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Spotlight On | Student Success

Summer Integrated Education and Training (IET) Student Successfully Transitions into Pharmacy Technician Program

By Rob Lawrence

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Liliana Aparicio enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the summer of 2017. She completed the ESL program and never imagined transitioning to Career & Technical Education (CTE). Ms. Vicky Broccolo visited her ESL class last May and presented students with an overview of the Integrated Education & Training (IET) Pharmacy Technician course that was to be offered in the summer. Ms. Aparicio was highly motivated and told herself, "Just give it a try."

Her background is in Business Administration and she holds a Bachelor's Degree from her native country El Salvador. During the Summer IET class she was able to appreciate the opportunity to become exposed to this fascinating career. She had held jobs in warehouses and hospital kitchens, which she disliked due to the lack of interaction with customers. She will be able to interact directly with people on a daily basis when she completes her training and become a certified pharmacy technician.

It has been a challenge for Liliana, since she is raising two young children, ages 6 and 4, while pursuing her goal of completing the Pharmacy Technician program. Her mother has been very supportive by being involved in her grandchildren's education and upbringing. She also finds the language barrier a bit daunting, but so far she has persevered and overcome many challenges. After class, she goes home and relaxes for an hour, then goes to the library, where she catches up on the day's lesson for three hours.

"I see the importance of the support that East LA Occupational Center offers all students, not only to help us learn English, but to encourage us to pursue a career through the Career Technical Education programs," she added.

Her advice to her former ESL classmates, "Give it a try; you have to find something better for yourself and family."

She would like to thank her current teacher, Ms. Broccolo, for her patience and leadership, Mr. Bill Hrycyna, Ms. Veronica Aguirre, and her husband for the motivation in pursuing this new challenge.



Student Liliana Aparicio

Congratulations SkillsUSA Winners!

On Wednesday March 6, 2019, Principal Monica Balbuena celebrated medalist Patricia Jackson who won a Gold medal in the area of Health Information Technology during the Regional competition for SkillsUSA. It was co-hosted by Pierce College and WVOC. Eric Bilker took the Gold medal in Internetworking, and his classmate Ranin Mohammad won Silver. Angelica Soto from Cosmetology also acquired a Silver medal. Mrs. Balbuena presented winning students with their medals. She congratulated the students and their instructors for representing WVOC in SkillsUSA, an organization whose mission is to empower its members to become world class workers, leaders, and responsible citizens. All four



Principal Balbuena with SkillsUSA Winners

medalists, will continue on to the State SkillsUSA competition where they will be competing with students from all of California in their field of study. Mrs. Balbuena personally thanked the instructors whose students participated in the event for providing students with the skills they need to compete. Their success is a tribute to the quality of instruction received here at WVOC. Mrs. Balbuena continues to provide her support to students and teachers in their quest for Gold in the State Competition, which will be held in Ontario on April 25 - 28, 2019.

Need Help Finding a Job?



Join us for the Job Club, Wednesdays, 12:45 PM - 2:45 PM in Room 205.

For further information, contact Rocelyn Watson at 818-346-3540, ext 238, or Kathryn Dorsey at ext. 241.

And if you get a job and have to leave class, please let your teacher know the reason you are leaving. It is important for the school to know when our students get jobs!

CASAS Testing Week



ESL students will be testing next week, April 2 - April 5, with CASAS Reading tests. If you are unable to test in class, come to Bungalow B for a make-up test.

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		

It's Almost Here...



West Valley Occupational Center
will be closed
for
Spring Break
the week of
April 15.

Mark your calendars and enjoy your time off!

High School Grads and HiSet Recipients:

Scholarships Available!

Don't miss the deadline to apply for one of these scholarships:

The Los Angeles County Hispanic Managers Association (LACHMA)

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 24, by 3:00 PM

West Valley Occupational Center Scholarship

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 9, by 8:30 PM

For more information, ask your teacher, or contact Ana Rubalcava, Assistant Principal of Counseling Services, in the Counseling/Registration office.



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