

Fontana ADULT School
Despite All Odds
our stories
2020



For me, Fontana Adult School is an opportunity to achieve my goal in getting my High School Diploma. I never cared about school before and was never a good student. Now that I am older, I realize that I should've cared more. Fontana Adult School has given me the opportunity work towards my future of becoming a dentist. Teamwork is one of the greatest things that I have learned from my classes. I am normally a shy person but coming back to school and working on group projects have helped me gain courage. I'm positive all the skills I've managed to gain while at Fontana Adult School will further improve my work and personal life later.

My advice for future students would be to never give up. It will be worth it in the end. The feeling you get when you achieve your goals is one of the best feelings in the world. Fontana Adult School was the best decision I could've made, because they offer so many opportunities to progress in life.

- Anonymous (2020)

My name is Brandi Swink. I am currently in the High School Diploma program at Fontana Adult School. In the past I was coming to school on and off due to my busy work schedule but am now working hard to finish. My goal is to finish my last three classes so that I can graduate with the 2020 class. I want to set a great example for my children, so they never give up on their goals. My family is proud of how far I've come and has encouraged me to never quit. Fontana Adult School has made it possible for me to gain critical life skills for my future.

My advice for any student planning on continuing their education is to never give up. There's always light at the end of the tunnel no matter how long it takes you! For any students considering on attending FAS, I would say it's a great opportunity for those who need to kickstart their goals.

My name is Raquel Esparza and I am in the Intermediate ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past I was a homemaker, but now I am here to better myself. My goal is to never stop my journey of learning English. I am learning skills pertaining to English and technology in order to make my life easier. My advice for any student that is reluctant to continue their education is to just do it. You can do it and you won't regret it!



My name is Teresa Melchor and I am in the Intermediate ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I used to be a beautician but now I am here to better my English. My goal is to improve my English for my job. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals in learning English well enough to have my own business. The language skills that I have learned at Fontana Adult School will help me achieve my future goals. My advice for students who are reluctant to continue their education is that FAS has great teachers who are there to help. The teachers make time for you to help you succeed.



My name is Hongmei Zou and I am in the ESL program. In the past I was attending Chaffey Adult School, but now I am here at Fontana Adult School. I am here to improve my English so that I can help my child and have a better understanding on the American culture. My goal is to speak fluent English. Fontana Adult School is helping me understand and speak English. On top of English, I am learning technology skills. These skills are beneficial for me to be able to get a job later. My advice for a future FAS student is that if you need to improve your English come to Fontana Adult School. You will learn a lot and are always welcomed.

My name is Alonso Orellana and I am in the ESL program. Before Fontana Adult School I attended the Inland Career Education Center, but now I am here to learn. I came to Fontana Adult School to improve my English. My goal is the fluently speak, read, and write in English. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals with a variety of classes. I have also started learning technology skills that will help me in my future goal of helping people. My advice for other students would be to come to Fontana Adult School, continue your education, because you can do it.

My name is Irma Perez and I am in the ESL Program. In the past I was just working until I had a baby. Now I am coming to Fontana Adult School to learn English. My goal is to open my own business. Fontana Adult School has given me the opportunity to better myself with many classes. English and technology skills are the main things that I am working on

while at FAS. If any student is continuing their education and wants to give up, I would tell them to not lose hope. Just keep studying and working hard to achieve your goals. Come to Fontana Adult School for a better future.

My name is Carolina and I am currently taking classes for the ESL program. Before Fontana Adult School I was not doing anything or even attempting to continue my education, but now I am working on perfecting my English. My goal in life is to work in Management for a Restaurant and FAS is helping me achieve that goal by teaching me to speak, read, and write in English. Fontana Adult School is helping me by teaching me how to apply my English and technology skills towards my future goals in life. My advice to any student who wants to give up would be to stay positive. School is important and can guide you towards a greater future.

My name is Camila Banderas and I am in the ESL program here at Fontana Adult School. In the past I would just stay at home without anything to do but now I am here at this wonderful school. I came to Fontana Adult School to better myself and to learn English. My goal is to speak and understand English. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by teaching me English and how to use the computer. These are beneficial skills that I can apply in the future for a career or even just in my life daily. My advice for future students is to continue your education if you want to have a better future. Fontana Adult school is filled with many opportunities for everyone and you will enjoy ever second here.



My name is Miguel De Leon and I am an ESL student. In the past I would study and work but was working too much to focus on my studies. Now I am here at Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My goal is to finish school and go to college. FAS is helping me by teaching me communication and technology skills. Both are skills that I can

apply later in college or even in life. Don't give up on your education. Keep fighting and give it your all to accomplish your goal.

My name is Rosalba Hernandez and I am an ESL student. In the past I was a teacher in Mexico, but now I am here at Fontana Adult School to learn English. My goal is to get my citizenship. FAS is helping me achieve that goal by teaching me English. I am also learning technology skills that are beneficial for my future employability. My advice for any student wanting to continue their education is to go for it. You won't regret it! Fontana Adult School has many opportunities for you to better your future.

My name is Minerva Borboa and I am in the ESL program. I am taking classes at Fontana Adult School to improve my English. In the past I was a homemaker but now I am at FAS working to get my citizenship. My goal is to be fluent in English and to live a happy and healthy life. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals with a variety of class and resources. They have taught me English and technology skills that I can apply daily. These are skills that I can now use with family and friends. If you are new to FAS my advice would be to work hard and you will succeed. Fontana Adult School is a great school that cares about helping you accomplish your goals.

