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## Rosemead Chamber Welcomes Pop Rock Academy and founder Paul Kwo

By Chris Ventura

Kwo, an actor, musician, and voiceover artist has studied and practiced in the performing arts and also taught others since the age of 12, has been successfully operating his academy for the last decade. Currently located in Temple City, the academy is here to provide classes to young students interested in pursuing a career in the field of performing arts as well as a means to strengthening communication skills and self confidence. The Rosemead Report had an opportunity to speak with Kwo about the academy, his professional background, his thoughts on the industry, and his hopes and goals for his students.

“I taught all my life,” Paul Kwo said. “I was teaching since I was like a teenager...at my home, I taught piano...I got my first piano student when I was literally 12 years old.”

Kwo revealed some of his extracurricular activities when he was a child. He taught Sunday school, vacation Bible School, and coached the speech and debate team at Gabrielino High School for a few years.

Kwo has been involved in performing arts since he was a child. He graduated from USC with piano performance as his major with minors in theater and musical theater.

“When I got out of college, I meandered a little bit around...and tried to figure out my life, and what to do with it,” Kwo said. “Eventually, one day, I woke up and I was like, ‘I’m going to be an actor. I’m in LA, why not? Let’s give it a try!’”

Kwo soon got himself an agent and had begun auditioning all while entering the master’s program at USC for composition. Following the completion of his master’s degree, Kwo decided to pursue working as an actor professionally.

Kwo devoted himself to fulltime and booked work on some national commercials, TV shows, and films. He also got involved in voiceover work as well—working on such major titles as Black Panther, Crazy Rich Asians, and Shang-Chi, to name a few.

“I do a lot of voiceovers...mostly because I speak Mandarin and Cantonese as well as English, so I can do all three languages,” Kwo said. “So anytime when a movie or TV show needs some multilingual voiceover work, I’m there. So that’s how I got in. I met some really good people, and they helped me along the way

and introduced me to more people, and so I want to do the same for the next generation.”

In 2011, Kwo worked with a friend who created a summer camp (Glee Summer Camp)—helping her with music directing. Eventually, his friend opened up her own school in Atwater Village focusing on acting, dancing, and music. It was then, that Kwo knew he wanted to open his own ‘triple threat’ school in the San Gabriel Valley—a school that he says he didn’t have access to locally as a child.

The search began in 2011 with Kwo finding a location to open his school, in Alhambra. He would be there for nine years, but was forced to shut down in 2020 due to the pandemic. He kept the academy alive and adapted the classes so that he could continue to teach his students online.

“There was definitely a learning curve,” Kwo said. “The most difficult part was doing it in one weekend. In one weekend, we had to shut down, lockdown, and move everything online. So that first weekend, figuring out the logistics was like completely starting a new business online. Like everyone else, you know, we had to relearn everything in one weekend.”

While shifting a performing arts school to an online atmosphere was challenging, Kwo noted that there were some advantages to a shift to online learning. Kwo said that while some students did face some challenges with a shift to online learning, students worked to overcome those challenges and the majority of students thrived with the new online learning environment, and it also exposed them to the creative use of online technologies that hadn’t been explored prior.

Students and teachers collaborated on online performances and learned streaming platforms and new ways to produce content remotely.

“We figured we’re going to let our kids experience this 21st century medium of performing online and so we did a weekly Twitch show for the last year and a half online,” Kwo said. “It gave our students an opportunity to livestream themselves and to have a platform to continue expressing themselves. They learned a lot and I think it was very useful.”

The school resumed in-person classes in October when they opened up at their new location in Temple City. Though in person-classes have resumed, the online element of teaching and learning has continued. Kwo

explained that students would still be able to create and stream online, but having students come in-person to the academy allows students access to professional gear that students would likely lack access to at home. He noted that the current acting program is part in-person and part streaming.

He also noted that some of the music and dance programs now have an element of streaming involved. For an upcoming recital in December, rather than perform in person, it will be streamed.

