



The LARAEC Insider

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Planning for Next Year



There is still time!!

The LARAEC Team is starting to work on the consortium Annual Plan for the 2023-24 school year. Our aim is to provide relevant and targeted support to adult education staff and faculty that reflects our current priorities.

We need your help! In order to evaluate some of the key programs and your level of interest in planned activities, we've put together a short survey. (It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes!) Your responses will help us identify new priority areas that have emerged since the three-year planning process and **give us up-to-date information on what matters to you!**

Just click on the survey link:

<https://forms.gle/GLVGoHxYzLP2ZRmTA>

Thanks for all you do to make LARAEC a leading consortium in California!

This Week's Lunch with LARAEC

Onboarding Strategies

Thursday, May 18, 12:30 - 1:30 PM

Presenters: The LARAEC Counseling and Transitions Team!

The LARAEC Counseling and Transitions APT will be presenting a deep dive into best practices for onboarding students through the counseling office and into the classroom.

Grab your lunch and join us! For registration and Zoom link [click here](#)

We have some great presenters lined up for our last session of the year!

May 25 - Super Six Survival Sites for

Lunch with...



Teaching and Learning - Presentation
by our LARAEC Remote Learning Team

For more information and registration,
go to <https://laraec.org/lunchwithLARAEC/>

All Lunch with LARAEC sessions are recorded and are available for viewing at [Lunch with LARAEC](https://laraec.org/lunchwithlaraec/) go to <https://laraec.org/lunchwithlaraec/>

Resource Spotlight



OTAN Teaching with Technology Database

The LARAEC staff attended an OTAN professional development this week at Culver City Adult School. It was a great session on how to use google forms and docs in assessing students. The trainer, Melinda Holt, is always skilled in running sessions for both beginners and seasoned staff.

If you are not familiar with OTAN, we wanted to share a couple of resources that are available online and FREE!

Teaching with Technology - OTAN has a wealth of teacher-created lesson plans and activities that integrate technology and are designed specifically for adult education classrooms. Lessons are searchable by program area (ESL, ABE, ASE, CTE, & AWD) and level. Check out the [website here](#).

Professional Development - OTAN offers online and in-person PD opportunities for individuals or school sites. Their website provides a calendar of FREE training as well as topics that can be scheduled for your site. These services are offered at no cost to the California Adult Education Program. Check out the [current schedule](#) or their list of [session topics](#).

Technology is still the number one topic for staff on our surveys! If there is a tech topic that you wish LARAEC would host, feel free to dash an email to Michele or Justin!

Another Resource...

The Fight for Disability Rights and Designing for Disabilities

Check out several wonderful TED talks
around disability rights and a unique



perspective on designing for disability:

- In her TED talk, “Our Fight for Disability Rights,” Judith Heumann chronicles her life advocating for the disabled. After having

contracted polio as a toddler, Heumann was denied the right to attend a regular school because she was told she was a “fire hazard.” Later, she was denied a career in teaching in New York City schools because of her disability. Not only did this not stop her, she and her family fought the school district and won the right for disabled children to go to regular school and, later, she used the legal system to force the New York City Board of Education to change its policies so that she could become a teacher. In 2010, President Barak Obama appointed her as the first special advisor for international disability rights. See her TED talk here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJr4wGcLNsA>

- Elise Roy, in her TED talk, “When we design for Disability, We All Win” argues that **designing for disability first leads to benefits for all**. As a disability rights lawyer and design thinker, she says that by doing this, an opportunity is created to stumble on solutions that are better than if we designed for the norm. Ever use text messaging? It was created initially for deaf people. **This process of design thinking results in innovation and problem solving and can leverage the unique perspective a disabled person brings to the subject**. See her TED talk here:

https://www.ted.com/talks/elise_roy_when_we_design_for_disability_we_all_benefit

Celebrating Adult Ed Staff!

The LARAEC office would like to say congratulations to some of our award winning teachers and staff!

Teacher of the Year - Culver City USD

Daniel Gomez - ASE teacher and LARAEC Action Planning Team Co-chair



Classified Employee of the Year - Culver City USD

Tasha Edwards - Culver City Adult School Secretary

CALCO Excellence in Teaching - CCAE LA Metro Section

Alma Blanco - A. Friedman Occupational Center
Gilbert Covarrubias - Slawson Southeast Occupational Center
Elizabeth Espinosa - Venice Skills Center
Anthony Napoli - West Valley Occupational Center
Christopher Ramirez - Evans Adult School

Golden Apple Honorees - CCAE LA Metro Section

Ellen Baker Cynthia Diaz Rosario Galvan
Steve Karasick Imelda Macias Andrea Rodriguez

Celebrate Bike to Work and Healthy Living Week!



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