My name is Zulema Avila and I am currently taking ESL classes. In the past I would just spend most of my time staying home and sleeping, but now I am here at Fontana Adult School. I am here because I wanted a better future and FAS is giving me that opportunity. My goal is to learn English and to get my GED. FAS is helping me achieve that goal by teaching me valuable English and technology skills. These are skills that I can use in the future to have better communication with people. For any students that are planning on continuing their education, I would say come to FAS they can help you work towards a better future. You must study to overcome those hurdles to advance in life.

My name is Virginia Iniguez and I am an ESL student at Fontana Adult School. Before attended FAS I was a homemaker, but now I am here working on improving my English for my future. My goal is to learn English in order to get a better job. Fontana Adult School is helping me by teaching me English and technology skills that I can apply towards future employment. These are skills that I can use to communicate effectively with others

at work or daily. For any student planning on continuing their education I would say to just focus and don't quit. Fontana Adult School is a great school and they are here to help you succeed.

My name is Teresa Patino and I am in the ESL program. Before attending Fontana Adult School, I was a housewife, but now I am working towards learning English to get a job. My goal is to fluently speak English and get a good job. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve that goal by teaching me English and technology skills. These are skills that I can use late for work. FAS is a great school for anyone planning on continuing their education.

In the past I went to school in Ethiopia. Now I am enrolled in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School to learn English. My goal is to improve my communication. The technology skills I am building now will bring me success in the future.

- Yemane Kahsar (2020)

Before coming to Fontana Adult School I lived in Mexico. It is my desire to learn English with the help of the free ESL program. The teachers here are great and they [motivate](#) me to practice the English I have learned. With all the skills I am gaining, I will be able to help my daughters with their homework.

-Cinthia Alcaraz (2020)

My name is Kim, but you can call me Katy too. I'm taking ESL and GED classes at Fontana Adult School. Everything has changed for me since I started here. I studied in Vietnam up until grade 11, but I had to drop out because of my home emergency. I had to work a lot, so I didn't go to school for two years. Knowing that I was going to move to the United States, I decided to go to a class where they would teach me English. Then, I came here. I wanted to go to high school, but I couldn't because of my age. I started to look for schools that I could go to, and that's when I found Fontana Adult School. Now, I am improving my English and have passed the GED Math test. I always remind myself to never

give up. My ultimate goal is to pass the GED tests and attend Chaffey College. The [support](#) I receive from my teachers has been helping me achieve my goals. They make me love this school. I'm also a volunteer here. I can use my many talents like drawing, painting, and I get to improve my communication skills. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say, "Please, don't give up." A quote I like to remind myself of when I am struggling is by Richard G. Scott: "To reach a goal you have never before attained, you must do things you have never before done."

- Kim Giang (2020)

My name is Adela Mondragon. I am in the Intermediate ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School to benefit myself. My ultimate goal is to speak English. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals to go to university. I am learning English technology at Fontana Adult School, and I know I can use these skills in the future for a good job. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say "Don't give up, come to school." For any students considering this school, I would say it is a good school.



My name is Alma Yadira Vargas. I am in the Intermediate ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was a homemaker. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English to communicate better with other people. My ultimate goal is to apply for citizenship and translate my studies. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by helping with English listening and writing. I am learning English and technology skills at Fontana Adult School. I know I can use these skills in the future to communicate with other people in this country and have a job in the future. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say you need to come to FAS because they have so many opportunities that you need for the future. For any students considering

coming to FAS, I would say the school is free, nice, and I have a teacher that speaks English and Spanish.

I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I studied psychology. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn to speak and write English. FAS is helping me achieve my goals by helping me understand English and thus be able to achieve another of my goals, which is to become a citizen. I am learning interpersonal skills at Fontana Adult School. I know I can use these skills in the future to have a good job and have better communication with more people. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say to persevere and have patience. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say, try it! It offers good courses and it's free.

- Anonymous (2020)

My name is Erica P. Guzman. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I was born in the USA, but I grew up with my maternal grandparents in Mexico City. In October 2019, I decided to come live in California. I am now coming to FAS because I want to learn English and start my career as a lawyer in California. My ultimate goal is to exercise my career as a lawyer here. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by helping me with my English and giving me confidence to speak with other people. I also understand what is written in English. I am learning English and technology skills at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future both at my job and at home. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say that it is worth the effort to have a better future for you and your family. The road is long, but the reward is great. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say that this school is free, the teachers are excellent, and that there are several technical career options that they can learn.

My name is Catherine Carranza. I am in the Intermediate ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I went to university in Mexico. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to learn English to revalidate my career. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals because it's a free school with flexible schedules and programs that helps me learn quickly. I am learning English and technology skills at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future to obtain a job. If any student is

continuing education and wants to give up, I would say take advantage of the school and be **dedicated**. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say it's a good school.



My name is Virginia Cabrera Gonzalez. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I stayed at home taking care of my children. My ultimate goal is to understand English and be able to speak it. FAS is helping me achieve my goal by offering classes that are free, and they have a good schedule. I am learning technology skills at Fontana Adult School. I know I can use these skills in the future to communicate with my children and to communicate better with everyone.

