

November 7, 2022

Letter from our Principal

ECA & CEC Parents, Students, staff and Community:

Halloween is behind us and Thanksgiving and the Holidays are almost here!! Our STUCO Fall Festival was an incredible success for the first one in many years. We had over 15 cars in our bus lane for kids to "Trunk or Treat" and I saw a whole lot of happy dentists out there rejoicing. Inside there were some



games and scary rooms, teachers had a door decorating contest and the kids enjoyed a scary Halloween movie on our 22' screen.

But we had a lot of other exciting stuff going on at ECA and CEC!! We had two booths at the

APS School of Choice Fair, and our Cosmo and Esthetics teams showed up and did theatrical make-up and mini facial steams to open up pores and add hydration and increase circulation. Lucky for those that got one! It was a great time and our booths were by far the most popular.



Our CEC LPN Nursing had a Flu Shot Clinic and had hundreds of students and parents get free flu shots. I even got one!

One of the most exciting events this month was an all-day bus trip for 55 of our ECA students and chaperones to get a very personal tour of both NM Tech in Socorro and NMSU in Las Cruces. Our

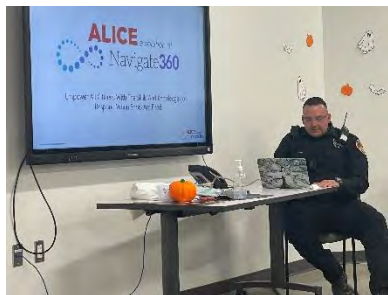
counselor, Ms. Alicia Faulds worked hard to coordinate a meaningful and interesting experience for a group of juniors and seniors interested in exploring their college going options in NM. It is definitely a trip we will do every year for our students. Here is a photo of them, weary but excited after a great trip.



This past week we had two security trainings, one with the staff and one with the students. At our staff meeting last Friday we were trained in ALICE. It is our sixth year of this training, and we have been using ALICE protocols well before the district adapted them. We also did a training with our ECA students through Advisory and have asked all of our CEC teachers to have conversations with their students about how we will handle these events on our campus. By now, all APS students should be trained in ALICE protocols. Attached you will find the lesson plan we used in Advisory class for the student discussion. We certainly hope you will have a conversation with your student about what they learned and what they might do in an emergency situation at school. Just ask them, "How will you respond in a crisis at school?"

We commit, through regular and ongoing training, to ensure that our school is a safe place where students can learn and grow, free from concerns about safety. Daily measures are taken to ensure this safety, including locking the exterior doors; training our staff for a variety of crises that may be encountered from health issues, accidents,

intruders, and weather-related crises; routinely monitoring security cameras throughout the school; and ensuring our facilities are well maintained and all equipment is in working order. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are working on communication protocols and procedures that outline how we will communicate with the school community in an emergency.



Here is APS Police Sergeant Giddings from AHS providing our staff with training.

Your ECA and CEC Administrative Leadership Team continues to work toward building an academically rich, curious and playful culture at our school. One of our post-pandemic goals is to restore the joy that brought our students to ECA and CEC in the first place, so we have been working with our staff at every opportunity to provide strategies, techniques and skillsets they can use and provide students to nurture their curiosity through active listening and active engagement. We are very excited at what is going on here at school!



Here is your admin team fresh out of a brainstorming meeting – nothing like a little rock and roll to get the blood flowing!

WE ARE A MAGNET SCHOOL OF AMERICA!

The Early College Academy and the Career Enrichment Center has been awarded the distinction as a certified Magnet Schools of America Demonstration School. This honor is shared among all stakeholders because the partnership we have developed between student, parents and instructors is unmatched and something to behold!

FINAL THOUGHTS

Please read through the rest of the newsletter for more important information. We have some information for you regarding Student Led Conferences (SLC). These are district and state-mandated and must be completed during advisory at ECA or at the CEC student's home school. Additional information is listed in this newsletter. Also, check out our **Teacher Showcase!** Over the course of the school year we will feature a photo and profile of every teacher and staff member on our campus. Enjoy the first ones we have for you and hopefully look forward to meeting the rest of our staff.

