



## September – 2019

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

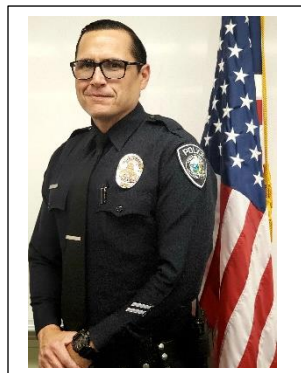
### Student Success Story – Detective David Wibert

Detective David Wibert works for our Fontana Unified School District in Police Services. Some years ago, Wibert found out his diploma was not valid. He needed to get proof of completing his high school education, but could not get his diploma from the school he attended validated. "I felt overwhelmed at first. I had completed the K-thru 12 educational process. When I was told my high school diploma meant nothing, and that I needed a GED to continue my employment as a Police Officer, I felt stressed as well as uncertain of my future. When I completed the GED process and I received my certificate, I definitely felt relieved. The stress was lifted from my shoulders and I could continue in my Law Enforcement career."

Stories like that of Wibert are unfortunately common. There are students who complete their education at certain institutions, and later come to find out that the schools closed and cannot get transcripts. Others find out their schools were not accredited. They have to turn to adult education to complete their education and earn certificates and high school diplomas.

Det. Wibert has been with Fontana PD for eleven years. His advice for students is to work hard to achieve their goals of obtaining a GED or high school diploma. "Once you have reached that goal, set new ones and work hard towards achieving them. Do not let your past failures affect your future successes."

Detective Wibert is now working on a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology. He is due to finish his program in 2020! We thank him for his hard work and dedication to the students and families of Fontana!



### Carina Moreno passed her Interpreter-Translator exams!



With the help and instruction of Mrs. Ana Diez, Carina Moreno recently finished her Interpreter-Translator program at Fontana Adult School and passed the battery of tests required at the District. The tests are not easy, as many students would attest; but Carina did it!

"The best part of being in the Interpreter-Translator class was learning from someone who has a lot to teach. Taking this class made me realize I needed correction in my Spanish and I learned a lot and I know you will too. I would highly recommend to everyone to take the class and be ready to learn," says Carina.

**We wish her the best of luck!**

# AmeriCorps VISTAs are making a Difference at Fontana Adult School!

Elizabeth Navar and Rosa Castillo completed their high school diplomas at Fontana Adult School in May of 2019. Upon completion, they were introduced to the AmeriCorps VISTA program. AmeriCorps is a federally-funded program. It helps encourage and promote volunteerism all across the United States to help people in underserved, high-poverty areas improve their lives and make a difference. Elizabeth and Rosa are both volunteering as part of the VISTA program. They will not only make a difference in the lives of their peers, but will also learn very important skills that they can carry to the next journey in their lives after the completion of their programs in August of 2020.

## Elizabeth's Focus:

- Economic (employment) opportunities for students & the community
- Educational opportunities for members of the community
- Bringing mentorship opportunities at FAS



## Rosa's Focus:

- Introducing social/emotional wellness opportunities for students of FAS
- Providing mental and physical wellness programs for students at FAS

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## ***One of our recent Fontana Adult School graduates is changing lives with her story.***



Daniella Avila recently gave a presentation for about 40 of our students and staff members on domestic violence. Being a survivor herself, Daniella's story was tremendously impactful for audience members. Daniella's warm personality and willingness to be open help inspire domestic violence victims in Southern California to get help, and begin new lives. She will be coming to FAS soon to talk to High School Diploma students to encourage them to work hard for their dreams.

# Former Volunteer of Fontana Adult School is Making Huge Strides in his Life!



Cesar Aguilar was a student at Jurupa Hills High School and a volunteer of Fontana Adult School in 2014 and 2015. He graduated in May of 2015 with a full scholarship to Emory University in Georgia. He graduated from Emory with a double major (Biology, and Spanish & Portuguese) and is waiting to hear from various schools of medicine. Cesar's dream was always to become a medical doctor, and he is on his goal a reality!

While serving as a volunteer at Fontana Adult School, Cesar helped numerous students in various subjects, particularly mathematics. He loves giving back to his community. He enjoys helping people, which is why he is aspiring to become a medical doctor.

Cesar's advice for students at FAS is to work hard, and not give up. He encourages everyone to develop good time-management. "Education should be viewed as an investment to better your future - it may cost lots of resources initially, but over time, it will pay for itself many times over," says Cesar. He also states, "As students, you will definitely encounter difficult times, but I challenge you to preserve and become stronger as a result of those difficult times."

Success stories like those of Cesar Aguilar are what make our Fontana community so rich with spirit and hope. Cesar's story empowers our own students to strive more and try harder to make their goals a reality, and their dreams come alive.

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*Coming soon...*

## *Open House & Family Picnic/Literacy Event*



*September 24, 2019  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm*



# Health Assistant Class Takes a Trip to Loma Linda University's Embryology Museum

On September 26, 2019, the Health Assistant Class, under the instruction of Mrs. Hightower, took a trip to the Embryology Museum of Loma Linda University. The visit helped students realize how fascinating the birth of an embryo is, and how it becomes a fetus in a woman's body. The experience was not only interesting to the students because of the science involved in the creation of another human being, but also touching and emotional.



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**EVERY**day  
counts  
attendance matters

We celebrate our students for making every effort they can to come to class each day. Attendance makes a difference!

# CASAS Celebrations

We had a big day of celebration for students who performed well enough on their CASAS exams to go up a level, or reach a very high score. Here are some of the pictures of our 244 students who made this huge accomplishment!



CASAS Tests are coming!!! Please do your very best! We will have another round of celebrations at the end of September.