I am in the English 3D program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I lived in Mexico and there I studied psychology and for my Master's degree. I worked in a pre-school. In all my educational experiences, I had approached the English language but had only a little bit of practice. Now, I'm coming to FAS because I want to improve my skills in this language to make it easier to live here. I think FAS is helping me achieve my goals by empowering me and making me feel comfortable. I am learning many words that can help me to understand every conversation, but, I admit, it is difficult for me to create a sentence. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say even when it looks difficult, don't stop trying, because you should take every chance to improve your abilities. Just make a list of all the things you want to get.

- Karen Ortiz (2020)

My name is Maricela Verduzco. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I never went to school to learn a second language because I was working for

Staples for 15 years. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English.

My ultimate goal is to become fluent in English so I can have good communication with my grandsons. Fontana Adult School is helping achieve my goals by offering me free classes, motivating me to become educated and in becoming a better person.

I am learning to read and write English, typing and organization skills at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future to open my own business and show people how to organize their space.

If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say, "Don't stop and follow your dreams. It's hard but we can do it!" For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say this is the right place to progress.

-Maricela Verduzco (2020)

My name is Erika Castillo. I am in the ESL Program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was working with my husband at our mechanic shop as a manager. My ultimate goal is to learn English to continue studying to either become a nurse or a medical assistant. FAS is helping me reach my goal and motivating me to continue studying by offering free classes. I'm learning typing and organization skills. I know I can use these skills in the future to become a nurse assistant and continue in our family business. If a student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say do not give up! Some things take a lot of work, effort, and discipline. When we are faced with obstacles, but work hard, we can overcome anything. I believe that Fontana Adult School gives us the opportunity to achieve our goals. For any student who is considering coming to FAS, I would say that it is a good option for someone who wants to get their high school diploma or is seeking a technical career.



My name is Jose Cano. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was working. I am now coming to FAS because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to get a better job. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by helping me practice my English and offering free classes. I am learning to write and speak English at Fontana Adult School. I know I can use these skills in the future to become a mechanic. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say don't stop going to class. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would invite them to come because the classes are free and will benefit you in the end.

My name is Maria Cano. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I worked full time. I am now coming to FAS because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to read and write in English. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by helping me practice my English and offering free classes. I am learning to write and speak English at Fontana Adult School. I know I can use these skills in the future to get a better job. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say don't stop going to class. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say the teachers are really good at explaining everything.

My name is Patricia Cardenas. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I worked in a supermarket. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to get into the child development field. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goal by motivating and giving me to opportunity to take GED classes.

I am learning to read, speak, and listen in English and how to use the computers to complete homework. I know I can use these skills in the future to be able to study,

If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say, "You can do it." The effort will create something fantastic. For students considering coming to FAS, I would say that hard work will open doors a opportunity for everybody studying.

I am in the ESL program. My educational journey here at Fontana Adult School is great so far. I like it because they teach me in a way that I understand, and it makes it easier

for me to learn English. My goal is to have my own business. The adult school helps me learn English to communicate with more people. My skills are that I focus easily, I'm determined, and I analyze people that I have encountered. I'm learning English and interpersonal skills.

Advice that I would give to a student would be not to drop out. School is important because it prepares you to have a better future. Also, it helps you to achieve your goals through life. Advice that I would give a student who is new to the school would be to not give up, to push yourself forward, and to put effort into learning the language. It's a good opportunity for education.

- Anonymous (2020)

My name is Roula Bassil. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I am at Fontana Adult School because I want to learn more English. My ultimate goal is to get a better job and help my kids with their homework. I am learning how to communicate in English because I would like to improve my life. My advice for any student who wants to continue their educational journey: I would say go to class every day and FAS has great teachers.

My name is Fabiola Maldonado. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was at home but right now I'm working at Walmart as a cashier. I'm now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn how to write and speak perfect English.

My ultimate goal is to write and speak good English. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning how to write, read, and speak English. We are learning about how to identify the description when we fill out applications for jobs, verbs, and much more. I know I can use these skills in the future to change my position and my job. I would also like to have my own business, but I want to learn how to use a computer. I would like to study graphic design.

If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say to continue your education for a better future. For any people considering coming to FAS, I would say FAS is good for people that need help with education, and they have good programs and teachers for adults who need to continue their education.



My name is Maria Silva. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I attended Porter Elementary School. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn to speak English. My ultimate goal is to become a teacher assistant. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by motivating me to become more educated. I am learning to read and speak English, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management, technology skills, etc. at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future to be able to study something else. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say the effort is [worth it](#). For students considering coming to FAS, I would say that hard work opens doors of opportunity.

My name is Ingrid Solorzano. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was a housewife. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to become a United States citizen. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning English, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management and technology skills at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future to get my GED. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say don't give up. For students considering coming to FAS, I would say that they should come because we have a good teacher, Mrs. Jauregui, who explains everything to us.

My name is Yolanda Ventura. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was a secretary in Ensenada, Mexico. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to speak English. My ultimate goal is to become fluent in English. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes and motivating me to become a more educated and better person. I am learning to read and write English and interpersonal skills at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future

to get a good job and communicate. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say don't give up; you can have a better future studying English. For students considering coming to FAS, I would say that they should come and learn English with us!

My name is Olga Mosqueda. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, my highest level of education was middle school in Jalisco, Mexico. While living in California, I was a housewife. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to be a nurse assistant. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning to read and write in English. I know I can use these skills in the future to become a nurse assistant. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say...DON'T STOP, YOU CAN DO IT! For any student considering coming to FAS, I would say that it's a good decision, because they have good teachers.

