

NEWSLETTER



March 9th Fairfield-Suisun Adult School recognized International Woman's Day. Please take a moment each day to let the women in your life know just how important they really are.

**"Courage, sacrifice, determination, commitment, toughness, heart, talent, guts. That's what little girls are made of."
Bethany Hamilton**

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School
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COME GROW WITH US!

As I sit to write this newsletter I am astounded with all of the good/great things that happen daily at our school. One of my favorite things to do each morning is greet the students at the front door. It allows me to come into contact with a group of students that I have so much respect for and it allows me to do in my own way, a small part of helping everyone to start the day on a good note and with a smile on their face. Each day that I am greeted by a smiling face and a heartfelt "good morning" also makes my day. I want to thank each of you for helping me and giving me the encouragement to have a great day.

Over the next several months you will see some exciting things happening at the adult school. The last several weeks we have been meeting to discuss how to use our resources effectively. We are purchasing two new laptop carts with 30 computers each to be utilized throughout campus. We have ordered two new large screen monitors for classrooms and a monitor for



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Workforce

our foyer to highlight our programs and our students. We are also purchasing three new high definition video cameras and a high quality still camera. More Chromebooks and several laptops are in the works as well as new equipment for our Welding program that will start in March (please refer below). While all of this

technology is great, we understand that it is really about the relationship we develop with our students. Fairfield-Suisun Adult School is working hard to redefine ourselves and we ask that you "come grow with us."

James Woods

FSAS WELDING STARTS MARCH 1ST.

I am extremely excited to announce that FSAS will start a Welding program on March 1st for adult learners. The class will be held on the Armijo High School campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. We are very fortunate to have hired Mr. Harry Toebe as the instructor. Harry

comes to us most recently from Western Nevada College (WNC) where he taught Welding and Manufacturing. Prior to WNC Mr. Toebe was the Tool and Die Machining teacher for Rite of Passage High School. Mr. Toebe brings over 30 years of experience to FSAS and is excited to work

with our adult learners in developing skills that are needed in the 21st century. Over \$60,000 to date has been invested in the welding program. We invite you to come down, check us out, and get enrolled!

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR...

STEVE M. WINDHAM

One of the new faces at Fairfield-Suisun Adult school this year is that of Steve Windham. Steve teaches CTE classes in Accounting and Computers. Steve comes to education naturally as his father was



Steve Windham

a teacher at the colligate level and Steve began his career in education working as an assistant for his father. Steve has taught and substituted at the K-12 level and at several other California Adult Schools and FSAS is fortunate that he has chosen to become one of our faculty members. Steve has also taught at the college level and enjoys working with adults. During the day you can find Steve working as an accountant. Steve is self-employed with his business primarily concerned

with accounting, bookkeeping, tax compliance, and tax audits. He also offers services in business consulting, field inspections, and photography. Steve holds a Master of Laws in International Taxation and a Master of Business Administration. He is currently in the dissertation stage of his Doctor of Business Administration degree. Steve's experience, friendly and professional manner, and his teaching style is top notch and we invite you to stop by and get registered for his next class.

*Dreams don't
work unless
you do!*

PEARSON VUE TEST CENTER

Did you know that Fairfield-Suisun Adult School is an authorized Pearson Vue Test Center? Most people associate Pearson Vue with the GED assessment, but Pearson Vue has literally thousands of assessments for a wide range of occupations such as, education including the CBEST, RICA, and CSET.



Pearson Vue also assess in accounting, real estate, nursing, and Microsoft certification just to name a few. You can find out more about Pearson Vue and the assessments they offer at pearson-vue.com or ged.com. All registration and scheduling is handled by Pearson Vue.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES OFFERED AT THE WIB

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School in partnership with the Solano Employment Connection (SEC), formally known as the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), recently started Basic Computer classes. The class is held every Tuesday/Thursday from 4-6 p.m. This is a drop-in class for anyone over 18 years old who needs assistance with

basic computer skills for personal or professional reasons. A wide range of topics will be covered including cut, copy and paste; functions, resume formatting, and other relevant topics. The class is designed for all learners to get something valuable from the class whether they are at a beginner to intermediate level. Diane Wilson brings years of experience to this

class as the instructor and says she will make learning fun for all. The address for the SEC is 320 Campus Lane, Fairfield, CA.

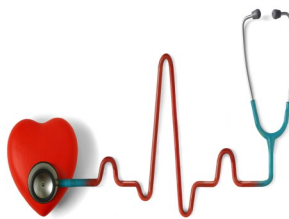


EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN THE MEDICAL FIELD

Are you interested in a career in healthcare? Classes are currently being offered in Certified Medical Assisting or Pharmacy Technician at FSAS. Fairfield-Suisun Adult School in partnership with CalRegional Education Centers will begin offering one scholarship for each class taught at our facility. Students must complete a scholarship application available at our Academic Advisor's office. To qualify for the scholarship students must have their high school diploma or High School Equivalency (GED, HiSET, or

TASC) and pass the placement test.

