

# TRI CITY NEWS

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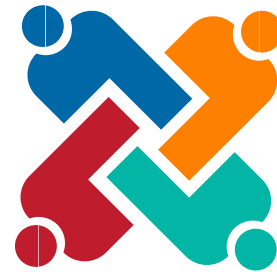
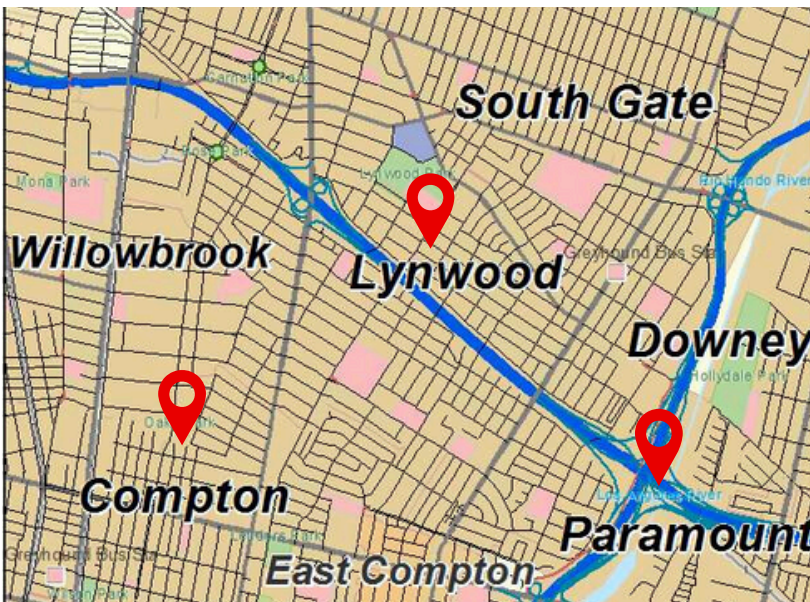
## Welcome from Tri City Adult Education Consortium

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Tri City News! We are excited to launch this regional e-Newsletter as a dedicated space to share ideas, celebrate successes, and keep our unique community connected. As educators and staff working with adult learners, we know how rewarding and challenging this work can be. This newsletter is designed to increase awareness, provide support, inspiration, and practical resources to help us all continue growing in our roles.

In each issue, you can expect to find updates on the consortium, state initiatives, school initiatives, professional development opportunities, highlights of innovative teaching strategies, and stories that showcase the incredible impact we're making in the lives of our learners. We also want to feature the voices of our own faculty and staff, sharing experiences, challenges, and best practices.

Our work is vital, and together, we're shaping the future of adult education and career technical education (CTE). We hope this newsletter will serve as both a resource and a source of encouragement as we continue to support each other and our students on this journey. Click here for a look at our regional demographic information.

Here's to a successful year ahead—let's make it our best one yet!



### WHO WE ARE

The Tri City Adult Education Consortium brings together Compton Adult School (CAS), Compton College, Lynwood Community Adult School (LCAS) and Paramount Adult School (PAS). Our member representatives from each district meet twice monthly for a study session and board meeting on the first and third Thursdays respectively.



**Mission Statement**  
 We connect education and workforce training to create family sustaining careers.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Tri City AEC has rebranded with new logo and vibrant colors. Check out the new website at <https://tricitythrives.org>.



Our first social media account launched in October. Help us grow and share education and community resources. Like, follow, tag us and share on our Instagram @tricity\_thrives.



## CAEP NEWS

**English Language Learner Healthcare Pathways Grant funding:** Tri City AEC was awarded \$398,401 to support developing healthcare focused vocational pathways for English Language learners (ELLs) across all levels of English proficiency and address regional healthcare needs. Read more [here](#).

To align with Vision 2030, the California Adult Education Program's three priorities to advance student outcomes are learner transitions, program development and equity. Compton College and Paramount Adult School contributed best practices to the **Closing the Equity Gap for Adult Learners in California: 7 Promising Practices to Advance Student Outcomes**.

The Adult Education LaunchBoard is now **DataVista**. This new data platform from the California Community College Chancellor's Office launched October 2024 and is designed to enhance data accessibility and support informed decision-making.

Enhancements are still in progress. Take a tour of the new adult ed pipeline and resources [here](#).

Explore the impactful achievements of CAEP across our state! This **NEW infographic** showcases key data and insights about the learners we support and the diverse communities we serve.

### California Adult Education Program

The California Adult Education Program (CAEP), a collaboration between the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Department of Education, was established by Assembly Bill 104 in 2015. It allocates over \$640 million annually to 71 consortia statewide consisting of K12 adult schools, community colleges, and community and workforce partners to coordinate in the provision of education and career training leading to high school diplomas, english proficiency, and career readiness and technical skills.

#### PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Since its inception, CAEP programs have served over **4 million** adults, expanding their opportunities through **measurable improvements in literacy**, engagement in civic and community activities, earning **high school diplomas** or equivalents, postsecondary **certificates and degrees**, **job placement**, **improved wages**, and transition into **postsecondary education**.

Local governing boards oversee consortia, allocating funds, developing and implementing regional plans and strategies, and monitoring and evaluating program outcomes to ensure alignment with established goals and responsiveness to community educational and workforce needs.



#### STUDENT PROFILE

Many types of students enroll in adult education programs reflecting the needs of their communities.



#### RACE + ETHNICITY



#### GENDER



#### PROGRAMS + OUTCOMES

CAEP funds support adult students 18 years and older and can be used in 7 approved program areas.<sup>1</sup>



#### OUTCOMES

Adult education boisters communities through enhanced literacy and employment.





# GROWTH AND INNOVATION

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



The regional priorities for the 2024-25 program year include growing CTE programs, increasing transitions, hosting more student-centered events, increasing our employer and community partners, and providing students more access to supportive services.



Bria R. – Adult Ed Counselor



- CAS is now offering ESL 6 and 7 at Compton College.
- CAS is maintaining high enrollment and employment placements with the truck driving program.
- Compton College recently approved a noncredit curriculum for a Certified Nursing Attendant program.
- LCAS launched a 100% online high school diploma program on EdGenuity.
- LCAS celebrated its 70th Anniversary and first Engineering SolidWorks program completion.
- PAS began an evening cosmetology program this fall.
- Nine PAS students were awarded the personal care attendant certificate at Compton College.
- Our staff and students participated in the first annual Tri City Transitions Day at Compton College.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We recognize that every member of the team plays a vital role in supporting student success—not just the teachers, but also our dedicated support and counseling staff. Based on the results of the 23-24 Staff Survey responses, we compiled a list of professional development opportunities from CAEP, OTAN, CASAS, TOPSPro Enterprises and CALPro to create a combined training calendar.

This calendar has active registration links. It is designed to enhance the skills of both teaching and non-teaching staff, ensuring we all have the tools and knowledge needed to create a positive, effective learning environment. **For individual campus training opportunities, please contact your PD Coordinator or see district protocols.**

**[PD Calendar - Dec 2024](#)**

**[PD Calendar - Jan 2025](#)**



**Lucia C. - PAS Counselor**

Tri City Transitions Day

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We'd love your feedback. Please complete this 2024-25 staff survey by December 30th.



**[SEE 2023-24 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS HERE](#)**

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter with a story, campus highlight or event photos, please email [tricitythrives@gmail.com](mailto:tricitythrives@gmail.com)