My name is Cynthia Ruiz. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, my highest level of education was middle school. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to be fluent in English. FAS is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management, and technology skills such as typing. I am also learning how to read and write in English. I know I can use these skills in the future to open my own business. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say keep trying and don't give up. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say FAS has nice teachers and good programs.

My name is Zurisaday. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was a full-time housewife. I'm now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to become a realtor. My ultimate goal is to own a realtor business. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by teaching me how to communicate in English with others. I am learning interpersonal skills, technology skills, and much more. I know I can use these skills in the future to obtain my dreams. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say, "don't stop!" Don't quit and follow your dreams. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say come in! Trust me; your life will change.

- Zurisaday Vazquez (2020)

I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I did not know any English. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to get a better job. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning English, typing, and organization skills. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say, keep trying. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say the classes are very good and so are the teachers.

-Anonymous (2020)

My name is Edelmira Sandoval. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I attended ESL classes at Jurupa Vista Elementary. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to become a United States citizen. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by helping me develop my English skills. I am learning how to write and read in English, technology skills, and critical thinking at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future to get a better job. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say: follow your dreams and goals, because the sky is the limit. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say that it's never too late to learn.

My name is Rafael Carrillo. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I studied in Mexico. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn English. My ultimate goal is to become an electrician. FAS is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning to speak English and how to write better. I am also learning critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management, and technology skills at FAS. I know I can use these skills in the future to communicate with my coworkers in English. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say, "don't stop, you can do it." For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say come, because you will learn fast.

My name is Claudia F. Delgadillo. I am in the ESL and GED program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was a homemaker. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to better my English. My ultimate goal is to become a citizen. FAS is helping me achieve my goals by offering free classes. I am learning English, typing, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management, technology skills, etc. I know I can use these skills in the future to speak better in English and get a better job and to become a citizen. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say *keep trying* and don't give up. For any student considering coming to FAS, I would say the classes are really good and so are the teachers.

My name is Dagoberto and I am attending Fontana Adult School. I am from Mexico and I come from a big family: my parents, four brothers, and four sisters. I have been married for thirty-three years. I have a granddaughter, and three daughters who all graduated from university and have professional careers. When and where did my pathway to education start? It was in a rural school owned by Tia Arcelia in my hometown in Michoacán, Mexico. Eventually, I was transferred to a public elementary school for first to sixth grade. During these years, I found that school was difficult, and it was hard to learn. I persuaded my father that I preferred helping him work than going to school. For this reason, I lost a year of my education.

From 7th to 9th grade, my mother signed me up for school and once again, I struggled to learn in classes. It was difficult for me to focus in class, so I thought school was not made for me. I convinced my parents that I preferred to work. That ended my time at school.

Two goals I want to achieve now that I returned to school are to attend Chaffey College and to learn and excel in a Structural Drawing AutoCAD program and Digital Photograph to better serve my workplace. My advice to other students is that the best *investment* you can make in your life is to get an education in what you most love to do. Set your goals, keep your focus, and have fun.

- Dagoberto Rodriguez (2020)

The benefit of education is to teach students that it is needed to make it through school and to achieve in the world after graduating.

A few years ago, I didn't speak English and I was not interested in learning another language than mine, until my oldest child started kindergarten. One day, my son's teacher

told me, “If you don’t learn English, your child will fail.” My son’s teacher motivated me and gave me information. Where could I go to learn English? That was when I went to Fontana Adult School. Thanks to that teacher who motivated me, studying made me addicted to learn something new every day. For example, I can learn the significance of a new word, and how I can put it in a new sentence or the pronunciation of it.

My personal journey in education is to improve my English skills, like reading, writing, and speaking. That’s why I’m taking English 3D and Rosetta Stone classes at Fontana Adult School. It helped me to write, read, and speak with academic words. These classes are preparing me to continue studying and get to college. For example, I loved when Mrs. West put us in a group to share and read each other a sentence. The most important thing is for everyone to practice their speaking and reading skills.

- Maria Cortes (2020)



My name is Karla. I am currently going through an adaptation process. We could say that we have all gone through a process of adaptation, be it a new job, home, or a relationship. My process is to adapt here in the United States. At the moment, I am taking English 3D and the translator/interpreter course at Fontana Adult School. I concluded my Master’s degree in psychology in Mexico last year. The reason that I am coming to FAS is to put my knowledge into practice and acquire new English language skills. In addition, I can meet new people and socialize. My medium-term goal is to obtain a certification in Special Education. I consider FAS to be my first approach with a school. FAS is a resource, as it is a means to achieve or advance academic goals. My stay here at school has been pleasant, from the facilities, the staff, and the materials are good. At FAS, I have to put my mind to work. The skills I have learned are teamwork, patience, effective communication, and critical thinking skills, among others.

Moving out of the country was a decision I made. It was leaving my comfort area and bumping into my learning area. I need to communicate effectively and for that, I need to

learn and master the English language. This will help me feel more secure about myself. Dare to leave your comfort area, dare to learn, and believe in you! Be glad and positive to learn.