“Learning how to perform for the camera is one of the objectives of our school as well,” Kwo said. “We’re taking this opportunity to give our students these experiences.”

Having a variety of skills can help land jobs and Kwo explained that there are two sides to that coin. As he explained, some individuals may choose to focus on a single talent and become the absolute best they can be at one talent, whether it be acting, singing, dancing, or playing an instrument, but for those who are open to broadening their skills, being versatile in the industry can also help as it has helped Kwo, himself.

“I like to be very honest with my students. They have aspirations, and I give them the truth of what it takes and what’s required of them, so that then they can decide, and they can always change their minds later,” Kwo said. “It’s not something that you have to always do...you don’t have to make a decision when you’re five years old.

“I don’t like to sugarcoat things and make false hopes and promises to any of my students. I like to give them the rundown of how it actually works and what you need to do. I do believe if you have the passion for it, you can do it. But you have to have the passion for it and if you’re doing it because ‘I want to be famous,’ then it’s like, this is not the industry for you.”

Kwo explained that it is important for children to explore their career paths which can lead to the discovery of a new passion or the development of a new skill set.

“I don’t think my parents ever thought I’d be an actor,” Kwo said. “I don’t think anyone around me when I was a kid thought, ‘He’s going to be an actor.’ I was not outgoing. I was very shy. I literally had a teacher who gave me a personality quiz [and said] ‘I don’t know

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**Council Member Steven Ly Scheduled to be on Military Leave**

ROSEMEAD, CA – At the September 28, 2021, City Council meeting, Council Member Steven Ly announced that he would be taking a leave of absence to fulfill his United States Army orders. Council Member Ly will be on military leave for the next ten months and is expected to return in August of 2022. During Ly's authorized absence, the City Council has unanimously appointed current Planning Commission Vice-Chair John Tang to fill in through Council Member Ly's military leave.

"While I complete my overseas military obligations, I am heartened to know that Mr. John Tang will serve in my place," said Council Member Ly. "He is a smart, focused, passionate resident of Rosemead with deep roots in our community. He understands Rosemead and knows what is needed to move this City forward. I am thankful for his willingness to come alongside my colleagues and City staff to serve our great residents and business community."

Mr. Tang has been a long-time resident and active member of the Rosemead community. He currently serves on the Rosemead Planning Commission and previously served on the Rosemead Traffic Commission. Mr. Tang also serves on the boards of several community-based organizations, including the San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance, the California Asian Chamber of Commerce, and the California Asian Pacific Islander Caucus Institute.

He is currently the Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs for Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling. He leads State and local government relations, public affairs, media relations, and leadership communications in Southern California and Nevada.

Mr. Tang is a product of local schools in the Garvey School District and San Gabriel High School. He earned his bachelor's degree with *cum laude* honors from the University of Southern California. He and his wife, Janet, are proud Rosemead parents of their two daughters Hanna and Sophia.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed to serve on the Rosemead City Council," said Mr. Tang. "I want to express my gratitude to Council Member Steven Ly for his service to our nation and entrusting me to serve the Rosemead community."

We look forward to welcoming Mr. John Tang to the Council Chambers dais and is scheduled to begin his duties as Council Member Appointee on November 1, 2021. A ceremonial Oath of Office will take place during the scheduled City Council meeting on November 9, 2021.

## Rosemead Report Deadline 15th of Each Month

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Please submit your press releases, news articles, photos, and ad before the 15th of each month to be published the following month. Our staff has been working diligently to arrange earlier delivery of your monthly newspaper so it arrives at the beginning of the month. Therefore, we must have your information by the 15th of the preceding month to make it possible. Stories submitted must be in Microsoft Word or plain text format and photos in a JPEG format. Stories cannot exceed 400 words. If you have any questions, please call (626) 288-0811.