Over the next several years the demand for CMA's will grow by 23% and entry level positions earn nearly \$30,000 per year. Demands for Pharmacy Technicians will grow by approximately 20% and the median wage for PTs in California is nearly \$39,000. All healthcare occupations are expected to be in demand for the next 10 years due to the aging population and demand for quality employees rise. Right now is a great time to see



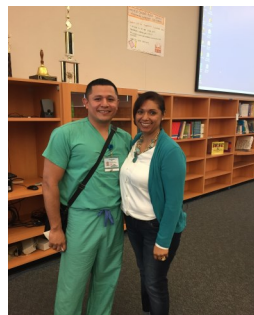
just what a career in healthcare can do for you. To find out more information about healthcare offerings and scholarship opportunities contact the school office. We can be reached at 707-421-4155.



"A DREAM AND DETERMINATION" THE STORY OF DR. LUIS ARMANDO GODOY

On March 9th Fairfield-Suisun Adult School had the honor of hosting Dr. Luis Armando Godoy and hearing his incredible story. Dr. Godoy is a native of Suisun City having grown up on the farms and in actually working in the fields as a child alongside his father, mother, and at times his siblings. Dr. Godoy shared his story of the struggles he faced

with school, being involved in a gang, school expulsion, and being a father as a high school senior. Dr. Godoy credits his determination on the work ethic his parents instilled in him as a young child and his desire to make better life for his family. Dr. Godoy is the brother of Rosalba Elias who is one of our most valued employees.



"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

— Leonardo da Vinci

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN ADULT SCHOOL BEGINS PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE DIXON COMMUNITY

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School recently began providing support to the Dixon community by starting English Language Acquisition classes at two elementary school. We are currently serving nearly 24 students at Gretchen Higgins Elementary and 34 students at Anderson Elementary. The instructor for these programs is Sue O'Connor who also teaches two classes at our Fairfield campus. Sue is one

of our finest teachers and students who are enrolled in her classes know what a huge heart she has for her students. The funding for this important program is provided by the Solano County Adult Education Consortium. Students receive 4 hours of



classroom direct instruction. FSAS administration is excited to be working with the Dixon USD administration to identify other areas that we FSAS can assist

Dixon and their adult community of learners.

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Come Grow With Us!

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School would like to thank our Board of Governance and Superintendent for their support of our students and programs:

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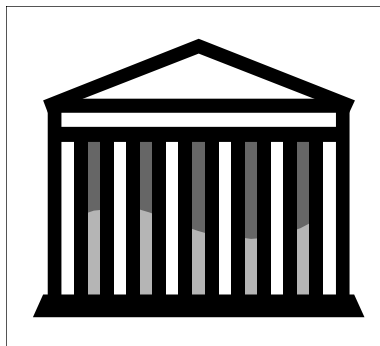
In the very near future all students and staff will be asked to complete a brief survey to determine: 1. what we do well, 2. what do we need to work on, 3. what additional supports are needed to serve our students, and 4. suggestions for the coming year. Fairfield-Suisun Adult School is committed to serving our students' needs in an effective and efficient manner. We have added several new classes this year in Career Technical Education such as the Welding and Home Health Aide classes. FSAS has also bolstered our English Language Acquisition classes and we are exploring Pronunciation and Grammar classes. Another area that we are exploring is the creation of a fully independent study high school diploma program. Over the course of the remainder of the year we are hopeful to begin work on relocating the Student Lounge and our computer lab. This will allow for two additional classrooms, and remodeling the kitchen to start a Culinary program. One last area of focus is the development of childcare to meet the parenting needs of our students. Our staff is currently working on these program development and hope to have it in place by the end of year. Beginning next school year we plan on offering childcare from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for our evening program. Exciting things are happening at the adult school and we are extremely pleased to work for your interests. As always, we want to hear from you and we want you to know that your voice is important.

SO YOU WANNA GO TO COLLEGE, YOU SHOULD!

Did you know that 38% of all undergraduate college students are over the age of 25 and that number is expected to grow to 45% by 2019 according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Studies have shown that adult learners face many challenges when deciding to enroll such as balancing school and family life, being able to pay for school managing their home finances, to dealing with the academic rigors of college.

If you are planning to return to college it will help you to understand the commitment you will have to make in order to complete your degree. One of the biggest demands of college is the time commitment needed to be successful. Not just the time spent in class but commuting to



You are your only barrier to getting a college degree.

school and for the massive amounts of studying that will need to occur to be successful. If time is a factor you may consider being a part time student to begin. Another factor to consider is your career interests. As adults you do not have the luxury of taking unwanted or exploratory classes. You will need to identify your choices early to help you navigate college and your

path to graduation. An additional area where adults find obstacles is how to pay for college. You are eligible for the same grants and scholarships that students leaving high school are but may not have the support of HS counselors. Over 40% of Pell Grants each year are awarded to students over 25. You can see if you qualify by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have served in the military, you may be eligible for veteran's benefits to help you pay of it. At www.fastweb.com you can research scholarships, internships, colleges and more for free. Do your research and don't be afraid to ask for assistance in figuring out how to pay for it.

So what is holding you back? Don't let it be yourself!