- Karla Lozano Cabral (2020)

My name is Alma Vergara. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I studied to be a pharmacy tech. I am now in adult school because I want to learn to speak English. My ultimate goal is to finish school and to become a pharmacy tech, here as well. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering me free classes. I am learning to read and write in English. I know I can use these skills in the future to become a pharmacy tech and get my own business. If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say that you should continue school to better your future. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say that FAS is a great opportunity and has great teachers.

My name is Rose Wang, from Shanghai of China. I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn more English, and to improve my quality of life.

I don't have an ultimate goal, but learning English makes my life easier and easier. Fontana Adult School is helping me speak English with my classmates, and write my American story. In addition to learning English, I am learning how to type and use a computer.

If any student wishes to continue their education, I would say, "Come on; follow me to go to Fontana Adult School!" FAS is one of the best schools.

I started kindergarten when I was three years old in Nochistlan, Zacatecas, México. I finished elementary school in the year 1999 then attended middle school for three years. I went to high school in Guadalajara, Jalisco in the year 2009. After finishing high school, I worked there for 7 years and now, I'm working here in Fontana, CA.

I have an ultimate goal of speak English with anyone about anything. At Fontana Adult School, I started in the beginning level, and now, I am in ESL Advanced. I feel very good,

because I understand better English. I have [faith](#) in myself that I can do it – I can learn. In Advanced ESL, we are learning how to speak and write much better.

-Anonymous (2020)



I am pretty sure that I speak for the majority of people who immigrate to this country in saying it's hard to start from zero; leave your life as you knew and to do new things. Coming to this country means to learn and respect a new culture, to know and to adopt new traditions, new customs, new rules and the most importantly a new language. How can I communicate with the people that I'm meeting? How do I give my opinion? How do I let them know about my skills? How do I tell them that I'm able to do a lot of things? How do I not feel alone when I'm far away from home? The answer to all these questions is to take a big step: learn English.

I made the decision to find a school where I can learn English and I found Fontana Adult School, where the English classes are free. How can I not take this opportunity? I have to be honest and say that in the first few classes I didn't understand much. I was making very slow progress. It was frustrating to go a meeting at my daughter school and end up with a headache for trying to understand what the teacher was saying, but that was one more reason to motivate me to keep learning. Now, I am in Advanced ESL. I have increased my reading and listening comprehension, my pronunciation, and my confidence in myself.

In my country I graduated from the university. I have my degree. I worked as a professional. I know that learning English will help me to revalidate my career and can be a successful person in this country. My goal is to have my own business. FAS has helped me a lot to express myself better when I speak English, and now I can say that I understand most of conversations I have in English.

For people who have not yet decided to study and improve their English, I can only say that it is always good to learn something new and it is never too late to do so. FAS is a school that helps you get closer to achieving your goals. You will be in an environment of

respect and be given lots of motivation. There are some days you feel that you are not advancing, but then you realize how much you are learning.

Now I feel more at home. I feel more confident asking for information wherever I go. I understand my daughter's school meetings. Now I can order a pizza without asking for help from an employee who speaks Spanish. I can have casual conversations with anyone - something I thought I could not do. I know I have a lot to learn, but I'm on the right path!

-Susana Santana (2020)

Hello, my name is Gabrielle Prado-Robles. I'm twenty-two years old. I am in the high school equivalency program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, school wasn't really my priority. There was just so much going on in my personal life. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to achieve one of my short-term educational goals.

My ultimate goal is to pursue my career as a Child, Family, and School Social Worker. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering free education with knowledgeable and committed teachers. I am learning critical thinking, social skills, technology skills and responsibility here at Fontana Adult School. I know I can apply these skills in the future not only in my career but also in my everyday life.

If any students are continuing education and want to give up, I would say "You are a strong person who has accomplished so much in your life. You are about to accomplish so much more. Remember that you always have supporters whether it's your family, teacher or close friends." For any students considering coming to FAS I would say, "It's never too late. You are never too old to take advantage of the resources and free education."

I am in the High School Equivalency program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I went to Colton High School. I didn't graduate due to personal problems. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to get my education and get a higher paying job to support my daughter and everyone important to me.

Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by offering classes that I need for my GED. Also they have classes in the afternoon, which are very beneficial for me. Since I have therapy in the mornings, afternoon classes are better for me.

Some employability skills that I am learning here at F.A.S. are social skills, reading skills, and writing skills. I know these skills will be useful to me in the future because most jobs require these skills. I want to work in the medical field.

For any students considering coming to F.A.S., I strongly recommend it. They are professional here and know what you need in order to succeed. The teachers are very helpful and understanding. They are also very outgoing and friendly. It is easy to communicate with them.

-Anonymous (2020)

In the past, I could not continue my education because of my health situation. I did not have the time and strength to go to school because I was a dialysis patient. I would feel dizzy and weak, and I just didn't feel right. After 10 years of dialysis, I received a kidney transplant. I feel blessed and know that God has given me this opportunity to reach my goal in life.

Now that I have this opportunity to come to school, I am going to grab it and not let go. My goal is to work at a hospital with patients with the same conditions as me and I know I could help them because of my past experiences.

It will be an awesome feeling graduating from FAS because of the best office staff and teachers. The mentors here are great leaders.

-Anonymous (2020)

I am very motivated to learn at Fontana Adult School because it has excellent teachers who always have a lot of patience. My goal is to learn English, speak, write, listen, and understand better to communicate with more people. I want to learn better English to work on a diploma, and get my U.S. citizenship.

