

HABLA ESL PROGRAM TEACHES ENGLISH TO STANFORD JANITORS

Habla is a student-run organization, which provides English classes to the Stanford janitorial staff. With the support of Building Skills Partnership and in collaboration with the **Palo Alto Adult School**, Habla seeks to empower workers through English language literacy. Instruction is delivered using a one-on-one tutoring model as students are paired with a worker to practice English and conversational skills. The teacher provides a group activity first and then breaks the class into tutoring pairs. The one-to-one relationship that is built between tutor and student is an incredibly significant part of the program – it fosters better learning and increases the workers' self-confidence in their English-speaking skills.



The program offers two sessions – Habla Dia and Habla Noche – to accommodate the two shifts of janitors, and each session meets twice a week for an hour. Classes focus on verbal and written English workplace and life skills to foster employees' effective communication at work and in daily life situations.

By bringing students and janitors together, Habla builds community and represents a unique cross-cultural learning experience at Stanford.



The Palo Alto Adult School's ESL staff would like to congratulate all the Stanford workers who graduated this year from the Habla vocational ESL program. In the last class, workers improved an average of one Adult School level, with help from their Adult School instructor and tutors.