# PUBLIC POLICY



## Assemblymember Chau Hosts Ninth Annual “Operation Gobble” – Turkey Giveaway

Monterey Park – Today, Assemblymember Ed Chau, in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, California American Water Company and Golden State Water Company, hosted the 2021 Operation Gobble in the City of Monterey Park. This is the ninth consecutive year of the event in collaboration with local food banks, community-based organizations, and local water companies, to allocate turkeys for vulnerable populations in the 49th Assembly District. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing protocols still in effect, turkeys were retrieved via a drive-thru.

“Many Angelenos struggle with food access or are unable to eat regular meals due to lack of money or resources. In fact, a recent study revealed that nearly one million residents in LA County experience food insecurity,” said Assemblymember Chau. “The holiday season is a time for gratitude and sharing with others. Thankfully, the nonprofits we partnered with today serve as an avenue to getting food to those with the most need.”

The 2021 Operation Gobble community partners include: Boys and Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley and Eastside; Home of Angels; Potrero Heights Community and Senior Center; The Kiwanis Club of Temple City; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post, Greater El Monte Post 10218; El Monte/South El Monte Emergency Resources Association; The Church of Our Savior Center; Asian Youth Center; and La Casa De San Gabriel Community Center.

Assemblymember Chau represents the 49th Assembly District, comprised of the communities of Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and portions of Montebello and South El Monte.

## Assessor Partners with Oracle to Bring Operations into 21st Century

*Migration from on premise to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) improves user experience, reduces risks, and cuts data processing time in half*

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 4, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- The Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor has successfully migrated its Assessor operations from a paper-based, legacy mainframe environment to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI). By moving to Oracle Cloud, the Office is able to speed up data processing, reduce risk, and improve the user-experience. Using a series of OCI services including Oracle Autonomous Data Warehouse, Oracle Analytics Cloud, Oracle Exadata Cloud Service, and Oracle Database Cloud Service, LA County is seeing dramatic improvements in performance and achieving significant cost savings by eliminating its on premise infrastructure.

As the largest local assessment agency in the country, the Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor reviews more than 400,000 property documents and completes 500,000 physical property appraisals each year. This work was previously conducted with a paper-based process using 40-year-old mainframe technology that required manuals to interpret its code. With such a high volume of assessments, compounded by California's complex requirements, the Assessor's Office realized this model wasn't sustainable.

The Office began work on a five-phase Assessor Modernization Project (AMP) to develop an in-house custom application with Oracle Consulting. After three successful phases, the AMP application became the go-to production system for the Assessor. During the fourth phase of the project in February 2021, Oracle Consulting and the Assessor's Office extended AMP functionality and moved the application from on-premises to OCI with no disruptions, while eliminating 80 servers.

"The decision to move AMP to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure midway through the project had huge benefits, including cost savings, better performance, flexibility, and resource efficiencies," said Kevin Lechner, CIO, Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor. "We could now focus our attention on application development and increased productivity rather than infrastructure requirements and maintenance."

On OCI, data processing jobs that once took up to eight hours are now processed in four; built-in Disaster Recovery is helping mitigate risk; and end users are seeing faster page loads than ever before. Soon, the Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor plans to open access to AMP for other counties in the state.

"The Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor's modernization project is one of the most forward-thinking government agency endeavors we've seen in recent years," said Jeff Kane, group vice president, Oracle Consulting, North America. "We're looking forward to seeing additional performance enhancements and cost savings they'll realize on OCI services, freeing up their IT staff to innovate with new features and functionality on the platform."

"One of my top goals coming into this Office was to make sure that we provide public service that is both effective and cost-efficient," said Jeff Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor. "This milestone of the project with Oracle Cloud Infrastructure is our biggest success to date."



## Hilda Provides Support for Mental Health

LOS ANGELES, CA – Nov.16, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion authored by Chair Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor to the First District, and co-authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger on assessing the mental health resources and support available for students.

“Each year, the need for effective student and youth mental health support continues to grow, with one in six youth reporting experiencing a mental health disorder each year. Unfortunately, half have reported not receiving any kind of treatment in recent history. School-based mental health services delivered by trained mental health professionals on site are key to addressing the rising incidence of mental health disorders amongst our youth,” shared Chair Solis. “With the influx of funding and resources into the County’s schools to address mental health, it is critical that our departments be positioned to help provide technical assistance and support. By working together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of children to keep them safe and healthy.”

