

## 2012-13 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 Civic 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.

#### ABC Adult School: International Day

Students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at ABC Adult School host International Day, a festival to present the culture, food, art, and traditional costumes of students' native countries. The event begins with a flag parade, followed by student-run exhibits to highlight different aspects of their cultures. Past exhibits included a Korean drum performance, Thai fruit and vegetable carving display, and a Mariachi band. ABC Adult School incorporates EL Civics lessons into the planning and execution of International Day. This project makes a difference in the community by increasing cultural awareness, and highlighting the diversity of ABC Adult School.

For more information about the 2013 award winners, please visit the CASAS website at [www.casas.org](http://www.casas.org).