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Calendar of Events

- Nov 8** Election Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 9** Gallup McKinley County CTE Visit
- Nov 10** APS Ind Ed POW WOW (see flier)
- Nov 11** Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 14** ALICE Training in ECA Advisory
- Nov 14** **ECA-CEC Parent Booster Club Meeting 5:30p**
- Nov 17** ECA Recruitment Open House
- Nov 21 & 22** SLC Conferences - NO CLASSES
SLCs are MANDATORY
- Nov 23-25** Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 30** Native American Winter Celebration
 6pm AHS PAC (see flier)
- Dec 1-2** CB Suites End of Year Assessment
- Dec 3** City of Alb Twinkle Light Parade
- Dec 8** Charter School Counselor Breakfast
- Dec 7-8-9** **CEC Finals**
- Dec 9** APS HS Counselor & CA Breakfast
- Dec 15-16** **ECA Finals**
- Dec 20** NM PED Universal Design
 Professional Development
- Dec 20** End of Semester
- Dec 21** Winter Break begins
- Jan 4** Teachers report to school for PD
- Jan 5** Students return for first day of 2nd semester
- Jan 10** **ECA-CEC Parent Booster Club Meeting 5:30p**

Planetarium Update



Please look forward to joining us for a Planetarium Show for families of ECA & CEC students! Email John Glaser at glaser_i@aps.edu to learn more. Come see the wonders of the universe!

CONGRATS TO DR. NORIEGA!

Here is Dr. Gabino Noriega reciting a poem at the launch of the CHAMISA Journal. The 2nd edition of the journal showcases the influence of Women in the Southwest. His poem was called “La Partera”, and it was about his abuelas, who were both midwives in New Mexico and Mexico. It was an amazing evening and we look forward to the second edition.



TEACHER SHOWCASE



Mrs. Angel Saavedra

My name is Angel Saavedra; I started at the Career Enrichment Center as an educational assistant nearly three years ago. Since then, I am thrilled to say this is my 1st year teaching high school Esthiology here at CEC.

As a former CEC Cosmetology student, I can testify to the CTE Program's unique structure. It is a very well-rounded program, and I am very grateful and excited to be part of this up-and-coming program.

I have instructional experience with middle school, High school, and Beauty College students. As an entrepreneur with over 16+ years of experience behind the chair in a full-service salon and owning a makeup line Angelz Eyez Cosmetics, I bring a unique perspective to this industry for our youngest learners. Strengthening each young adult's growth in all areas —academic, social, language, and motor—is a challenge I am honored to accept daily. I strive to create a fellowship of learners that nurtures growth in a positive, fun environment. I believe It is essential to stay updated with the latest trends, techniques, and needs of our continuously changing industry & future professionals, and that's just what I intend to do. -Thank you for reading a little bit about me!

my favorites

- Color: Blue
- Season: Summer
- Food: Italian
- Author: levi lusko
- Sports: Football- Go Cowboys!
- Hobbies: Traveling, Camping, Thrifting, Decor, Makeup.
- Drink: Starbucks- Iced white Mocha with sweet cream foam
- Quote: “ you are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream” -Malala Yousafzai

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TEACHER SHOWCASE



Amanda Reyes

My name is Amanda Reyes. I am life-long educator and presently the Director of Financial Capability at Nusenda Credit Union, where I am also honored to teach dual credit courses, in collaboration with

CNM, APS, DACC, and LCPS. For the CEC, I host the in-person Financial Services Career Exploration dual credit class and also oversee the Nusenda Internship class. Prior to Nusenda, I was an educator for over 19 years with APS. I also taught for CNM and in collaboration with Dual Language Education NM.

I believe that students work on what is important to them, that flexibility in assignments is a self-motivator, and honors the complex lives of high school students. I strive to create learning opportunities that are relevant, respectful, and truly applicable to the future.

There have been many incredible teachers on my learning path, but my art teacher, Carol Hilgemann, has been an inspiration since high school, with a handwritten poster that said “If you think you can, or think you can’t, you are absolutely right.” I believe in the innovative, compassionate, intelligence of our students!