-Maria Hidalgo



My name is Juan. I'm in the ESL class at Fontana Adult School. I finished high school in Colombia. My goal in this country is to get my GED after I learn more English. I want to make good progress so I can communicate more and get a better job. I want to get a better job and have a better life. There are opportunities to continue with education at Fontana Adult School.

-Juan Castellanos



My ultimate goal for attending Fontana Adult School is to get my high school diploma or GED. For now, I'm working on my GED. Since I can't return to the industry I once worked, have to re-educate myself for a new field. Thanks to the free programs here at FAS, I can achieve my goals. I am learning a lot of skills I formerly did not have. I was more of a hands-on type of a guy, out in the field, getting dirty. Now I can say I have computer knowledge, and can actually work out math equations faster than before. I have confidence in myself to challenge my mind. I always took the easy road in my life and now I'm learning to take the harder one. Those roads lead to greater things.

If I was to give some advice to those who feel uneasy or afraid of coming back to school it would be to not let small fear take over your ability to improve yourself. I learned the hard way to stop limiting myself. I forgot how smart I really am, because I was taking the easy way out. If I can do it, so can you.

-Marvin Alfaro

When I was in high school, it was very hard for me because I was bullied a lot in many of my classes for being fat and I had no friends. I did not want to go anymore. I dropped out, which I know was the wrong thing to do, but as time passed by, and I saw my

brother going to college, I started to want to go to school too. I started to look for adult school to attend. I found Fontana Adult School. My teachers and the friends I have made are helping me achieve my goal to finish with my high school diploma in May of 2020. There are teachers, friends, and people around you here so stay strong!

-Anonymous (2020)



I am in the high school diploma program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I attended high school but became a young mother. It was hard for me being young and doing stupid things and getting into trouble. I spent most of my time taking care of my children and working – I did not finish high school.

I am now attending Fontana Adult School because I want to show my grandchildren that you are never too old to finish school. I also want to prove to myself that I can achieve goals. I have been blessed at Fontana Adult School with a wonderful math teacher like Mrs. Q. She has a way of explaining math and taking time in teaching her students. Mrs. Quon has also made learning fun and her stories of life have been filled with actual history lessons. My economics and government teacher is Mr. Ulland and I like the way he teaches. His teaching challenges me to be better and try harder to study. Mrs. Franzen, my English teacher, has taught me to poetry. I never would have thought I could write poems! I have been able to brush up on my social skills, and be a part of a leadership team while being here at Fontana Adult School.

My advice for anyone planning to come to Fontana Adult School is to be ready for life changes and challenges. Life is too short. If you think about quitting, don't. It is hard in the beginning but it gets easier. There is life at the end of the tunnel. There is always someone to help you on your journey to be successful and further your education if you take the first step in your new life.

-Anonymous (2020)

My name is Gamaliel Gutierrez. I came to the United States from Mexico 25 years ago. I was a music student in Mexico. I am coming to Fontana Adult School to learn to speak English fluently. FAS has flexible hours and classes. My goal is to improve my English and go to college. Hopefully I will continue there to become a sports nutritionist.

I am in the GED program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I dropped out of high school before my senior year. I became a mom at a young age and it was impossible to stay in school. I dropped out. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School to get my GED.

My ultimate goal is to become an entrepreneur. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by teaching me what I need to learn to be able to pass all my tests. They are pushing me to keep going forward. I am learning critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management, and technology skills. I am also learning to be more confident. I know I can use these skills in the future to accomplish my goals.

-Anonymous (2020)

I am in the English Language Arts program at Fontana Adult School. My educational story started in Nigeria (West Africa). I graduated with an Associates' degree in nursing in 2010 and a diploma in midwifery in 2012. In the year 2013, I immigrated to the USA. My goal is to get my GED in less than 6 months. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals in the GED classes. I know I can achieve skills in the future to improve myself, help family, and friends.

For a student who wishes to continue education and wants to give up, I would say don't give up because with your GED, you can invent yourself in a new career of your choice. You can go far with your education.

-Anonymous (2020)



I registered at Fontana Adult School in order to achieve my goals in passing the GED tests and move on to college, eventually. I want to pursue higher education and to have special skills in computers. I am looking forward to learning more and more at FAS to achieve my goals. Working on my GED is helping me learn more about language arts, social studies, basic math, algebra, and science. I can use these skills and knowledge in the future to be successful in life, and have a great, rewarding career.

-Eric Alcazar

My name is Martha Flores. I am from Jalisco, Mexico. I came to the United States 20 years ago. In Mexico, I was working as a baby sitter. I am coming to Fontana Adult School to be fluent in English. My goal is to get a better job with benefits. I want to be able to help my children with their schoolwork. I would like to understand and speak English very well.

I am in the Beginning ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I came from Honduras and worked in a factory. My goal is to learn English to have better opportunities here in the United States.

-Anonymous (2020)

My name is Iris Gracias. I'm in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I'm from El Salvador. In El Salvador, I worked on a ranch. My goal is to learn more and more English and become a medical assistant. I am in Beginning ESL. FAS helps by giving me classes at no charge. FAS opens the door to many students. It gives opportunities to learn useful skills.

My name is Victor Israel Curup Perez. I am in the Paraprofessional Program. I completed the Citizenship course at Fontana Adult School, and, I will finish the HSE program this year. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by provide me with excellent teachers and a very safe environment to have the tools to learn.

