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Fontana Adult School, as part of the Fontana Unified School District, empowers students to prepare for success in college, career, and life.



Alumnus Success Story – Priscilla Baeza – in Her Own Words

My name is Priscilla Baeza. Four years ago, I walked into Fontana Adult school searching for an opportunity and a chance to change my life. On May 22, 2018, I graduated Fontana Adult School and received a High School Diploma at the age of 28. During the ceremony, I had the honor to make a speech and walk on stage. That was one of my biggest accomplishments in life.

Attending FAS has been one of the best decisions I have ever made in life because every single person involved in my process believed in me and gave me the support I needed to complete my high school credits. Attending FAS changed my life forever. It was the start of my new life and educational journey. After graduation, I enrolled in Chaffey College. I am still a full-time student. I do not work while attending college but, I am a mother of three children. I have many responsibilities and challenges that I face every day. It is not an easy task to maintain balance between student life and personal life, but with motivation and effort you can do anything you set your mind to. I am proud to say that I have a 3.8 GPA.

Throughout my journey, I have learned that it is never too late to go to school, and no one can tell you that you can't do something. My advice for students that are currently working on their GED's, high school diplomas, and those who are learning a second language to move ahead in their careers, is don't give up! There will be people who try to put you down, and there will be times where it gets hard and you will want to give up, but you have to look at the bigger picture. Think about your goals and always reflect back to the reasons why you are going back to school.

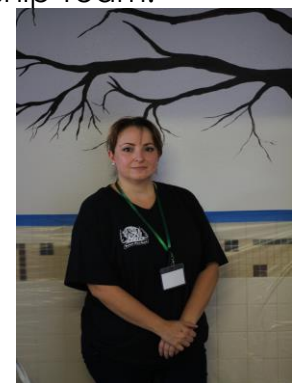
Elsa Cardona helps spread Night Owl spirit, and inspiration in our restrooms



Elsa is one of our students and Student Leadership Team members at FAS. She is an amazing painter, and muralist.

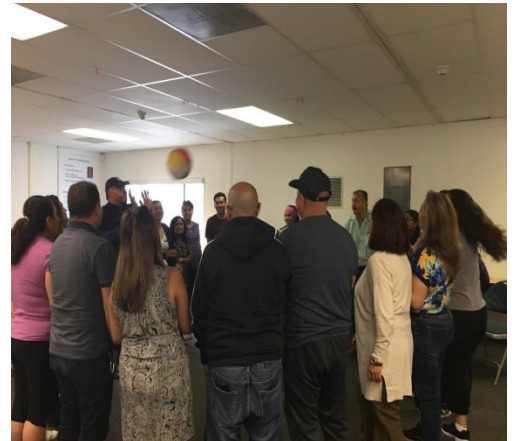
Elsa was an art teacher in Mexico before she migrated to the United States. Art has always been a passion for her. She especially loves teaching small children how they can express themselves through art.

Her work is absolutely amazing. We are thankful to have Elsa on our Student Leadership Team!



We are building community circles at Fontana Adult School, thanks to our school district and the work of Ms. Santini

Fontana Adult School is working with the Multi-Tiered System of Supports Department of Fontana Unified School District to help adult students overcome barriers to success. Ms. Santini is going to be on our campus several times each month to visit classrooms, do community-building activities, and support students and staff to increase achievement. Her visit in Conversation Café with Ms. Pinell-Hernandez was a tremendous success. Students had a lot of fun while learning, and talked about obstacles they are facing as adult learners. Ms. Santini's goal is to help students in the classrooms continue to work on community-building so they can support one another with stronger attendance and improved academic success. We thank the MTSS department of FUSD for their help!



Another Amazing Story from a Former Student – Araceli Rodriguez



Araceli was a student at Fontana Adult School in 2015. She earned her GED, and since then, has become a Licensed Vocational Nurse! Araceli remembers her teachers at FAS who helped her, particularly Ms. Connors. She says Ms. Connors was incredibly supportive when she was trying to pass her math portion of the GED exam.

Araceli is now a Director of Staff Development at Arrowhead Canyon Post-Acute in San Bernardino. She remembers how difficult it was for her when she was in the GED program at FAS. She did not give up. Despite failing the tests a few times, she kept trying. Araceli knows students, like herself, tend to doubt themselves. Her message for students is to not underestimate themselves and to “believe in yourself!”

**Did you know? Fontana Adult School is now
a testing center for not just the GED exam,
but many others!**



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Alba Flores from Kaiser Permanente of Baldwin Park Pays our Medical Assistant Students a Visit

Alba Flores is the grandmother of one of the students in Fontana Adult School's Medical Assistant program. She came to FAS to share her experiences of having worked as a Registered Nurse, and a Nurse Practitioner. Paula, a student, thought Ms. Flores was especially helpful in giving students feedback on interviewing and providing tips on what to do when they are out in the field. Jackie, also a student, thought the scenarios provided by a real practitioner in the field were helpful and eye opening.

Ms. Flores brought small gifts for every student in the program. She wished them lots of luck in their future endeavors in the medical field.



*You are invited to
a Safe Halloween
event at Fontana
Adult School!*

**October 31, 2019
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Fontana Adult School
Multi-purpose room**

Music 🦄 Candy 🦄 Prizes 🦄 Costume Contest for Adults & Kids 🦄 Games

Lots of events happening at FAS, organized to help our students and our community!



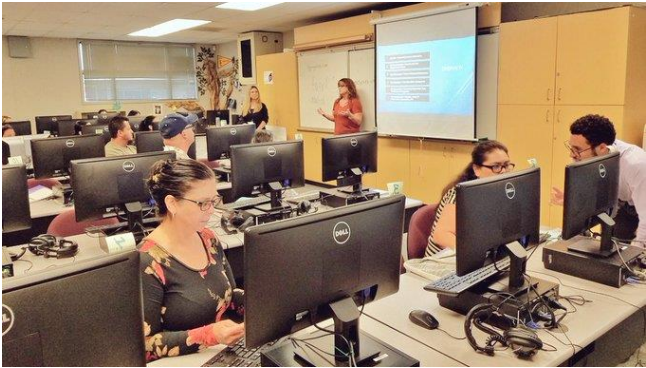
Presentation by Riverside Community College



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Presentation by Chaffey Professor, Kenyon Callahan, on Issues Impacting Immigrant Populations



Fontana Unified Human Resources Office helping students set up accounts on Edjoin

Stay tuned...there is more to come very soon!