



# EAS Report

## Customer Service Tip

Make customers feel important and appreciated. Always use their name and find ways to compliment them, but be sincere. People value sincerity. It creates good feeling and trust. Think about ways to generate good feelings about doing business with *you*. Customers are very sensitive and know whether or not you really care about them. Thank them every time you get a chance.

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## WASC Visiting Committee Schedule Sunday, March 6 – Wednesday, March 9

Sunday	4:00 – 5:30 PM	Reception	DSC Board Rm
Monday	8:00 – 8:40 AM	WASC VC and leadership team	Rm 111
	8:45 – 11:45 AM	Classroom observations	Onsite and off
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Luncheon w. students	Student lounge
	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Focus group mtgs Curriculum Student Services	TBD
Tuesday	3:00 – 4:30 PM	Classroom observations	Onsite and off
	6:15 – 8:45 PM	Classroom observations	Onsite and off
	8:00 – 8:40 AM	WASC VC and leadership team	Rm 111
	8:40 AM–12:00PM	Classroom observations	Onsite and off
Wednesday	2:00 – 3:00 PM	Focus group mtgs Instruction Assessment	TBD
	6:15 – 8:15 PM	Classroom observations	Onsite and off
	8:00 – 8:40	WASC VC and leadership team	Rm 111
	8:40 AM – 12 AM	Visiting committee writing time	Rm 111
	12:00–1:00 AM	Lunch with WASC leadership team	
	1:00 – 2:00 PM	WASC VC discussion	
	2:00–3:00 AM	Exit meeting	Rm 202



### Our Mission Statement

Escondido Adult School is committed to serving our diverse community by providing quality programs that engage individuals in life long learning to develop their roles as productive members of our local and global community

**Greetings!** TA DAAA!! The WASC leadership team of **Josh, Tanya, Rosa, Gina, Maria E, Dom, Brian**, and me wrapped up our 18 month-long self study and shipped copies of the 190 page report to the visiting committee who will arrive on our doorstep March 6. A HUGE thank you to everyone for their participation and thoughtful contributions. We produced an honest, introspective, thorough report that reflects our strengths and key issues as an organization. The key issues have translated to a three-year action plan which we hope will be approved by the committee. They may tweak it a little or a lot, so we will keep you informed. The week the visiting committee is here will seem like a whirlwind. Expect to see them around, in classrooms, and holed up in room 111 working feverishly to complete *their* report. Remember, their job is to validate what we have concluded from the study, not to “catch us”. I hope you look forward to showing off what we do. We do hope you will all attend the Sunday, March 6 reception at the board room from 4–5:30 PM and the final findings meeting Wednesday at 2 PM at Crest. The schedule of the visit can be found on pg 4. Great work, everyone!

*Allison*

### Calendar

March 6–9 WASC visiting committee  
 March 12 Regional CATESOL, Miramar CC  
 Mar 21– Mar 25 Spring break  
 April 4 AE Leg Day, Sacramento  
 April 4–8 Adult Education week  
 April 10-13 COABE, Dallas  
 Apr 21-Apr 23 CCAE, San Francisco  
 May 30 Memorial Day

### Message from Brian

The evenings grow longer, the air is warmer, and blossoms are appearing. Spring is in the air and as I am on a pilgrimage to the old country, I was reminded of these evocative images of spring written hundreds of years ago by Chaucer and the fact that our diploma students in our English 12A class still have the opportunity to be exposed to these classic lines. It speaks to the continuity of our shared educational experience.

When April with his showers sweet with fruit  
 The drought of March has pierced unto the root  
 And bathed each vein with liquor that has power  
 To generate therein and sire the flower;  
 When Zephyr also has, with his sweet breath,  
 Quickened again, in every holt and heath,  
 The tender shoots and buds, and the young sun  
 Into the Ram one half his course has run,  
 And many little birds make melody  
 That sleep through all the night with open eye  
 (So Nature pricks them on to ramp and rage)-  
 Then do folk long to go on pilgrimage,  
 And palmers to go seeking out strange strands,  
 To distant shrines well known in sundry lands.  
 And specially from every shire's end  
 Of England they to Canterbury wend,  
 The holy blessed martyr there to seek  
 Who helped them when they lay so ill and weak.

