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### **Palo Alto Adult School announces new Writing Academy**

Palo Alto Adult School's English as a Second Language (ESL) program has been offering classes in literacy and writing to thousands of English learners since its founding in 1921. This quarter, the Adult School is introducing a Writing Academy to train writers at all levels of development. This new comprehensive program will offer skill building for students with aspirations ranging from personal enrichment to professional publication. New course offerings will be added to the Academy throughout 2013.

Alex Scott, Program Coordinator announced the new offering. She states, "The new Adult School Writing Academy includes Fundamentals of Writing, a series of core classes. Whether you need help writing clear sentences, coherent paragraphs, or an eloquent essay, you will find a class that meets your needs. Students in Fundamentals classes can earn Certificates of Achievement and Proficiency. The Academy also offers courses focused on writing and presentation skills for professionals and creative writing choices for those with a higher literary inclination."

Palo Alto Adult School offers encouragement and support for adult writing students of all ages and backgrounds. The Writing Academy goal is to enhance the key concepts of writing for English learners, as well as develop effective writing practices for business and advanced writers.

Recent graduates comment on their experience in Adult School writing classes. "I learned how to outline an essay, how to use transitional words and how to use quotes", says Soheila A., Enterprise Deployment Manager. "I learned how to pay attention to nuances in writing to deliver the right message. I also learned to look at my work critically and to accept the criticisms of others", states Joanna B., Yogi. "I learned the paragraph structure and the basics of organizing a writing piece. The classroom environment was fun", says Maria Teresa F., Medical Patient Representative.

Fall quarter begins September 10, 2012. For additional information on Palo Alto Adult School, contact Principal Kara Rosenberg at 650-329-3752 or by email at [krosenberg@pausd.org](mailto:krosenberg@pausd.org).

### **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 PAAS web site at [www.paadultschool.org](http://www.paadultschool.org).