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Important Dates

Presidents' Day
February 18, 2019
No School



New Era in ESL

This semester ESL teachers will be saying goodbye to the old ESL promotion exam. 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 more flexible series of formative assessments for speaking and writing. Students will continue to take EL Civics (English Literacy and Civics Education) assessments in subject areas like "Employment", "Digital Literacy", "Soft Skills" and "Nutrition" that earn federal funding for our programs and for the District. LAUSD adult students earned more than \$14 million in federal funding last year through CASAS and EL Civics testing.



In an era when many teachers are asking for less testing and more teaching, the end of the District Promotion Exam will be a welcome change for most of us.

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.

Remembering Michelle King



Los Angeles USD 's former superintendent Dr. Michelle King passed away aged 57 on Saturday after a lengthy battle with cancer. Dr. King was the first African American woman to lead LAUSD and worked in education for 33 years. In a statement expressing "heartfelt condolences," the school district praised Dr. King's "dedication to uplift every student, family and employee," saying: "Dr. King was truly an inspiration. She was a collaborative and innovative leader who broke down barriers to create more equitable opportunities for every student. Her warmth, love and generosity transformed countless lives and left a legacy that will continue to impact us for generations."



Making It Happen

UTLA Corner



UTLA leadership wants to thank all those teachers (and students), who went above and beyond, for your energy, enthusiasm and support during our wet and difficult strike week. As several teachers put it: It was great to get to know so many of our colleagues in ways we'd never known them before. We are happy to know you better and proud to work with you all.

We will be scheduling a meeting soon to discuss and answer questions you might have about the new contract and how it affects Adult Ed. Stay tuned to One WVOC for dates and times.

Ed McBride
Natasha Urias
James Palumbo

WRITERS WANTED

In keeping with the theme of “getting to know you better”, we are asking people to submit material for this latest version of our weekly newsletter. Write about your class, your program, your colleagues, or yourself, highlights, accomplishments, events, etc. We are interested in brief profiles and outstanding or interesting students whether current or past for a “Spotlight On” section. We will give you a by-line!

Send stories (preferably less than 300 words), or just pass on interesting ideas you'd like someone else to write about, to Ed McBride at ejm51181@lausd.net

WIOA News

ESL classes will be pretesting with CASAS listening tests for the first time this week. Tests are due back in the WIOA office by Friday, 2/15. Make up testing will be available during the weeks of 2/18 and 2/25. For information about CASAS or EL Civics testing, contact bungalow B at Ext. 510 or Ext. 229.



And Don't Forget Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day, celebrated this year on February 18, is a paid 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!

CCAE State Conference



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The 2019 CCAE State Conference will be held from April 25-27, 2019 in San Diego, California at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

Conference Attendance Winners

Here is the list of 12 lucky WVOC teachers who were selected to attend the conference with all expenses paid by DACE:

- Charmaine Budaska – ESL
- Iskender Sami – ESL
- Tammy Gyetvai – ESL
- Gana Yadam – ESL
- Eddie Vaisman – Academic
- Launa Prince – Academic
- Ed Lapporte – Academic
- Anavic Bagamaspad – Academic
- Margaret Alvarez – CTE
- Jaya George – CTE
- Edwin Torres – CTE
- Rocelyn Watson – CTE

Congratulations to all! See you there.

Conference Information

For more conference information, visit www.ccaestate.org/2019-ccae-state-conference/

Class Terms

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



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