

PARTNER BREAKFAST 2018

The Consortium held its first Partner Breakfast on February 23rd, at Hacienda La Puente Adult Education Willow campus. The school's culinary program provided an outstanding breakfast. The event was an opportunity for local businesses and consortium schools to exchange information and expand relationships within the community to better serve our adult learners. Each school provided a short presentation on their programs and offerings and also shared a student success story (those students are also featured in this newsletter). Partners also had the opportunity to present to our members (and each other) on their programs and services as well.

Special thanks to the Partner Presenters: Christine Chen--Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Angela Lui--Dept. of Rehabilitation, Benson Ma--American Red Cross, James Marsh-- Goodwill/East San Gabriel Valley AJCC, Julie McElrath--FWDB, Victoria Panuco--Valley Lights Industry, Angie Shaw--Senator Newman, Isidro Villanueva--LA County Workforce Development Aging & Community Service, Crystal Yanez-- 211 LA, and Dr. Michelle Yanez-- San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and LA County Workforce Development Board Member.



Additional attendees include representatives from elected officials Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon, Assembly member Phillip Chen, and Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office; Employment Development Department, LA County Dept. of Mental Health, SELACO Workforce Development Board, LA County Department of Mental Health, Honeybee Foods Corporation, Covina Public Library, Covina Unified School District, LiNk/DTW, and Pomona Valley America's Job Center of California/MCS.



29 agencies were represented and we are grateful to all for taking time out of their busy schedule to join forces with our schools to leverage resources to better serve our adult students and their families!

CONSORTIUM LEADERS ACTIVE AT THE STATE LEVEL ADULT ED PLANNING

The Co-chairs of our Steering Committee, Madelyn Arballo and Rocky Bettar, have been active at the state level in contributing to the long range planning for California adult education, both serving on statewide Field teams established by the state, Madelyn on Data Accountability and Rocky on the CTE team.

Consortium manager, Ryan Whetstone was recently added to the newly established, Professional Development team. Each participates in periodic convenings on those respective areas providing input and perspective to guide related policy and objective development.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3-5, 2018 – California Council for Adult Education (CCAEE) Conference, Fresno, CA

June 19-21, 2018 -CASAS Summer Institute, San Diego, CA

July 25-27, 2018 – GED Summer Conference, San Diego, CA





ACSA ADULT EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR—ROCKY BETTAR

Congratulations to Rocky Bettar, Director of Adult Education, Rowland Unified School District, on his selection as the Association for California School Administrators, Adult Education Administrator of the Year!

Rocky started in education in 1976 after graduating from Long Beach State with a BA in Industrial Technology. He earned a Master Degree in PE and Administrative Credential from Azusa Pacific in 1983 and 1986 respectively.

He taught in Metal Shop in junior high from 1976-1980; taught Machine Shop in high school from 1980-1992; was in charge of ROP at Rowland High School from 1983-1995; and became Director of Adult Education/Career Preparation for Rowland Unified in 1995.

Currently one of the longest tenured adult education administrators in the state, he is a strong advocate for adult education, believes that what K12 adult educators do in California is nothing short of a miracle.

Rocky has been instrumental in reshaping adult education in California, currently serving on two statewide field teams charged with creating the new frameworks and metrics for accountability and success measures. He also serves as co-chair of our consortium along with Dr. Madelyn Arballo of Mt. San Antonio College, School of Continuing Education, guiding our local efforts as well.

*“The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.”
-Herbert Spencer*

CROSS-GROUP PLANNING- IDENTIFYING ADULT STUDENT BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

On December 7, 2017, Tri-Community Adult School hosted a Cross Work Group Meeting. Attended by members representing a cross-section of the schools and Work Groups of the consortium, this 2-hour session focused on identifying barriers and opportunities for our students. The first hour conducted by Juan Milan, Labor Market Researcher with the CA Employment Development Department, focused on the most recent CA EDD labor market data and projections for the San Gabriel Valley, as well as an active demonstration on accessing information and creating custom reports from the EDD website. In the second hour, Dr. Wanda Pyle facilitated participants review of consortium surveys related to student barriers, several articles on supporting adult students, and facilitated small group breakouts on identifying potential solutions.

OUR STUDENTS

Vivian Flores, Tri-Community Adult Education

Meet Vivian Flores - age 19. She began Court Reporting in her 11th and 12th grade of high school. Vivian has about 1 year to go to be a Certified Court Reporter. She will be ready for an amazing profession by age 20! She was drawn to the profession because “it’s interesting and pays well”. Court reporters can make up to \$100K/per year. The program is approximately 3.5 - 4yrs in length. Vivian’s teacher will be able to provide an opportunity to get her started in the field.



Mayra Rizo, Pomona Adult and Career Education

This is Mayra Rizo and her children. Mayra came to the US from Mexico at the age of 3. She is now 34 years old. She’s a single mother and also takes care of her ill mother. She needed to quit high school because her financial support in the family was imperative. She came to PUSD’s ACE in 2017 and started the Apex program to achieve her H.S. Diploma. She accomplished her goal and finished the H.S. Diploma program in January 2018. We are very proud of her! Mayra has expressed that she wants to register for the Medical Insurance, Billing & Coding program that we offer at our adult school.

