

North Orange Continuing Education Opening Day Celebration



Cheers to 50 Years!

AUGUST 10, 2023

BREA COMMUNITY CENTER | 695 E. MADISON AVE., BREA

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For 50 years, North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) has offered transformative educational experiences for students of all ages and all walks of life. Deeply rooted in the community and its history, NOCE is a symbol of hope and offers opportunities for economic mobility, independent living, civic engagement, and lifelong learning.

NOCE's story began in 1930 with 48 students enrolled in an adult education program. However, it was in 1973 that a stand-alone adult education institution was established by the North Orange County Community College District.



Known by the names of North Orange Adult Education, School of Continuing Education, and North Orange Continuing Education, our accredited institution has stayed true over the years to its mission of providing accessible and holistic programs and services to more than half a million students. NOCE faculty and staff have shared that mission with their students who in turn made it their own through their drive and determination to achieve their goals.

What a legacy NOCE has built! The institution's mission was shaped as an ideal shared by visionaries, including NOCCCD Trustees. These courageous leaders established an institution unique in its kind designed to challenge the paradigm of higher education by reaching deep into the community with multiple points of entry. Sometimes **being different makes all the difference!**

As we celebrate the past, we turn our eyes to the future to imagine the next 50 years. NOCE is well positioned to be an innovative leader in serving the evolving needs of its community by forging partnerships, building human capacity, and embracing diversity and equity. It will be an exciting journey leading to a higher level of excellence as NOCE gets closer to its centennial.

Cheers to 50 years of success and many more thriving decades ahead!

Valentina Purtell, President

CHEERS TO 50 YEARS



The use of the **GOLD** color is used to represent the traditional color that is associated with 50 years. This precious metal represents wisdom, prosperity, and strength, making it a fitting tribute.

The **LAUREL LEAVES** represent a variety of meanings in different cultures and time periods. Over the past 50 years, NOCE has embraced the variety of meanings that the laurel leaves represent and have encouraged its students to do the same. Therefore, the laurel leaves were incorporated into the logo for this monumental occasion since they represent:

Honor and Victory
Prosperity
Awards
Protection
Success and Achievement

AGENDA

8:50 a.m.

- Welcome
 - Valentina Purtell, President, NOCE
- We are Defined by Our History
 - Gary McGuire, Ed.D., Provost Emeritus
 - Christine Terry, Provost Emeritus
 - Greg Schulz, Ed.D., Superintendent/President, Citrus College and former Provost
- Welcome from Special Guests
 - The Honorable Stephen Faessel, Council Member, City of Anaheim and NOCE Adjunct Professor for over 45 years
 - Ed Lopez, President, Board of Trustees, NOCCCD
 - Byron D. Clift Breland, Ph.D., Chancellor, NOCCCD
 - Jennifer Oo, President, NOCE Academic Senate
 - NOCE Student Leaders
- Introduction of New NOCE Team Members
- State of NOCE Presentation

10 MINUTE BREAK

10:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

- 2023 NOCE Employee Service Awards Recognition
- 2023 NOCE Teacher of the Year
- 2023 NOCE Tenured Faculty
- "I LOVE NOCE!" Summer Photo Challenge
- NOCE 2022/23 Colleagues of the Year Awards
- Closing Remarks: *Cheers to 50 Years!*

LUNCH

1:15 p.m. Department Meetings

- Disability Support Services (DSS): Art Studio
- Basic Skills: Meeting Room A
- Counseling and Student Services (CSS): Meeting Room B

2022/23 NOCE New and Promoted Employees

- Maria Aceituno
- Michelle Bringman
- Edward Cruz
- Erik Diaz
- Hillary FitzMaurice
- Hugo Flores
- Nancy Flores
- Patricia Haro
- Elliot King
- Vanessa Lagunas
- Linda Langgle
- June Lee
- Lisa Mednick Takami, Ed.D.
- Christian Oleo
- Judith O'Reilly
- Stephanie Rodriguez
- Afraim Sedrak
- Martha Turner
- Maria Vela

