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Community-Wide Celebration for Palo Alto Adult School's Centennial

Palo Alto Adult School invites the entire community to its 100-Year Centennial celebration on Sunday, September 11th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at Paly High. The Adult School was founded in 1921, but the celebration was delayed by the COVID pandemic. Instructors, staff, and students have a fun-filled afternoon planned with food, music performances, games, an Electrical Vehicle Expo, and more than \$500 in giveaways provided by local restaurants and stores.

Adult School Principal, Tom Keating shares, “For 100 years, we have been providing high quality, affordable education for our adult community. Our ESL program is recognized as one of the best in the area with extensive offerings for non-native English speakers. In addition to our state-supported program offering ESL classes through Intermediate level, we’ve grown our English Enrichment program to include advanced topics such as US History, American Idioms, Business Communications, and an ESL Book Club. Our unique community ed offerings like Upholstery and Woodworking are typically filled as soon as registration opens. World Languages (5), Birding, Taiko/Odaiko, and international cooking classes are also extremely popular. As we celebrate this milestone, our PreSchool Family parent education program also celebrates its 75th anniversary. I hope that past, present, and future students will join us in celebrating our first 100 years and help us kick-off the next 100.”

Kara Rosenberg, ESL Teacher and retired Adult School Principal (1979 – 2014), remembers the school’s substantial growth experienced from 1980 – 2020. She states, “Adult Education state funding decreased for adult education in 2007, but Palo Alto made the decision to expand its Community Education and English Enrichment offerings after that time. The school continues to enrich the lives of preschool parents (Parent Education), career-seeking adults, as well as any adult looking for opportunities to grow.”

For additional information on Palo Alto Adult School, contact Principal Tom Keating at 650-329-3752 or by email at tkeating@pausd.org.

About Palo Alto Adult School

Palo Alto Adult School (PAAS) was established by the Palo Alto Unified School District in 1921. PAAS 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 Community Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), Parent Education, and Education for Independent Living. Palo Alto Adult School is self-supporting and annually serves a student population of more than 5,000 students. For additional information, call 650-329-3752 or visit the PAAS web site at www.PAAdultSchool.org.