



## NUA PARENT/STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates:

March 29-April 2: Spring Break

April 26<sup>th</sup>: STAR Testing Begins

May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – CAHSEE Tests  
For Grade 11 & 12.

May 18: NUA Board Meeting

May 29: NUA Graduation

May 31: No School,  
Memorial Day

June 11: Last day of school

### WASC Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that the National University Academy was awarded WASC-ACS (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation in June 2009. This accreditation status ensures students, parents and our communities that NUA continues to meet the high standard of academic excellence defined by WASC. It is rare that a first year school receives full accreditation status, and we are exceptionally pleased and proud of our staff and students in helping receive this schoolwide achievement.

### Director's Message

Bernie Hanlon, NUA Director

Spring has arrived and the end of this academic school year is fast approaching. Here are a few things to keep in mind as we approach the end of the school year:

- Make sure you stay focused on completing your studies. Remember to devote time daily to completing your school work to ensure you finish the year/assignments on time.
- Both CAHSEE and STAR testing will be here soon. Ask your teacher about the different ways you can better prepare to successfully pass these tests. They are an important indicator of what you have learned while attending NUA.
- For those of you either planning on or even thinking of attending college or trade school after graduation, please let your teacher know of your interest. We have information on college guidance available that can assist you in making your "after high school" plans.

### Career Path Information

Craig Van Houten

I have had the pleasure of knowing many people in the building construction trades. Whether they were carpenters, electricians, brick masons or plumbers, each took great pride in their craft and served as good role models for young people interested in working in this field. The building trades are often neglected by schools where the emphasis is on preparation for entry into a four-year college. However, the building trades provide a respectable and lucrative career path. Some people prefer to work with hand tools or heavy equipment to build something, and apprenticeships provide an outstanding learn-while-you-earn opportunity.

Last fall, the State Superintendent of Instruction Jack O'Connell and John Duncan from the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) launched a campaign to raise awareness among middle school and high school students about apprenticeship opportunities. The DAS created a website, [www.IBuiltIt.org](http://www.IBuiltIt.org), where students can explore the variety of careers available through apprenticeships. Any student who may be interested in the building trades should visit this site and view the video under the heading "Watch the apprentices in action!" Students can also find out what they need to learn in high school in order to prepare for entry into the various trades. If

they are interested in learning more about the variety of crafts and apprenticeships available, they can also visit

[www.careervoyages.gov/construction-videos.cfm](http://www.careervoyages.gov/construction-videos.cfm).

Students should talk with their teacher and use the online career exploration program Bridges. Bridges' interest inventories will help students determine whether or not the building trades are a good fit for their particular interests and abilities. It just may be that the building trades are a good fit, and it just may be that the interest in a particular trade will provide the impetus for a more interesting and productive high school experience.

## **NUA REGIONAL UPDATES**

### **SOUTH COUNTY:**

It has been a busy year in San Diego and it's hard to believe that we are making graduation plans already.

The new GED Pilot has started, and we want to thank Craig Beswick for piloting this program. Currently, there are five teachers in San Diego who have a total of 25 students in the pilot. Of the 20 students at Access with Craig Beswick and David Goyette, 8 have remediated their skills enough to pass the predictor test. These students are scheduled to take the exam in the next couple of weeks.

On March 18th 2010 over twenty NUA students, with both the Career Path and Virtual programs, attended a seminar hosted by Access Inc. After a brief introduction regarding the Access Career Academy Program and internship opportunities, Denise Jackson, President of Balboa Travel, hosted a seminar surrounding careers in the travel industry in which she spoke about her experiences rising to the top of her company, and the specifics of the travel industry. At the end of the question and answer portion of the seminar Denise offered to host a job tour of her company and three internships.

Chad McGovern is proud to announce that he has thirteen students on track for graduation this year at the CCC which constitutes, the largest group of graduates he has had in three years.

### **MID-COUNTY:**

Our Mid-County student enrollment continues to grow as we welcome new students into the program every month. Our growth comes mainly from our current students who talk to friends about the program and share their positive experiences. It appears that we will have 3 of our seniors on track for graduation this year.

In other Mid-County news, Mr. Goyette has just become a father for the second time. Baby Hanna was born two weeks ago and is doing fine. Mr. Goyette is taking some time off to spend with the family and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Medina and Mrs. Ericson are assisting his students for a few weeks while he enjoys time with his family.

### **NORTH COUNTY:**

We are in our ninth week of school and are at the halfway point for completing our full academic school year. Teachers are busy working with students in their course work and will be sending out Progress Report Cards by mid-April. If your child is not making adequate progress, it is likely you will be receiving a call from your child's teacher. Please keep encouraging your children to attend their appointments and complete their homework in a timely manner.

The North County sites provide excellent learning environments for students. Each site is equipped with a computer lab where the students can study and receive assistance with their studies. Our Instructional Aides oversee the labs and make sure to help students. We have three outstanding instructional aides in North County who are an asset to the school. I have the privilege to visit all the sites regularly and see how well they run the labs. Students who use the resources of the lab regularly are increasing their opportunities for academic success. North County staff takes pride in its academic sites and the teachers and Coordinator are very thankful to have a strong team of Instructional Aides.

### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

Student enrollment in Riverside County has reached 300 students and all of our sites are currently taking waitlists. Graduation is fast approaching so teachers and students are working to complete their studies and requirements in a timely

manner. Everyone is anxiously looking forward to graduation.

NUA/Riverside is also working with our partners as they prepare for the work readiness programs that begin this summer. Students will receive credit for their experience in the workforce. Summer positions will include working with the mayor of Perris and the chamber of commerce. Many of these positions in the past have led to permanent positions and internships for students.

## **GRADUATION:**

National University Academy's graduation date is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, 2010. Commencement will be located on the campus of Mira Costa College in Oceanside on One Barnard Drive. We anticipate at 10:00 AM start and all activities will be concluded by approximately 12:00 PM. Additional information will be forwarded in April.

## **New NUA Program:**

We are pleased to announce that NUA's newest program in the South County and Riverside regions, the **GED**, is attracting many new students to our school. GED stands for General Education Development/General Equivalency Diploma and is open to a selected group of students. The most common question we get asked is "Can I take the GED?"

### **Am I Eligible to Take the GED Test?**

**You are eligible to take the GED test if you are a resident of California and meet any one of the following criteria:**

- ❖ The individual is 18 years of age or older, or within 60 days of his or her 18th birthday (regardless of school enrollment status).
- ❖ The individual must be within 60 days of when he or she would have graduated from high school had he or she remained in school and followed the usual course of study (please note that examinees testing under this criteria may not be enrolled in school).
- ❖ The individual is 17 years of age, has been out of school for at least 60 consecutive school days, and provides a letter of request for the test from the military, a post-secondary educational institution or a prospective employer.
- ❖ The individual is 17 years of age and is incarcerated in a California state or county correctional facility; persons testing under these conditions must meet all of the following criteria:
  - The examinee does not have a realistic chance of completing the requirements for a high school diploma.
  - The examinee has adequate academic skills to successfully complete the GED test battery.
  - The examinee understands the options available regarding acquisition of a high school diploma, the high school equivalency certificate or the high school proficiency certificate, and the requirements, expectations, benefits, and limitations of each option.
  - The examinee has sufficient commitment time left to complete the entire GED test battery; however, if released before the test is completed the examinee may complete testing at an authorized testing center.

***Persons who pass the GED test at age 17 will not receive the equivalency certificate until their 18th birthday; a letter of intent is issued which states that the certificate is being held pending the examinee's 18th birthday.***

If you fit the qualifications to take the GED, NUA can help prepare you to do so by offering test prep classes. If interested, talk to your teacher about this option.

## Where to go for help

**Student Enrollment:** (760) 631-6670 OR (760) 630-4080

**Student Records:** (760) 631-6670 OR (760) 630-4080

**School Work Issues:** Contact the teacher

**Transcripts:** (760) 631-6670

**Work Permits:** (760) 630-4080

**Student Concierge Services:** (866) 628-8988

**Counseling Questions:** (760) 631-5842

**Special Education Questions:** (760) 630-4080

**Testing:** (760) 631-5842 & (760) 630-4080

**Website:** [nua.nusystem.org](http://nua.nusystem.org)

**Main Office Address :** 2030 University Drive,  
Vista, CA 92083

## National University Academy Locations

### **National University's Carlsbad Campus**

705 Palomar Airport Road  
Suite 150  
Carlsbad, CA 92009-1029  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 631-5842

### **Chula Vista**

555 Broadway, Suite 2048  
Chula Vista, CA 91910  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 310-8411

### **South Bay Campus**

660 Bay Blvd  
Chula Vista, CA 91910  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 310-8411

### **Hemet**

4000 E. Florida, Suite 112  
Hemet, CA  
(760) 500-5678

### **Indio**

#### **The Win Center**

45-570 Grace Street, Suite 1  
Indio, CA 92201  
(760) 775-2887 / (760) 500-5678

### **Lakeside Middle School**

1183 Woodside Ave.

Lakeside, CA, 92040-0578  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 631-5842

### **Murrieta**

41870 Kalmia Street  
Murrieta, CA 92562  
(951) 445-4678 / (760) 500-5678

### **California Conservation Corps**

401 W. 35th Street, Suite A,  
National City, CA 91950  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 310-8411

### **North County Coastal Career Center**

1949 Avenida Del Oro  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 521-1056

### **Oceanside**

701 Seagaze Drive  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
(760) 433-3031 / (760) 521-1056

### **SER Jobs for Progress**

#### **Libby Lake Community Center**

4700 North River Road  
Oceanside, CA 92057  
(877) 252-7786

### **Perris**

The Oasis  
351 Wilkerson Avenue, Suite F  
Perris, CA 92570  
(951) 657-7105 / (760) 500-5678

### **National University's Spectrum Business Park Campus**

9388 Lightwave Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123-1426  
(877) 252-7786

### **Linda Vista**

2612 Daniel Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92111  
(858) 560-0871

### **Media Arts Center**

921 25th Street  
San Diego, CA 92102  
(877) 252-7786 / (760) 310-8411

### **Vista**

2030 University  
Vista, CA 92083  
(760) 631-6206 / (760) 521-1056