Yvette Varela, Hacienda La Puente Adult Education

She was working at In and Out making \$13.50 an hour when she enrolled at HLPAE to earn an education which would give her a career. After completing the HLPAE LVN program, she received her LVN license AND her Associate of Applied Science Degree. She now makes \$21.00 an hour and is employed as an LVN in the Transitional Living Center at CASA Colina with patients who have suffered stroke, spinal cord and other injuries. Yvette says she "loves going to work everyday because she makes such a difference in her patients' lives." Way to go Yvette!



Gabriel Acero - East San Gabriel Valley ROP

"I've always had an interest in being part of "the law enforcement field" and have met with various entities but the response has always been that due to my age, I would not be able to pursue a career in Law Enforcement. On August 21, 2017, East San Gabriel Valley ROP/TC and the local American Job Center provided me with an opportunity to train in Criminal Justice, and in January 2018 I earned a certificate of completion along with Industry certifications with BSIS. I attended American Intercontinental University in 2001 but was faced with the closure of that school. I ended up with student loan debt that could not be repaid because I was not able to graduate and obtain a job. I lost my financial aid eligibility due to defaulted loans. I am very thankful for the local American Job Center that covered the cost of my training at ESGVROP/TC. In addition, ESGVROP/TC's Pass-It-Along-Grant assisted me with additional support that saved me from becoming homeless. The grant paid for two month's rent and transportation assistance. I am currently working in the security field and I am grateful to Ms. Evans, the ROP/TC staff, and the American Job Center for working together to make this possible." Acero -is a veteran of the United States Marines Corps -E5, Sergeant

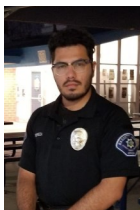


Luisa Patino, Mt. SAC School of Continuing Education

A former Mt. SAC School of Continuing Education Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) student recently won the California Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL) statewide essay writing contest. Patino's essay highlights her personal experience overcoming adversity in Colombia after losing her job in a travel agency and opening her own successful events management company. Patino has transitioned to credit classes at the college with the future goal of transferring to Cal Poly Pomona to earn a master's in business administration.



Elijah Repreza, Bassett Adult School



A local recent high school graduate, Repreza came to Bassett Adult School with an interest in law enforcement. He enrolled in and completed the Advanced Security Course. As he had earned his certification and was eligible for employment, he was hired as a School Security Officer. He has transitioned to Mt. SAC with plans to advance in the field.

Liliana Hernandez, Rowland Adult and Community Education

This year's Principal for A Day Scholarship Winner, Liliana originally attended high school in Baja Mexico and earned a degree in Economic Administration. She came to California in 2010. She is receiving her High School Diploma this June with a GPA of 3.5. Liliana wants to attend Mt. SAC and pursue a career in the medical field.



Michelle Yanez, Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education (not pictured)

It is with great pride and pleasure to share the educational path of Michelle Yanez. Michelle started her education at Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education in the Cosmetology Class part time in the evening as she had four children to care for during the day. Determined to learn, Michelle was a great student always asking questions and taking on all projects big or small. 2013 brought a hurdle for Michelle as she found out a new baby was on the way. With no one to help with childcare, Michelle decided to take a leave to care for her family. Determined to complete the course, Michelle returned once her daughter was able to attend the school daycare. Now attending class as a full time student, Michelle excelled in hair color and styling, proving that she will be successful in the cosmetology industry. In September 2017 Michelle completed her 1600 hours and is now prepared to take the state board exam. Michelle took the exam and passed. She is now a licensed cosmetologist ready to work in a salon. Michelle is a great example that determination and dedication will achieve great things.

CONSORTIUM ACTIVE AT LA COUNTY YOUTH CAREER EXPO HELD AT MT. SAC

Over 500 people attended the 2018 Youth Career Expo co-sponsored by Mt. San Antonio College and Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services, and other partners including the Mt. SAC Regional Consortium for Adult Education. The day-long event was held on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at the Mt. SAC campus. The expo included career workshops, presentations, and a job fair designed to help people explore career fields and find good jobs. Over 50 prospective employers attended to connect with job seekers in their search. Career workshops included the construction trades, information technology, nursing, leisure and hospitality, the entertainment arts, and more. In addition, related general interest workshops were also offered on topics such as interview preparation, money management, networking, and internships. The Youth@Work Program of the County of Los Angeles, in conjunction with Mt. San Antonio College, targeted youth ages 14 to 24 (and older adults) to find good jobs, great careers, and appropriate education and training.

This event is one of a series sponsored in part by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the State of California, area employers and educators. As the event was also open to area adults, the Consortium was invited to participate as a collaborative partner in the planning and facilitation. As such, we were able to track participation of students from member adult schools and determined that over 100 adults from our campuses attended.

Consortium members will follow up with focused attention on these participants to help ensure they achieve the goals of sustainable, livable wage employment.

The event was such a success that the sponsors and planners hope to make this an annual event.

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55,317


Enrolled

3,703

Advanced in literacy



3,465

Entered Employment



1,545

Increased Wages

520

Earned High School Diplomas or Equivalency



397

Post-secondary Transitions



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