My favorites

Color: Green & Purple

Season: Christmas

Food: Chocolate (or Halibut)

Author:

Sports:

Hobbies: traveling, thrifting, plus I love to dance and do home improvement projects, when there is time

Drink: coffee, chai, and cocoa

Quote: “If you think you can, or think you can’t, you are absolutely right.” Henry Ford with Educator/

Artist: Carol Hilgemann’s twist

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TEACHER SHOWCASE



Jessica Vierra

Hi! My name is Jessica Vierra. I was born on Whidbey Island near Seattle, WA but grew up here in Albuquerque. I am a life-long student of history and earned my Bachelor’s

Degree in History with a minor in American Studies from the University of New Mexico. After working in the world of commercial banking for a while, I decided that I wanted to be a teacher and earned my teaching credentials from CNM’s Alternative Teaching Licensure Program. This is my twelfth year teaching high school, during which time I’ve taught U.S. History, New Mexico History, Government, Economics, Holocaust and Human Behavior, World History, and all grade levels of English. I think I have the best job in the world. This is my first year at ECA and I am very excited to be part of this community and am looking forward to sharing my love of learning with my students. In addition to my love of history, I also love reading and listening to music, especially 80s metal. I love learning new things and have recently started learning to code. I enjoy vegetarian cooking, baseball, visiting old places, and spending time with my awesome dogs and my family and friends.

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SENIORS AND FAMILIES-

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filled out

now! The application for the 2023-24 college year opened on October 1st. Even if you think that your income will not qualify your student for federal aid, you are encouraged to fill it out anyway. There are scholarships that ask for a completed FAFSA as a requirement.

[FSA ID](#) (Create before filling out the FAFSA)

Both the student and ONE parent need to create an FSA ID

[FAFSA Website](#) (Opens October 1, 2021)

If your family needs assistance in filling out the FAFSA, there are a few great options to get help from a financial aid expert:

- **MONEY MONDAYS-** Starting next Monday, October 10th and nearly every Monday after that through May, your family can get personalized FAFSA assistance from 3-6pm during this ongoing virtual event. For more information about the FAFSA and the ZOOM link for Money Mondays visit: <https://www.nmeaf.org/fafsa-fund-your-future>
- **UNM WORKSHOPS AND ONE-ON-ONE** appointments from October through December For more information visit: <http://finaid.unm.edu/fafsaworkshops/>
- **The Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) for ONE-TO-ONE APPOINTMENTS** For more information call Jenny Quinones at (505) 277-0350

SCHOLARSHIP SEASON IS OPEN!!

It's time to gather your deadlines for scholarships that you will be applying for.

Where to start?

- Check the colleges that you are applying to first.
- Check local scholarships next (less competition, more likelihood of getting one)
- Check where you work, do they offer scholarships
- Check the Senior google classroom- I am posting scholarships as I receive the information
- Check my counseling page for links to the APS Scholarship google sheet and scholarship links for local and special groups.

HIGHLIGHTED LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

MLK Essay Contest November 30th deadline (2.5 GPA and essay)

Details in the Senior Google Classroom

Coach Mike "Papa" Brown MSA

Scholarship February 28th deadline (student athletes, 3.5 GPA)

Details in the Senior Google Classroom

Link for information:

<https://www.myscholarship.app/coach-mike-papa-brown-msa-scholarship>

- **UNM has an impressive Honors College** as well. For more information go to: <https://honors.unm.edu/admissions-scholarships/index.html>

ALL ECA FAMILIES:

Collegeboard's REAL TALK- Career Fairs, Paying for College- for Black Students.

Several upcoming virtual events. For more information visit:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/communities-events/real-talk>

All High school students can begin exploring careers and colleges at any time! Start your students account with Collegeboard's Big Future and have fun exploring [early!https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/)

Thanks!
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PARENT BOOSTER CLUB info

Calling all awesome ECA/CEC families! We hope you'll join us on Monday, November 14th and Tuesday, January 10th in our beautiful new building (or on [Google Meet!](#)) for our third and fourth Booster Club meetings of the school year. This alliance of families, teachers and community members serves an important role in our school's success, and we hope that you will join us! We have several projects on deck this year, and lots of opportunities for families to get involved; from fundraisers and classroom projects, to dances, field trips and advisory boards, there's something for everyone. Our monthly meetings happen on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Please join us on the 14th and help make this a year to remember for our students!

You can find out more about our Booster Club by [visiting our webpage](#), or contacting either Assistant Principal Thomas at thomas_d@aps.edu or our PTO President, Ms. Jenny Galasso, at galassoj@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

Academic Career Experience (ACE)

ACADEMIC CAREER EXPERIENCE (ACE) THROUGH CEC: As your students get settled and are engaged in learning, please keep in mind that CEC offers the ability for students to earn ACE credit if they are working or interning in a professional/career focused setting this school year (paid internships can be considered as well). These credits are FREE and students can earn up to 1.5 elective credits per semester. Students must already have a job or an internship placement to apply, and space is limited. Please reach out to Gabino Noriega for additional information (noriega_g@aps.edu).