Featured Teacher — Robert Lewis , Certified Physical Trainer and Fitness Entrepreneur

An exciting new addition to our class lineup is the Personal Trainer University taught by **Rob Lewis**. The course is designed for people who want to become certified as well as those who are interested in self-improvement only. Rob comes to us highly qualified. In addition to his 14 years experience as a fitness professional, Rob holds a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology & Nutrition from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He has impacted the lives of fitness clients and students

through his contagious enthusiasm and love of empowering the world through fitness. Most recently, Rob has taken on the role of executive vice president for RhinoBoss, creators of the BodyBoss total workout system. He is also the founder of Empower Fitness Formula, a website providing fitness videos to the general public. Additionally, Rob is certified with distinction by the National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA) as a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist. He is a registered Cancer

Exercise Trainer with the American Cancer Society and certified through American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). Rob is a sought-after international public speaker who has had the pleasure to present at many of the largest fitness conferences. Rob dedicates his free time to his wife and two children.



Our very own CASAS Queen **Linda Martinez— Short** was chosen adult ed’s Classified Employee of the Year. Superintendent Steve Boyle and Assistant Superintendent of HR Anne Staffieri stopped by to announce the award, congratulate Linda, and present her with a lovely arrangement of succulents. Linda is known as a tenacious data detective who exhibits grace under fire. Her recognition

comes not a minute too soon as she plans to retire in August. After 21 years in the insurance industry and 22 at EAS, Linda looks forward to becoming involved in her adorable grandkids’ education, volunteering at Mary Birch in the neonatal unit as a baby cuddler, and traveling and camping with her honey-bunch of 26 years Allen. Congratulations, Linda!

News Flashes

**New catalog.** The new EAS spring and summer catalog hit the streets February 26. Hardcopies can also be found in the office. The catalog is once again posted on the website as a PDF, and *A Register for classes online* link on the home page takes visitors to the class schedule. Do pick up a few catalogs and walk your students through the latest offerings.

The annual CCAE-CAEAA Leg Day

is April 4. Adult ed advocates will make the legislative rounds in Sacramento reminding our representatives of the importance of adult ed. We will offer cookies for all Wednesday April 6.

Conference season is right around the corner! There is a little money to send a few attendees. If you are interested in attending the regional CATESOL, CCAE, or COABE please let us know.

Special appreciation goes out to our life-saving hero **Mary Ruiz** whose calm demeanor and level-headedness helped save the day during a recent emergency. She has also become a first-time grandma! Emory Ruiz arrived the first week of February and is melting hearts



Message from Dom

Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Update

Our local consortium, the San Diego North Adult Education Partnership (SDNAEP) continues to meet bimonthly to work on the action steps for the implementation of its three- year plan. The purpose of this update is to explain will be happening during the next few months with some of the consortium dollars we shall be receiving as a district as well as work that is going on which will support the entire Consortium.

Two major goals of the Consortium’s plan are to provide additional support services for students and to create a robust data collection system that will track a variety of student outcomes required for both continued Consortium funding as well as WIOA funding. To that end, Escondido Adult School (EAS) will be hiring a full-time transitions coordinator. Some of the responsibilities of this position are to include working with students from all programs and all levels to assist with student transitions among our programs and those of other post-secondary agencies. Each member of the Consortium will be hiring staff that will serve in this capacity. EAS is also responsible for employing a full-time data coordinator who will be responsible for the collection of specific data for all members of the Consortium. While this position will serve the entire Consortium and be funded through Consortium funds, the individual will be an employee of EAS.

Some other changes that we hope to implement in the very near future in order to reduce student barriers to success include an expansion of the child care program so that services will be provided to support evening students. Plans are also underway to do some minor grading of the dirt area adjacent to the school’s rear parking lot while also adding a small ramp along the length of the curb so that students can more easily park in that area. We shall also be investigating some new software options for the ESL program as well as purchase laptops or tablets for student checkout.