2023 NOCE Employee Service Award Recognition

5 Years of Service

- Margie Abab
- Amy Bacon
- Ashley Bowman
- Malyna Evans
- Curtis Galvez
- Edwin Garcia
- Jonathan Gerrard
- Carolina Hernandez
- Jason Makabali
- Janeth Manjarrez
- Raquel Murillo
- Elline Penn
- Jean Proppe
- Rosemary Rangel
- Megan Reeves
- Courtney Tarango
- Nirali Thakkar
- Cheryl Trapani
- Marcela Valle
- Joy Yoo
- Eva Zepeda

2023 NOCE Employee Service Award Recognition

10 Years of Service

- Regina Apuntar
- Juan Cardiel
- Shontel Corona
- Manije Dini
- Roland Esquivel
- Raine Hambly
- Kandace Head
- Alvin Jimenez
- Alicia Luna
- Garrett Mcfarland
- Enrique Moreno-Herrera
- Afraim Sedrak
- Anh Tseng

15 Years of Service

- Peter Heimes
- Mary Lorge
- Hardeep Pabla
- Blake Pederson
- Souzan Sahakian
- Benjamin Warner

20 Years of Service

- Cindy Allen
- Mary Ann Babbo
- Grazyna Kopydlowska
- Michela Santostefano
- Fawn Smith

25 Years of Service

- Patricia Behrbaum
- Jean Choi
- Amy Harris
- Edna Heredia

30 Years of Service

- Mary Gomes
- Judith Kretschmar

35 Years of Service

- Joann Stehly
- Sharon Witt

2023/24 Orange County Teacher of the Year



Souzan Sahakian

Adjunct Faculty, English as a Second Language/Citizenship Program

Souzan Sahakian, Adjunct Instructor for the English as a Second Language (ESL) and Citizenship Preparation Program, was selected as NOCE's nominee for the 2024 Orange County Teacher of the Year. According to ESL Associate Dean **Karla Frizler**, "*Souzan Sahakian creates a warm, welcoming, and student-centered classroom environment where students are comfortable to ask questions and share ideas. Souzan genuinely cares about her students and is passionate about supporting their success in her class(es) and in the ESL Program.*" Congratulations, Souzan, on a well-deserved award!

2022/23 Tenured Faculty



Michelle Patrick-Norng
Counselor, Disability Support Services



Kenny Yu, Ed.D.
*Professor, Lifeskills Education
Advancement Program - Emeritus*

NOCE News



Staff Onboarding: NOCE Branded E-Mail Signature

The NOCE Accreditation Co-Chairs are excited to announce their collaboration with the Campus Communications team to bring the first phase of the new staff onboarding process to NOCE: *Consistent NOCE branding represented in staff e-mail signature files*. Visit the website for the easy steps to follow to update your NOCE e-mail signature file and upload your professional photo www.noce.edu/brand. Need help? No problem! Check the webpage for dates the team will be on zoom to provide assistance.



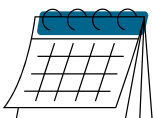
Say Cheese: Professional Photos

We're excited to announce that all staff and faculty can have a professional photo taken by our Campus Communications Team. In addition to the consistent e-mail signature file, this photo is important as NOCE works to strengthen our institutional brand and onboarding new staff. The photo will be used online as your icon for e-mail, Zoom, Teams, and more! All attendees are invited to stop by the photo booth at Opening Day or you can sign up online to have your photo taken on campus throughout the fall semester. Watch your e-mail for additional details and sign-up dates.



NOCE Spirit: T-Shirts and Polos

You asked - we delivered! Show your NOCE spirit by wearing your NOCE shirt throughout the year. All team members attending today's Opening Day event will receive a complimentary NOCE 50th Year Celebration t-shirt. Everyone also has the option to purchase a NOCE polo shirt for \$30 (cash only). **To purchase a polo shirt after Opening Day, contact Julie Schoepf at jschoepf@noce.edu. Be on the lookout for more 50th Year Celebration fun to come throughout the year!**

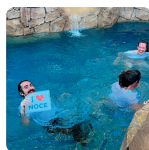
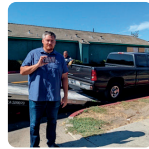


NOCE Committee and Workgroup Meetings - 2023/24

All staff and faculty members are invited to join any shared governance or operational meetings throughout the year via Zoom, Teams, or in person. These include meetings focused on planning, budget, strategic initiatives, operational events, and more! All details related to meeting dates, times, purpose, login information or location, committee chair, and more are located online at www.noce.edu/committees.

I ❤️ NOCE!

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