A study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in November of 2020 found that compared to the prior year, emergency department mental health-related visits for children aged 5-11 increased by 24%, while visits for children aged 12-17 years old increased by 31%. The CDC partly attributed this increase to the fact that many children receive mental health services through clinical and community agencies, such as schools. With schools necessarily closed for in-person instruction early in the pandemic with cases rising and no vaccines or treatment available, children went without the means to access the appropriate mental health resources needed to respond to this unprecedented adverse childhood experience.

Through the American Rescue Plan, over \$122 billion was appropriated for K-12 schools to safely re-open and to address the many impacts of COVID-19 on education. This includes strategies to meet the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, as well as to hire additional personnel, such as nurses or mental health professionals, to keep schools safe and healthy. Additionally, the State of California’s 2021-2022 budget package provided funding for numerous programs in K-12 education, including \$25 million in funding to develop mental health and wellness instructional resources and trainings for educators, students, and caregivers to address the pandemic’s impact on mental health.

“The mental health needs of our youth must be a priority,” shared Supervisor Barger. “Every available mental health support resource must be harnessed to help young people in our schools and their families get the support they need. It’s only through partnerships with teachers, school administrators and campus resources that we can effectively bridge the service gap.”

The motion approved today instructs the County’s Department of Mental Health, working with the Office of Education, to design a questionnaire/survey to be distributed to the 80 school districts in Los Angeles County on mental health needs and report back to the Board in 30 days with the final questionnaire, with a corresponding plan to distribute and engage the County school districts for responses. The motion also requests a report back within 120 days with the data and analysis from the questionnaire, and next steps to address the needs identified by the information collected, including engaging with community partners and the County’s Mental Health Commission on opportunities to support and address the needs identified.

# COMMUNITY



## PRESS RELEASE

### Assemblymember Ed Chau Statement On Being Appointed Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Ed Chau (D – Monterey Park) released the following statement upon being informed today that he was appointed to serve as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court by Governor Gavin Newsom:

“I would like to thank Governor Newsom for appointing me to serve as a Judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Representing the 49th Assembly District as an Assemblymember for the past nine years has been a true honor and privilege. I am very proud of the work and accomplishments that my team and I have achieved in serving our constituents. I will certainly miss working alongside my colleagues and all of the dedicated staff that comprise our Legislature, and look forward to joining the Judicial Branch.”

Assemblymember Chau represents the 49th Assembly District, comprised of the communities of Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City and portions of Montebello and South El Monte.

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if you should be in the performing arts...your personality doesn't suit the performing arts,' but I did it anyways because I have a passion for it.”

Kwo said that parents should remain open-minded and allow their children to explore—if this is what they want to do, they will come back to it, and if the child finds that this isn't for them, then they will move on.

“Our mission is to help students overcome their nervousness, and then gain confidence so that they can achieve their dreams in whatever that dream is,” Kwo said.

“I have [students] who would come into our school hiding behind their parents,” Kwo continued. “And then they would leave like, after a few years, confidently walking around, and just being able to communicate with other people and be on stage. And that, to me, is the most important life skill. I am a firm believer of just studying academics is not going to get you the promotions you want. You have to be able to communicate your ideas to your boss or to your team if you want to be seen as a leader.”

As Kwo explained, one of the byproducts of taking these classes is improved confidence and communication skills—something that can help you the rest of your life both personally and professionally. The classes help students to be more comfortable with sharing ideas and communicating with others.

Initial nervousness can keep some students away, but Kwo understands the nervousness that exists and works with students to overcome that. He has written a children's book titled 'Nervous Nelly's First Recital.' The book helps children understand nervousness and how to manage it.

