	<b>Quarter 4</b> 9 Weeks  04/02/19 thru 06/07/19
<b>Trimester 1</b> 13 Weeks  08/14/18 thru 11/09/18	<b>Trimester 2</b> 13 Weeks  11/13/18 thru 03/08/19	<b>Trimester 3</b> 12 Weeks  03/11/19 thru 06/07/19	
<b>Semester 1</b> 19 Weeks  08/14/18 thru 01/18/19		<b>Semester 2</b> 19 Weeks  01/22/19 thru 06/07/19	

## Spotlight On | Culinary Arts



Culinary Arts Students

WVOC’s Culinary Arts Instructor, Darbee Prieto, recently welcomed two guest speakers to Darbee’s Baking and Catering classes to speak to her students about transitioning into the next phase of their education or into the workplace. The first speaker, a Chef Instructor from LA Mission College’s Culinary Program, gave the students much needed information about the Mission College relatively low cost program. The cost to attend Culinary School at Mission is about \$5,000 to complete a certificated program within 2 years. That compares well to the Institute of Culinary Education where the cost ranges from \$13,000 to \$70,000. Darbee reports that at least five of her students are “very interested” in attending. Ms. Prieto is planning a field trip to the Mission Culinary School for her students in May.

The second guest speaker, owner of the California Bakery and Café in Santa Clarita, shared his journey as an immigrant coming to this country at a young age, educating himself and working in the field of hospitality before becoming a franchise owner and then a personal business owner. Students spent over an hour asking questions and looking for advice before proceeding to the kitchen for a donut demo to end the day.

## A Message from Our Principal

Welcome Back! The end of Spring Break brings the beginning of the busiest time of the year here at WVOC. We look forward to celebrating graduations and program completions at our culmination ceremonies. However, let’s take a moment and recognize the people who keep WVOC working like a well-oiled machine, our Administrative Assistants and Office Staff. They are heroes! They greet and support teachers and students every day. We are especially lucky here at WVOC to have some of the very best, not to mention, award-winning clerical support staff in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Let’s be sure to give our outstanding staff a huge shout out for all they do! Thank you for making WVOC the best school in the Division!



## Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

Use spoken and written communication in their field of study  
Follow verbal and written directions  
Work independently and collaboratively

Demonstrate technological skills that support their goals  
Learn skills necessary to enter the workforce or continue their education