

2011-12 EL Civics

Making a Difference in the Community Awards

The federally-funded English Literacy and Civics Education (EL Civics) program in California is designed for adult students to acquire the language and literacy skills to become citizens, exercise the rights and duties of citizenship, and enrich the communities in which they live. This award recognizes EL Civics programs that teach skills required for citizenship and empower students to take the initiative to make a difference in the community.

CASAS is managing this CDE award process, which is open to all EL Civics (Citizenship Preparation and/or Citizenship Participation) programs in California. All award-winning agencies have met or exceeded California State Performance averages for all ESL levels for the past two program years.

MiraCosta Community College District: *Nutrition Module*

MiraCosta College's Low Intermediate ESL class successfully used the EL Civics Nutrition Unit to learn about healthy eating and used this knowledge to encourage their families, school, and community to make better nutritional choices. Students created family meal plans, identified deficiencies in their own diets, and even advocated for healthier snack options at MiraCosta's Community Learning Center.

Oceanside Adult School: *Dress a Girl around the World*

Oceanside Adult Education participated in an international project called "Dress a Girl Around the World", in which students helped to gather materials and construct dresses to send to women and children in need. This project was coordinated by a national nonprofit agency, and Oceanside's EL Civics students formed groups, gathered materials, assigned duties, and executed the project in order to help others.

For more information about the 2012 award winners, please visit the CASAS website at www.casas.org.

