

Golden Oak Adult School



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Message From the Principal



As we pause in the middle of this 2010-2011 school year to reflect on the recent Holidays, and even our surprise "snow storm", welcome back to winter and spring classes here at Golden Oak. Our energized and multi-talented staff are anxious to provide the community with wonderful educational and training opportunities.

To get a complete idea of our programs and offerings, please check out our **Schedule of Classes Brochures** (The winter schedule is available now; spring schedule should be available by mid-March). These Brochures are available on our website at WWW.GOLDENOAKADULTSCHOOL.COM, at

any Hart District Site (including our main office located at 23201 Dalbey Dr., Valencia 91355 – east end of the Placerita Junior High parking lot), at our local Public Libraries, and at both the Valley Industrial Association and SCV Chamber of Commerce Offices. Additionally, we are target mailing a limited amount to certain local zip codes (part of our efforts to trim costs in these financially uncertain times).

Here are some highlights:

New Website: Our original website has served us well for many years, but now it's time for a facelift. Our new site is over 50% complete and we believe your visits will be even more enjoyable.

New Classes and Programs: GO continues to focus on Education, Career Preparation, and Personal Growth. In addition to continuing our "time tested" favorites, new offerings include:

•Ceramics

- Intermediate and Advanced Woodworking
- Pysanky (Ukrainian) Egg Decorating
- Computer Basics for Limited English Speakers (Certificate)
- New Classes in Culinary Arts
- Basic Guitar
- Personal Care Assistant Terminology For Limited English Speakers (Certificate)
- Masonry Basics (Certificate)
- Proposed Addition of Independent Study for Diploma Classes

WASC Visitation: This spring is time for our six year accreditation visit from the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC). This process helps insure that the academic programs we offer are appropriate, have good quality, and produce results.

My hope is that whatever you enroll in at GO, your needs are met and you consider it a worthwhile experience.

Best Regards,
Ron

G.O. Office Staff

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G.O. Fall Fundraiser a Big Hit

Golden Oak hosted it's first-ever fall bonanza last November. The event was held in the Placerita Jr. High School parking lot and was hosted by staff, volunteers, and Friends of Golden Oak. The combination flea market/silent auction was well received by neighbors and the community.

Some of the treasures garnered through private party donations included a vintage mink coat, an antique Spanish galleon (in minia-

ture), and Prada purse. Silent auction items included facials, massages, golf packages, wine tastings, and haircuts and color; all generously donated by local businesses.

It was such a great success, that it is destined to become an annual event. Watch our website and make plans to come and join the fun next year!



GO's Teacher of the Year

Please join us in congratulating Golden Oak's Teacher of the Year, Ms. Yara Wright. Ms. Wright was one of 17 Hart District teachers to be honored for their outstanding contributions and dedication to their school.

She came to the Hart District as an ESL teacher in 2008. She originally hails from Brazil where she also taught ESL and served as principal for

six years at a language school affiliated with Oxford University. Teacher honorees are chosen by their peers at each site and will advance to the county level, where a small number are selected to represent Los Angeles County at the state and possibly even the national level.

Again, congratulations and our best wishes.



Career Classes Update

Computer Basics for Limited English Speakers and Personal Care Terminology for Limited English Speakers, both certificate classes, are up and running full speed, with waiting lists forming for the spring semester.

The demand for these 'vessel' classes are in high demand, and GO hopes to expand the number and types of of-

ferings. Vessel classes are considered vital in bridging limited or non-skilled students into higher level training classes.

These classes are essential to California, and the nation's economic recovery, by ensuring an on-going pool of competent, skilled employees.

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A True Life-Long Learner

Peggy Whitney is our kind of student! Peggy signed up recently for two introduction to computer classes, and while in the office, informed staff that she participated in test prep classes and passed the GED at Golden Oak back in 1979. She was motivated to instill the importance of education in her five children and be a positive role model for them.

After earning her GED, she studied for a time at College of the Canyons. Peggy, who is 78 years young, said she is thankful that Golden Oak is still here to serve the educational needs of our community's adults and says she never intends to stop learning. Principal Ron Rudzinski was so impressed with Peggy's story, that he interviewed her on

video which will be made available through our local public access television – SCVTV.



“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Author, editor, and founder of EmPowerX!

Calendar

February

14 GED Test Sign-ups

18 Office Closed

21 President's Day Holiday

28 & 3/1 GED Test

March

8 CAHSEE English

9 CAHSEE Math

14 GED Test Sign-ups

21– 23 WASC Visit

21– 31 ESL Post Test

28 & 29 GED Test

April

4-8 Spring Break

11 GED Test Sign-ups

13 ESL Awards @ PL

14 Semester ends

14 ESL Awards @ SV

25 & 26 GED Test



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