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Palo Alto Adult School announces community-wide Student Photo Contest

Palo Alto Adult School is celebrating its 90th year anniversary with its first Student Photo Contest. All former and current students are invited to participate in the Adult School's first Facebook photo contest. Over the last few decades, thousands of students have taken courses in art, world languages, ESL, birding, health and fitness, home and environment, computer skills, cooking, career training, parenting and woodworking. Now it's time for those same students to share how these classes have made a difference in their lives.

Nadine Priestley, professional photographer, has thoroughly enjoyed taking the *Ikebana* class... for 21 consecutive quarters! Priestley says, "Applying many of the principles we use in *Ikebana floral design* to my picture making and custom photo bookmaking has taken my skills as a photographer to a new level." Nadine was the inspiration behind Palo Alto Adult School's Student Photo contest announced on November 18th.

The contest is entitled "How has Palo Alto Adult School changed YOUR Life?" Contest participants are asked to communicate how the knowledge or skills learned at Palo Alto Adult School have made an impact on their lives at work, home or vacation. Through the visual art of photography, the sky is the limit. Selection of the winning photo submissions will be based on a) creativity, b) visible connection to the class taken, c) effectiveness in conveying the knowledge/skills gained and d) the quality of the submission. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entry, the funniest entry and the best use of new skills. Local business sponsors, University Art and Books, Inc. have provided up to \$300 in prizes for the winners of Palo Alto Adult School's Facebook student photo contest. Contest details can be found at www.PAAdultSchool.org or www.facebook.com/paloaltoadultschool.

The winter quarter begins in January, 2012 and registration is available now. For additional information on Palo Alto Adult School, contact Principal Kara Rosenberg at 650-329-3752 or by email at krosenberg@pausd.org.

About Palo Alto Adult School

Palo Alto Adult School was established by the Palo Alto Unified School District in 1921. The Adult School is committed to excellence in providing a broad range of educational programs that meet the diverse lifelong learning needs of our community. The Adult School's goals are to support a skilled workforce, successful schools and a vibrant community by providing programs in English as a Second Language (ESL), Career Technical Education, Parent Education, Education for Independent Living and Community Education. Palo Alto Adult School is self-supporting and annually serves a student population of more than 8000 students. For additional information, call 650-329-3752 or visit the Adult School web site at www.PAAdultSchool.org.