

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS & STUDENT SUCCESS AT MJC

FALL 2016-SPRING 2017

A YEAR OF DEVELOPMENT

It has been a year of development for the ESL Department with the opening of the English Language Learner Welcome Center (ELLWC) at the end of summer 2016, off-campus collaborations and major curricular changes currently underdoing with the ESL programs. Faculty and staff have been busy coordinating efforts to provide students opportunities where they may find themselves **directed, focused, nurtured, valued, engaged, and connected** as listed in *RP Groups Six Success Factors* that support community college achievement.

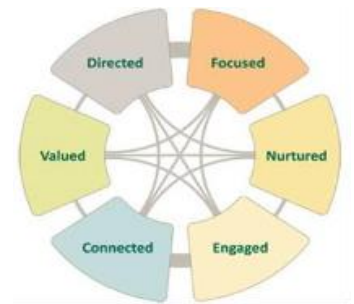
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English Language Learner Welcome Center

The ELLWC is located in John Muir Hall, 152 on West Campus and is available to help English language learners in the college and the community. The center is constantly busy with new prospective students enrolling or inquiring about the program. In addition, current students often come in to get assistance with registration and college processes. The ELLWC caters services to evening students and the student success specialist provides evening CASAS testing.



In addition to the services provided in the center, workshops are offered throughout the semester focusing on increasing student knowledge about college services and resources. At the college and community resource fair, MJC's Student Services were represented and there was a wide-range of community agencies that participated: Assyrian Wellness Collaborative, One Justice, Learning Quest, Stanislaus Family Justice Center, Self-Help Credit Union, El Concilio, Stanislaus County Office of Ed., Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC), MOVE Stanislaus, Turlock and Ceres Adult Schools, Haven Women's Center, Interfaith Ministries, Catholic Charities, and Project Sentinel.



ELLWC Workshops

Fall 2016

- MJC Financial Aid
- College Resource Fair
- MJC PiratesNet & Student Email
- MJC Orientation
- Community Resource Fair
- Citizenship Rights and Documentation Solutions

Spring 2017

- MJC PiratesNet & Student Email
- MJC Financial Aid
- MJC Orientation
- College and Community Resource Fair
- Financial Wellness (Personal Finance)
- Moving to ELIC (English Language Instruction for College)
- Financial Wellness (Education)



ELL Welcome Center Day at the Great Valley Museum (GVM) was held on Friday, April 7th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Science Community Center. ELL students and their families enjoyed free admission to the museum. Volunteer ELL students provided translated tours in different languages. There were over 200 attendees. Pizza and refreshments were provided. The evening was a great success and students were ecstatic to participate in this event. For most students, it was their first time visiting the museum.

Off-Campus Collaborations and Courses

This year, in addition to the courses offered at the Salida Elementary School and Orville Wright Elementary School, two new sites were added: Valley Home Elementary School and Hickman Elementary School. Additionally, collaborations with Ceres Adult School and Turlock Adult School were established and future plans for courses on these campuses are in the works. These collaborations ultimately benefit students in making a smoother transition into ELL college courses.

ESL Transition to English Language Instruction for College & English for Life & Work

Students in the English language learner program are currently in transition from the ESL prefix courses to the new sequence for English Language Instruction for College (ELIC) which are credit courses and English for Work and Life (ELW) which are non-credit courses. The full transition will be complete in fall 2017. All ELW courses are offered this summer and one ELIC course has been introduced in the summer schedule. To assist students with this transition, several efforts are underway this semester with more planned activities for the summer and fall semesters.

Workshops to Prepare Students for ELIC Level One and Accuplacer Placement Test:

- March 17th- Academic School Culture
- March 24th-Setting Goals
- March 31st-Self Discovery in College
- April 7th-Taking the Accuplacer Test

Workshops also focus on grammar, reading and writing strategies.

Counseling AEP Workshops for ELL Students:

- April 20th-ESL 906 Students
- April 27th-ESL 906 Students
- May 3rd-ESL 20 Students

Extra testing sessions are taking place for the CASAS testing (non-credit) and ESL Accuplacer (credit) provided by the student success specialist.

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