Do you have a Smith's Rewards Card? Smiths will give a portion of your sales to our great school.



Designate Career Enrichment Center/Early College Academy (PF208) as your Inspiring Donations Program recipient!

Go to www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/accout/communityrewards/

ECA LATE WORK POLICY

9th Grade:	1 st day late 20% off 2 nd day 40% 3 rd day 50% 4 th day late work not accepted
10th Grade:	1 st day late 20% off 2 nd day 40% (teachers may work with individual circumstances) 3 rd day late work not accepted
11th Grade:	No late work; however, teachers may work with individual circumstances.
12th Grade:	No late work; however, teachers may work with individual circumstances.

Good Afternoon,

Now that college fairs have (mostly) wrapped up, we are transitioning to field trip and campus visits & tours.

If any of your students want a UNM tour they can do so at either of the following links:

- If they are interested in Engineering, they should complete this form:
 - <https://ess.unm.edu/programs/future-students/soetours.html>

- If your student is undecided or uninterested in Engineering and just want a general tour, they should complete this form:

- <https://campustour.unm.edu/>

If you want a visit from me or another UNM rep, just email me and I will begin arranging the visit.

- Currently, UNM has general recruiters, an Engineering recruiter (myself), a BA/MD recruiter, a CAMP recruiter, and an AISS recruiter
- In your email, please include your desired date, and how long you would like us to be there for

If you want to begin arranging a field trip, email me with the following information:

- Desired dates and times
- How many total people you intend to bring (students + teachers/adults/other chaperones)
- Any special interests your students might have

As always, please let me know if there is anything I can do for you and your classroom!

Happy Thanksgiving!
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SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Early College Academy has added a new award to the recent National Blue Ribbon Award won in 2019 – ECA is now a 2023 Certified National Magnet High School.

Only 18 magnet high schools in the entire United States earned the distinction of becoming a Magnet Schools of America HS Demonstration School. They earned the distinction from [Magnet Schools of America](#), the national association of magnet and theme-based schools.

The certification process is designed to recognize the most exemplary magnet schools in the nation and help them as they continue to grow and provide high-quality, innovative curricula and instructional programs that promote choice, equity, diversity, and academic excellence for all students.

As a Nationally Certified-Demonstration Magnet School, ECA demonstrated through evidence, reflection, and strategic action that they have established the Standards of Excellence in their schools and fulfilled a commitment to community stakeholders.

[Magnet Schools of America](#)



EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE



ECA OPEN HOUSE Thursday, November 17th 5:30p-7:00p

**Parents and students interested in finding out more about the best school
in NM, please come by for this great event!**

APS ALICE video to be shown during 10/17/2022 Advisory

Talking about preparing for a potential school shooting can be stressful for students and staff alike. Therefore, we have put together this discussion guide as a reference tool for you. Please review this guide and watch the video *before* October 17th. Watch the video at [ALICE Protocol - English](#). This is the *only* video to be shown to students.

Q: What is the best way to introduce the topic?

A: Students will follow your lead. Therefore, keep the discussion on topic - using the ALICE protocol to stay safe in the event of a violent intruder on campus. Focus on student preparedness rather than danger. Stress the importance of informed decision making. Do not allow the discussion to stray to sharing personal stories, myths, news coverage, etc. Ask for questions related to the procedure only.

Q: What is ALICE and how is it different from what we have done during past lockdowns?

A: The traditional approach of lockdown focuses on one response to all situations. On the other hand, ALICE empowers students and faculty to participate in their own response by assessing the situation and making informed decisions.

Q: What does ALICE stand for?

A: The acronym ALICE stands for *Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate*. See more detailed explanation below.

Q: What steps should we take on a daily basis to keep our school safe?

A: There are lots of things that all of us, students and staff, can do to keep our campus safe.

- ❖ Tell an adult if you see something unusual. This may include a student acting strangely or a stranger on campus.
- ❖ All students and adults need to wear their ID at all times when we are on campus. While ECA is a relatively small school, we have more than 200 students and almost 1,000 CEC students here every day; it is not possible to recognize everyone simply on sight. That's why you need to make sure that your ID badge is visible at all times. You can make a real impact by encouraging your friends to wear their ID, as well.