If any student is continuing education and wants to give up, I would say not to permit any problem interfering with your wish to be a better person day by day. Because education is the key to better life.



My name is Perla Duarte. I am in the paraprofessional program at Fontana Adult School, having finished my GED already. I was able to achieve my GED certificate in 7 months. My goal is to get a job working with kids at Fontana Unified School District, and eventually become a teacher. I want to get my paraprofessional program completed to become a teacher's assistant, then enroll in college. Education is an essential part of having a better life and becoming a better person. Nothing is easy in life. We all struggle but at the end it pays to get what you work hard for.

My name is Teresa Garcia. I am in the Paraprofessional and Interpreter/translator program at Fontana Adult School. In the past semester, I was in the high school equivalency program, I passed my High School Equivalency exam in fall 2019, which I never deemed as a possibility. I am still attending Fontana adult school because I want to continue my education to create a better future for myself.

My purpose and goal are to graduate as a paraprofessional and interpreter. The main reason I continue to attend Fontana Adult School is because they have been an enormous help in showing me that I am capable and able to accomplish any goal I set my mind to. A big recognition of the support I receive from the all the teachers and staff, because without them none of this would be possible. At this school they are giving me the opportunity to learn a new career, not only that, they are exercising the professional development that I will use in future job opportunities to come.

The most important advice I could give anyone who would like to further or pursue their education is not to give up. With the right mindset, patience, and perseverance you can achieve anything. I learned the value of an education and that's why at the age of 50 I decided to further my education and come back to school. I learned that education is a very important key component that opens many doors to better your future. **YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT.**



My name is Yesica Lopez. I am in the paraprofessional program at Fontana Adult School. I am now coming to Fontana Adult school to get certified as a teacher aide.

My goal is to get a job in the school district. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by helping me review my subjects to pass the paraprofessional test. Within the first few weeks of school, I have already passed my Math and Ability to Assist section of the test. I am improving my literacy, numeracy skills, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, resource management, and technology abilities. I know I am going to use these skills in the future to be able to assist students in the classroom.

If any student is continuing their education and wants to give up, I would suggest to them not to just keep **trying**. At the end all your hard work will be worth it. For any students considering coming to FAS, I would say Fontana Adult School has great programs and flexible hours. Most of the classes are free or low at cost. They also provide childcare and tutoring if needed.

My name is Anabel Lazaro, three years ago, I [changed](#) my residence from Mexico to Fontana California, because I got married. I am in the paraprofessional Pathway, ESL, and Citizenship programs at Fontana Adult School.

In the past, I graduated with a bachelor's and master's degrees in Chemical Engineering from Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo. Now I live in Fontana, California and I am coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to prepare myself to work at the School District. My goal is to get my paraprofessional certification. Fontana Adult School is help me achieve my goal by taking Paraprofessional class, Math tutorial, and Language Arts tutorial.

I am surprised by the opportunities that Fontana School District offer to their adult residents. I would recommend to anyone that would like to continue their education take these opportunities. FAS is a good option to follow your education. They offer many educational programs that are free or a low cost.



My name is Flor Valenzuela. I am in the Paraprofessional and Translator-Interpreter programs at Fontana Adult School. I enrolled last year and completed my GED. I am still in school because I do still feel like I have many things to learn.

My goal is to become a Special Education Teacher and here, the school is offering me the tools and support from teachers and classmates to continue my dream and complete the program. I am learning vocabulary to function as an Interpreter-Translator, office skills as the use of various computer programs, as well as typing, and much more.

I'll encourage everyone to continue their studies and never give up. Fontana Adult School has its [doors open](#) to all does who keep on dreaming in being a better version of themselves.

I am in the citizenship program at Fontana Adult School. My main goal is to become a citizen at the moment. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goal and provides me with tools to study and help and guidance from the teacher. I am learning about civics, history, and social skills which I know I can use in the future to continue expanding my knowledge to have better opportunities. I would say to new students to focus on positive things and opportunities you'll get if you continue your education!

-Anonymous (2020)

I would like to share my educational journey. When I was 10 years old, I came to this country. My mom enrolled me in elementary school. After elementary, I went to middle school, then high school. In high school, I only completed 9th grade. At the time, my mom thought it was better for us to move back to our country. She took me out of school. I was 15 years old. In my country, I did not continue high school where I left off. I started working. I got married at the age of 19 because I got pregnant and started my own family. For 26 years, I raised my family, and now I have decided to continue my own education.

I am in the language arts program at Fontana Adult School. I am coming to get a GED so that one day I can become a nurse. My goal is to go to college. I am learning new techniques; I am becoming a better reader, and working as a team with other students.

-Anonymous (2020)

I am very motivated to learn English at Fontana Adult School because it has excellent teachers who always have a lot of patience with all the students and especially with me. My goal is to learn English, speak, write and communicate better. I also want to get a better job, get my diploma, and get my citizenship.

-Maria Hidalgo



My name is Pedro Pacheco. I am in the English as Second Language program at Fontana Adult School. I am from Lima, Peru, South America. I am coming to Fontana Adult School to learn more English. My goal is to get a job and a new career. The school is helping me achieve my goal of improving my English and speaking skills. I know I can use these skills in the future to communicate with coworkers, family, and everyone else. I encourage others to come to school to find new opportunity, to keep studying for a better future for their family. The staff at FAS will help you improve and achieve.

