



Student Voice

SkillsUSA

Students from WVOC's CTE program competed on Saturday, January 26 in the regional phase of this year's SkillsUSA competition. The event was held and co-hosted this year on our campus at WVOC and across the street at Pierce College. Although the full results are not yet in, we know that at least two of our students will move on to compete in the upcoming state competition. Eric Bilker and Mohammad Ranin, who are students in Brian Belgarde's Networking class, will be representing WVOC at the Ontario Convention Center in nearby Ontario, California later this spring.

Mr. Belgarde describes Eric and Mohammad this way: "These two were exceptional students in my class. They studied hard, worked through difficult lab exercises, and showed the initiative and dedication required to rise to the top of their class. I am proud to have them represent our school."

Both students are working to pass the Cisco CCNA certification. Mr. Ranin is originally from Bangladesh and had only a modest background in Information Technology before he joined the Networking class. Eric Bilker possessed a minimal set of IT skills. He distinguished himself by participating in after-class study sessions to master the most difficult networking labs. His knowledge and dedication were noted by all the members of his class.

We wish the best of luck to Eric and Mohammad in the state competition, and to the other WVOC participants who are still awaiting their results from the regional competition.



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West Valley Occupational Center

(818) 346-3540

Monday - Friday
8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

and
Monday - Friday
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Reseda Community Adult School

(818) 758-3700

Monday - Thursday
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Van Nuys Community Adult School

(818) 778-6000

Monday - Thursday
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Important Dates

Presidents' Day
February 18, 2019
No School

New Era in ESL



This semester, for the first time in almost twenty years, ESL students will not be required to pass a District Promotion Exam in order to move from one level to the next. Instead of the District exam, promotion will be based on a series of state-approved CASAS tests to assess reading and listening skills, and a new series of assessments for speaking and writing. Students will continue to take EL Civics (English Literacy and Civics Education) tests in a variety of subject areas that earn federal funding for our programs and for the District. Adult students earned more than \$13 million in federal funding last year through CASAS and EL Civics testing.

EL Civics topics this semester will include **Employment**, **Nutrition** and a new topic about **The Library** that will focus on the Los Angeles Public Library system, including the numerous Community Resources that are available through the library website, lapl.org. Get an early start on your class by checking out the website to see what interesting Community Resources you can find.

Cash for college

WVOC held its second annual "Cash for College" event on Wednesday, January 30, in room 209. The event was held in conjunction with Anafe Robinson, the Director of Financial Aid, Scholarships, Veterans and Guardian Scholars Programs at Los Angeles Pierce College, who acted as the program facilitator again this year. Program participants, which included both WVOC students and members of the general public, learned valuable information about grants, scholarships, loans, and other forms of financial aid for college. Ms. Robinson and her team helped college bound students complete FAFSA and California Dream Act applications online. "I love that WVOC is able to help so many students with their transition to college", observed Assistant Principal Cindy Canales following the event.

Any students planning on attending college this summer or fall should be aware that FAFSA applications are due by March 2.





ESL Registration

Evening ESL classes are now closed. Contact us during the first week in May for future registration.

ESL Period 2 classes (10:30-12:30) are still open. Students should come to Room 102 to register for assessment.

Follow Us



WVOC is now on both Facebook and Instagram @WeAreWVOC. Like and Follow us on Facebook—and be sure to check-in.

Follow us on Instagram and invite your friends!
#WeAreWVOC #MakeItHappenWVOC

Citizenship Class

For any students interested in becoming a U.S. citizen, either now or later, there is room available in our WVOC ESL/Citizenship classes. Classes meet twice a week, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Classes are multi-level and can be taken in conjunction with other ESL or academic classes. Materials include all information students will need to pass the U.S. Citizenship test. Registration is ongoing and open. Interested students can register in the Registration office, Room 104. Or check with the Citizenship teacher, Brana West, in Room 25 for more information.

Class Terms

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

♥ Valentine's Day Cards ♥



Specially designed Valentine's Day cards are available for sale in our WVOC Graphic Design class in Room 311. Cards were designed by our own Graphics Design students and sell for only \$1.50. Come and see and support the work of your fellow students. Cards are available Monday-Thursday, from 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM, and on Friday, from 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM.

Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day, celebrated this year on February 18, is a holiday that celebrates the contributions of all our past presidents. Prior to 1968 the month of February celebrated the birthdays of two presidents, George Washington (2/22) and Abraham Lincoln (2/12) as separate holidays. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act that combined the two birthdays into one federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February.

Think about a Presidents' Day lesson that might work for your students. And enjoy your day off!

WVOC Academic Graduates and Potential Graduates

We would like to invite you to participate in WVOC's academic graduation ceremony for both high school diploma and high school equivalency (HiSET) recipients. Graduation will take place on:

Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 pm at WVOC's Dellefield Park

Our first graduation planning meeting(s) will be held on the following dates and locations:

WVOC	Van Nuys CAS	Van Nuys AC2T	Reseda CAS	Reseda AC2T
Wed., Feb. 20th 7:00 PM -OR- Thurs., Feb. 21st 11:00 AM Room 209	Wed., Feb. 20th 7:00 PM Room 507	Thurs., Feb. 21st 9:30 AM Bungalow A	Thurs., Feb. 21st 7:00 PM Library	Thurs., Feb. 21st 11:00 AM Room 2

It is important to attend this meeting in order to participate in the graduation ceremony and learn about the following topics:

- Graduation Costs
- Diploma Application/Grad Checks
- Cap & Gown Measurements
- Student Speaker Opportunities
- Scholarships, and much, much more....

For further information, please call the West Valley Counseling Office at (818) 346-3540 Ext. 281.



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