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Palo Alto Adult School celebrates 90 years service in the Community

This year marks the 90th year anniversary for the Palo Alto Adult School. At its founding in 1921, Palo Alto Adult School focused on English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship. Trades and leisure activities were then added. World Languages have long been a staple of the program, in addition to Music and Parent Education. Career Training has grown to become an important offering for many students. The mission of the school has always been to provide a broad range of programs to a diverse community of students to achieve their educational, vocational and personal goals.

As part of Palo Alto Adult School's 90th year celebration, the school has begun a Community Partnership Program. Each quarter, Palo Alto Adult School will recognize a local organization that shares the goal to improve the lives of the community through the delivery of high quality services or education. This winter, Palo Alto Adult School recognizes the Stanford Blood Center for its leadership in transfusion medicine and its support for local hospitals with needed blood products. Palo Alto Adult School also supports this important profession by offering Phlebotomy classes as part of its Career Training program.

PAUSD Superintendent Kevin Skelly states, "Palo Alto is very fortunate to have the Adult School as part of our school district. For 90 years, we have been able to support adult individuals with very different needs by delivering high quality, affordable education. I hope that everyone in the community will attend one of our excellent adult classes this winter."

Harvey Mittler, Attorney at Law and a regular Adult School student states, "I have been attending Herb Wong's jazz classes at the Palo Alto Adult School for 16 years. After taking Herb's classes, I have learned to listen to music more analytically. Each quarter, the subject matter changes and he focuses on a different aspect of the music. His teaching is entertaining and exhilarating! The classes at Palo Alto Adult School have become an important part of my everyday life and I congratulate the school on its many years of service to the community. "

Winter 2012 class registration began November 18, 2011. Winter classes start in January, 2012. For additional information on Palo Alto Adult School, contact Principal Kara Rosenberg at 650-329-3752

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About Palo Alto Adult School

Palo Alto Adult School (PAAS) was established by the Palo Alto Unified School District in 1921. Palo Alto 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 Palo Alto Adult School web site at www.PAAdultSchool.org.