“I do believe in educating and teaching performing arts not just to those who want to be the next big star, but also students who just need that boost in confidence,” Kwo said. “When parents say, ‘Oh, my kid is too shy...Maybe they shouldn't do performing arts,’ I'm sitting here thinking, like, that's exactly why they should be doing performing arts...If they're shy, they really need this because that shyness isn't going to go away by itself; you have to train it. You have to put the student in a safe environment to grow so that they feel they have a way to overcome that shyness—that nervousness that they have.”

Over the years, Kwo has received much positive feedback from parents of children who have attended his classes. He explained how one student came in for a K-Pop dance class—something to do for fun, but once there, her passion grew and she enrolled in hip-hop classes and then participated in the school's performance troupe.

“Her parents came up to me and told me how amazing the growth they've seen in her was...the confidence that she just gained from just doing

dance classes, and going out and performing, and putting herself out there—it translated to everything else that she was doing,” Kwo said. “It wasn't just for dance, but they've seen her grow in her confidence, overall, just carrying herself better every day in her everyday life... whether it's at school or doing a project or anywhere else. You can see the transformation with these kids, that they do carry themselves differently after a few years of performing arts.”

Since the conversion to online integrated teaching, PopRock Academy has been producing seminars. These online Zoom seminars have included industry guests that have provided students with performance feedback, industry notes and tips, and informational workshops on the entertainment industry.

“I want to really make sure local parents here get the right information and understand the right avenues to becoming an actor,” Kwo said. “There are multiple ways to become an actor. Our school is not the only way, but we definitely want to at least give a viable option to parents, that's legal, that's absolutely legitimate. We're not here to try to trick anyone.”

Kwo said that now that in-person classes have resumed, there is a long-term plan for growing the academy including a streaming program accessible from anywhere for students, acquiring more physical space for classes, and adding new theater programs and live programs as well.

Parents and students hesitant about enrolling in programs are reminded that hesitancy and nervousness is natural. Kwo explained that there are a number of classes available to accommodate those at different levels of abilities and comfort levels.

“That's one of the reasons why we really wanted to get back in-person, because with performing arts having a physical space, and having the students being able to come in and feel comfortable in a physical space, is already half the battle,” Kwo said. “That's how we designed this space and we really want our students to be comfortable and feel safe. That's the whole objective of this program. Parents [are welcome to] come on in, check us out, and then talk to us and we'll help them answer whatever questions that they have.

“Some of my students have sung for the Lakers. One of my students is the voice of the 'Squid Game,' red light green light doll. It's absolutely a thrill to see the success of these students,” Kwo continued. “I love helping parents or anyone, not just parents, even young adults who want to get into the industry. Even if they are out of college, I love helping them because it's never too late...because I started my acting career after college, so it's never too late to do it either.”



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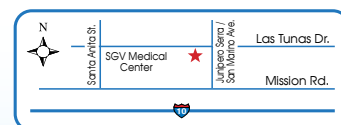
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*"We have been pleased with the level of care Maryvale has provided for our child, and James likes his teachers a lot because of the care and love they give to him."*

- Lilly, Mother of James (2 years old)

**Duarte**  
2502 Huntington Drive  
Duarte, CA 91010  
626-357-1514

**Rosemead**  
7600 Graves Avenue  
Rosemead, CA 91770  
626-537-3311





## Taiwan Center Hosts Thanksgiving Dinner

To carry on the tradition and mission of serving the community, the Taiwan Center of Greater Los Angeles hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for the Taiwanese international students in the region; more than 150 students participated in the event. For covid safety protocols, Taiwan Center has adopted a new approach in preparing the meal, and all the home-style foods were pre-packaged for the students to take home. Taiwan Center's volunteers and event partner TECO-LA and OCAC-LA not only prepared a health feast, they also provided Made in Taiwan masks and hand sanitizer in the to-go bag to make sure the students stay well during the holiday season.