I am from Colombia, and I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. In Colombia, I studied in the university, and I worked in an office. My goal is to learn more English to do the same kind of work here in the U.S. Fontana Adult School has doors open to many opportunities.

-Anonymous (2020)

I am in the ESL program at Fontana Adult School. I'm from Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, I worked as an accountant. My goal is to find a better job here in the U.S. FAS gives people the opportunity to learn more to meet their goals in life.

-Anonymous (2020)



FAS opens doors to many opportunities. I am originally from Ecuador. In Ecuador, I worked in the pharmacy business. I enjoy coming to school. Fontana Adult School provides opportunities and opens doors to many students.

-Anonymous (2020)



Five years ago, I came to permanently reside in the United States. I realized it's necessary to learn the language. I looked for schools on the internet and found information about Fontana Adult School. I think finding the school was the best thing that happened to me. The dedication of the administration and teaching staff is admirable, always trying to give us motivation and knowledge. This is my second semester and I can communicate in English on a daily basis.

I would encourage others to not quit, trusting and persisting in their dreams. It does not matter how many times you fall, but how many times you can get up. Thanks to all who make the school possible, administrative staff and teachers. My thanks and blessings!

-Patricia Garcia Soto (2020)

My name is Mariaelena Vargas and I am in the ESL-Advanced program of Fontana Adult School. In the past, I was a preschool teacher in Mexico. Years ago, I stopped going to school because I dedicated my time to all six of my children. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to learn how to read, speak, and write in English fluently. Fontana Adult School is teaching me the basics of English and also how to use a computer. I didn't even know how to turn on a computer until I came here. Coming to Fontana Adult School has been one of the best choices I have made in a long time.

My name is Nardin Keroles. I got my high school diploma from Egypt. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School because I want to improve my English. My ultimate goal is to become fluent and find a good job. Fontana Adult School is helping me achieve my goals by teaching me new words, grammar, and public speaking, also. I'm learning critical thinking, interpersonal skills, and technology. I can use these skills in the future with my job and when I deal with the public. Learning is transforming my life for the best.

Coming to Fontana Adult School is very gratifying. I am learning to improve my English and speak and write correctly. I am learning interpersonal skills and technology. I can use my skills to help my daughter with her studies. I want to get ahead in this country so it's worth the sacrifice to come to school to reach my goals.

-Jorge Garcia (2020)

I was born in Guadalajara, Mexico, where I lived most of my life. I came to the United States less than two years ago. Even though I learned some English in Guadalajara in Mexico, when I arrived here I realized I knew much less than I thought. I couldn't understand almost anything. I could only read and interpret announcements, signals, menus, and written instructions. My husband was born here and English is his first language. He speaks very fast and I can't understand him. Coming to Fontana Adult School has helped me a lot. My teachers have been Mrs. Pinell-Hernandez, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Hollins, and Ms. Yesenia Gomez. In addition to ESL, I have taken Conversation Café and Rosetta Stone. Meeting the teachers and other people in my classes has been a great experience. Everyone is so friendly and willing to help one another. There are different cultures represented but everyone helps one another. That's unique.

After I improve my English, my goal is to get my citizenship in the United States. I want to continue because I have personal goals I want to achieve.

-Norma Nidia Becerra (2020)

I've overcome many challenges throughout my life. For the past 35 years, I've been in and out of the educational system. I'm a mother of 3 children and a full-time worker. There were always things happening in life that caused me to stop going to school even when I wanted to go. I'm currently taking classes at Fontana Adult School. I want to learn more English because my chances of getting a job will increase. Besides English, I'm learning skills like patience, listening, and communication.

-Rosa Aragon (2020)

I feel more self-secure and have more self-esteem because I could understand conversations in English. This is because of the help I get at Fontana Adult School. I want to learn for personal improvement. I want my family to be **proud** of me.

-Anonymous (2020)

My name is Angela Cartagena. I am in the ESL Intermediate Low class at Fontana Adult School. In the past, I only went to grade school. I am now coming to Fontana Adult School to learn to speak, read, listen, and write in English. My ultimate goal is to get my GED certificate from Fontana Adult School. I want to have an opportunity in the future to become a teacher assistant in special education.



My name is Hector Pina. In the past, I studied journalism in Mexico. In the United States, I took classes at Chaffey Adult School as well as Mt. San Antonio College. I am now a student at Fontana Adult School. I am continuing to learn and improve my English. I especially want to improve my listening and speaking.

Every effort has a reward. For students who are deciding to come to Fontana Adult School, I would say it will change your life and help you live much better.

When I lived in Mexico, I studied to become a lawyer. I moved to the United States and realized I need to improve my English. In this country, it is necessary for all jobs to speak English, like stores, restaurants, bus drivers, etc. I like that the classes at Fontana Adult School are free. The people who work here give a lot of attention to everyone. I know the language better now. I want to continue to learn more to community with all kinds of people.

-Alfredo Sarabia (2020)



In the past, I went to adult school in La Puente, California. I am now a student at Fontana Adult School working on my ultimate goal of getting my GED. I would like to also continue afterwards and go to college and work on a career. At Fontana Adult School, I am also learning how to use computers. This is very good because if you don't know how to use computers these days, you can't do a lot of jobs.

My advice for anyone who wishes to come to FAS is to take time, study, review, and learn more and more each day. You are welcomed here!

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