ALICE

ALERT is your first notification act to save yourself. A speedy response is critical. Seconds count. *Alert* is overcoming denial, recognizing the signs of danger and receiving notifications about the danger from others. Alerts should be accepted, taken seriously, and should help you make survival decisions based on the circumstances.

LOCKDOWN should be used if immediate evacuation is not is not a safe option. Barricade all entrances to the room. Prepare to *evacuate* or *counter*, if needed.

Everyone in the classroom should work together to barricade entry points into the room in an effort to create as secure a situation as possible. There are some scenarios where *lockdown* may be the preferable option. However, this is not the passive “lockdown only” that has been used in years past. Rather, it is an informed decision that may change as the situation evolves.

INFORM is how everyone participates in communicating the violent intruder’s location and direction in real time. The purpose of *INFORM* is to continue to communicate information in as real time as possible, if it is safe to do so. Armed intruder situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly, which means that ongoing, real time information is key to making effective survival decisions. Information should always be clear, direct and in plain language, not using codes. If the intruder is known to be in an isolated section of a building, occupants in other areas can safely evacuate while those in direct danger can perform enhanced *lockdown* and prepare to *counter*. Video surveillance, 911 calls and PA announcements are just a few of the channels that may be used by employees, safety officers, and other personnel to inform others.

COUNTER is a strategy of last resort. *Counter* focuses on actions that create noise, movement, distance and distraction with the intent of reducing the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately. *Counter* is NOT actively confronting a violent intruder. Instead, it creates a dynamic environment that decreases the shooter’s chance of hitting a target and can provide the precious seconds needed in order to evacuate. *Counter* is NOT fighting.

EVACUATE when it is safe to do so, rather than just immediately trying to escape. Such a determination is based upon the information you receive (e.g. an announcement that the intruder is another part of the campus). *Evacuating* to a safe area takes people out of harm’s way and hopefully prevents civilians from having to come into any contact with the shooter.

APS Native American Winter Celebration

November 30, 2022

6PM

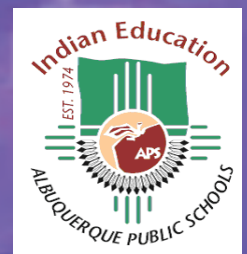
Albuquerque High School Performing Arts Center
800 Odelia Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87102

*Storytelling
Games and Prizes*

Music

Dancing

Candy for the Kids!



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For more information email john.williams@aps.edu or call Elizabeth Trujillo at 505-884-6392

Albuquerque Public Schools Native American Leadership Council POW WOW



November 10, 2022

Albuquerque High School
800 Odelia Rd NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

FREE (\$1 Optional Donation)

Gourd Session 4-6PM
Grand Entry 6PM
Closing 10PM



HEAD STAFF:

MC: Otis Halfmoon (Nez Perce)

Arena Director: Aaron Fry (Cherokee/Chickasaw)

Host Northern Drum-Black Eagle (Jemez)

Host Southern Drum-Southern RED (Santo Domingo)

Head Gourd-Jason Smith-(Kiowa, Pawnee, Sac&Fox, Otoe)

Head Boy: Kawe Fry (Laguna/Acoma/Cherokee/Chickasaw)

Head Girl: Tasia Pecos (Jemez/Navajo)

“Entertainment”

Vendors \$40 (we will provide tables and chairs)



For more information email apspowwow@gmail.com or call Elizabeth Trujillo at 505.884.6392.

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CEC
Career Enrichment Center

thursday,
february 9th

openhouse

spring 2023



**we inspire our
students every day**

The Staff and Administration of Early College Academy and Career Enrichment Center invite **YOU** to join us as we open our doors to **ALL** parents and guardians of potential CEC students. Meet CEC teachers, visit classrooms and ask questions! Learn about CEC's outstanding programs & register for classes!

Tour our facilities and enjoy some beverages and snacks!



OPEN HOUSE 5:30p-7:00p

Parents, students and staff are invited to enjoy coffee, tea, water and desserts on us from 4:30p-5:30p!

OPTIONAL PARENT MEETING

5:10p-5:30p in Lecture Hall



CEC/ECA 807 Mountain Rd NE Albuquerque, NM 87102