# EDUCATION



## The Monthly Gazette

News from the Rosemead School District



November 2020

### Message from the Superintendent

Dear Rosemead Community,

We are excited to share that on Monday, November 9, we welcomed back 7 students to our Shuey Full Day Preschool Program. Our Shuey preschool program had been on a rollercoaster ride as we were days away from opening during the summer only to have to cancel those plans as a result of the huge increase in COVID-19 cases in July and August. Our Shuey preschool program serves many children of first responders and essential workers. As such, our parents have been eagerly anticipating the reopening of the program. I would like to thank our amazing Shuey preschool instructional staff for their hard work preparing for our students to return.



Thanks to additional flexibility from our county department of public health, we are now allowed to host up to 25% of a school's total student body for in-school small cohort instructional support. Our teams are in the process of identifying additional students for this support.

At our November 5 Board meeting, our Trustees formally adopted our revised goals for the 2020-2021 school year. You will notice that a new goal was added to address the impact of COVID-19. Our leadership team has begun the work of working with their teams to develop metrics and actions for each of our goals. Below are our 2020-2021 Board Goals:

### 2020-2021 Board Goals

- Increase student achievement:
  - Close the achievement gap for Hispanic students and Students with Disabilities in English/Language Arts and Math
  - Improve achievement in Mathematics for all students in grades K-8 across the district
- Provide targeted support for schools with the greatest needs to improve student achievement
- Develop and communicate information about exceptional programs in our schools
- Promote fiscal stability by significantly reducing deficit spending
- Begin the strategic planning process to ensure alignment of efforts for continuous improvement throughout the system
- Remediate the impact of COVID-19 as follows:
  - Develop a plan to reverse student learning loss by implementing opportunities for student learning acceleration and a reliable attendance and engagement tracking system
  - Realign our District Professional Development plan to provide additional learning opportunities for staff
  - Identify and secure resources to support the socio-emotional needs of our students and staff
  - Increase the number of students receiving in-school instruction and support in accordance with the county department of health guidelines
  - Implement new school procedures to promote the health and safety of students and staff at all times

Respectfully,  
Alejandro Ruvalcaba  
Superintendent of Schools

### Educational Services Division

#### ENROLLMENT - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND 1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Enrollment for our 2020-2021 school year has begun. We have implemented our online enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/Page/488> to find more information on enrollment and registration.

#### Preschool Program:

Call 626-312-2900, x235, to reach the Child Development/Preschool department.

#### Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade Program:

1) enroll online and 2) call the campuses. For more information visit our websites or call our campuses.

<b>Encinita Elementary School</b> (626) 286-3111 <a href="http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/encinita">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/encinita</a>	<b>Mildred B. Janson Elementary School</b> (626) 288-3150 <a href="http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/janson">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/janson</a>	<b>Savannah Elementary School</b> (626) 443-4015 <a href="http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/savannah">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/savannah</a>
<b>Emma W. Shuey Elementary School</b> (626) 287-5221 <a href="http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/shuey">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/shuey</a>	<b>Muscatel Middle School</b> (626) 287-1139 <a href="http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/muscatel">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/muscatel</a>	<b>Rosemead School District</b> District Office (626) 312-2900 <a href="http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us</a>

### Important Upcoming Dates:

Thurs.	Dec. 10	Annual Organizational (Regular) Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting	Superintendent's Office
Wed.	Dec. 15	Late start (school begins at 9:30 a.m.)	All schools	Schools Main Office
Mon.-Tues.	Dec. 21 - Jan. 5	Winter Break	Schools Closed	
Thurs.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Holiday	District Closed	
Fri.	Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday	District Closed	
Mon.	Dec. 28	Admission's Day Holiday - Classified only		
Thurs.	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Holiday	District Closed	
Fri.	Jan. 1	New Year's Day Holiday	District Closed	
Wed.	Jan. 5	Students return from Winter Break - classes start Late start (school begins at 9:30 a.m.)	All schools	Schools Main Office
Mon.	Jan. 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	Schools/District Closed	
Wed.	Jan. 19	Late start (school begins at 9:30 a.m.)	All schools	Schools Main Office

# COMMERCE

## Surplus Personal Property for Veteran-Owned Small Business Programs



Veterans: If you own a small business, you may be eligible for federally owned equipment, supplies, and other property no longer in use through General Services Administration's Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program. Learn more: <http://ow.ly/GytJ50H3pLz>



## Holiday Safety Tips from SCE

Your holiday decorations should be both fascinating and safe: Decorations meant for outdoor use are appropriately labeled for outdoor use only. Outdoor electrical decor should always be plugged into ground fault circuit interrupter-protected outlets.

**Don't miss out on money to help your family!**

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**GIVE BLOOD**

### Maryvale Early Childhood Education Center Community Blood Drive

Located in GYM  
7600 Graves Ave  
Rosemead, CA 91770

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: MECEC or contact Christina Moore at 626-537-3314

Bring photo ID, drink extra water and eat iron rich foods leading up to and including the day of the blood drive.

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85th Annual

# Student Speakers CONTEST

2022 Topic: "How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?"



15 District winners receive a scholarship of \$4,500 each  
4 Area winners receive a total scholarship of \$11,000 each  
1 Final winner receives a total scholarship of \$21,000  
Additional cash awards to Region, Zone and Club winners.


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For more information:  
Contact **Benny Liu** E-mail: [bnkm881@gmail.com](mailto:bnkm881@gmail.com) Telephone: 310.489.2201  
Contest Date: TBD-February 2022 Time: TBD, Evening event Place: Doubletree Hotel - Rosemead City

Find additional information at: <https://md4lions.org/student-speakers-contest>

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19 restrictions the MD4 Student Speakers Committee and Council of Government have the right to implement changes to the MD4 Student Speakers Contest at any time.



TEMPLE CITY ADULT SCHOOL  
ESL & ACADEMIC CLASSES



## ESL-ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (LEVELS 1-4)

Temple City Adult Ed offers all levels of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes during the day and at night to help students become proficient in English. Classes include English Learner (EL) Civics units in all ESL classes to assist students so they can better navigate a variety of governmental, educational, and workplace systems. The Temple City Adult Ed Vocational ESL program gives English Learners the chance to learn English while acquiring knowledge and skills that will prepare them for Temple City Career Technical classes.

### HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, HISET & BASIC ACADEMIC

Temple City Adult Ed offers a variety of academic programs to meet all students' educational

# CHAMBER



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## SAVE THE DATE

**Multi- Chamber Mixer**  
**17 March 2022 @ 5:00 pm**

*Co-Sponsored by the Chambers of San Gabriel, Rosemead, Alhambra, Temple City & Greater Monterey Park*

## CYBERSECURITY SEMINAR

### KEEP YOUR BUSINESS SAFE FROM CYBER AND PHYSICAL THREATS


Prevent, Mitigate, and Protect Against Cyber and Physical Security Threats  
Hosted by the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Advisory Council  
In collaboration with the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)  
Businesses, stakeholders, and decision-makers who are interested in better understanding and mitigating the risks in today's threat landscape.



Friday, December 10, 2021  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

To RSVP or for more information, please e-mail [office@rosemeadchamber.org](mailto:office@rosemeadchamber.org) or [info@socalvents.org](mailto:info@socalvents.org), or call 626-288-0811.  
Seating is limited, and RSVP is required. If you would like to attend via zoom, a link will be provided upon request.

**Cybersecurity 101, Ransomware, Building Security, and Crime Reporting**

Richard Scott Mitchem, Chief of Protective Security – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)  
Joseph Oregon, Chief of Cybersecurity – Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)  
Det. Tony Moore and Det. Sam Taylor - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau

RSVP   
<https://tinyurl.com/cybersafetyRCC>  
PROOF OF VACCINATION IS REQUIRED


## UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST

### INFO SESSION

DECEMBER 13, 2021

Join us online to learn more about the University of the West!

What we will cover in the Info Session:

- Application & Enrollment
- What makes UWest unique
- Financing your education
- Raffle Prizes
- Hear from current students
- Q & A

**GRADUATE** Info Session  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. PST



**UNDERGRADUATE** Info Session  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. PST





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