

## 2012-13 ERWC Workshop Dates

Rodriguez High School, Fairfield

August 8 & 9

October 13

January 23, 2013 (3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)

*Trainers: Tara Lockhart, SFSU*

*Jeanette Smith, Pleasanton Unified*

*Elaine Kociolek, Cal Maritime*

All sessions are from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**Participants must attend all four sessions in order to become ERWC certified.**

Registration is now closed for these sessions.

To register for upcoming Northern California ERWC trainings, please visit

<http://www.calstate.edu/eap/englishcourse/>.

If you are interested in hosting an ERWC workshop at your school or district, please contact Elaine Kociolek, EAP Coordinator.

*Please note that training availability is based on funding. A minimum of 3 months' notice is needed to schedule a workshop series.*



EARLY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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## Welcome to the Solano County EAP Newsletter!

Greetings from the Solano County Early Assessment Program office at The California Maritime Academy! We look forward to bringing updates about EAP, as well as other CSU college readiness initiatives, to educators and administrators in the Solano County service area throughout the 2012-13 school year.



## 2012 EAP Results Delayed Due to Breaches in Test Security

The California Department of Education has delayed the release of all 2012 EAP results, along with all STAR test results, by two weeks to August 31 due to images featuring that students posted on social networking sites during 2012 STAR testing.

In order to ensure the integrity of the tests, the CDE had to undertake critical analyses of the breaches, thus delaying the availability of results. The CDE has assured us that "these analyses found no evidence that exposure of any test materials had a significant impact on any result," and that it has implemented policies to prevent future breaches.

We appreciate your patience with this process. Individual scores will appear on the back of students' individual STAR reports and on your school's STAR CD-ROM. They will also be accessible online following the August 31 release date: <http://eap2012.ets.org/ViewReport.asp>.

Following the release of results, we will be making appointments with counselors and students to assist seniors in using their EAP status to prepare for college.

## “Conditionally Ready” English Status Now Launched

Starting with the Spring 2012 test date, a “Conditionally Ready” status is available for the English EAP exam. Students who fall under this designation are currently on track to being college ready if they successfully complete a full-year senior year English:

- Adopted ERWC course (contact the Solano County EAP office for more information)
  - AP or IB English
  - Weighted Honors English

“Conditionally Ready” English students who take a qualifying senior year experience and earn a “C” or better each semester will be considered “College Ready” by the CSU, and thus will not need to take the CSU English Placement Test or remedial CSU English courses.

## New ERWC Modules are Coming!

The ERWC Task Force, consisting of California K-12 and higher education English faculty members, is in the process of developing a handful of new modules that are scheduled to be available by the end of the 2012-13 school year. This includes several new modules for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade ERWC curriculum, including a 1984 full-length text module that is scheduled for release by early 2013. Four modules will be released for each of grades 7-11 in the next year, intended for integration into existing English curricula. We look forward to bringing you more information about these exciting new materials as it becomes available.

Congratulations to our recent ERWC full adoption schools!

Vacaville High School  
Will C. Wood High School  
Buckingham Charter Magnet School

For information on adopting the ERWC curriculum at your school, contact Elaine Kociolek, Solano County EAP Coordinator.

## Mentoring Available for CSU-Bound Students

Do you know a high school student who is thinking about attending a CSU but may need some additional support? California Maritime Academy students are available to serve as mentors to a limited number of high school students. They can assist with academic support, the college admissions process, and the ins and outs of what it's like to be a college student. For more information, please contact Elaine Kociolek.

## ALEKS for “Conditionally Ready” Math Students

The CSU highly encourages all seniors to take a math course; however, situations may arise where enrolling in a traditional senior year math experience is not possible. Each year, the CSU provides an ALEKS-based e-learning experience for students who place as “Conditionally Ready” on the EAP and are not enrolled in a senior year math experience. Registration will be available online from October through January at <http://www.csumathsuccess.org/elearning>. Students complete the 30-50 hour self-paced course online and then take the final exam with a local proctor (teacher, counselor, etc.) The cost of the program is \$35.

## Many California Community Colleges Now Accepting EAP!

The California Community College (CCC) hosted its first EAP symposium in Sacramento this May to discuss the implications of EAP on college readiness at the community college level. As of the time of publication, 69 of the 112 CCC campuses are accepting EAP:

The following CCC campuses in Solano and surrounding counties are accepting EAP. *These campuses are not currently accepting the "Conditionally Ready" status for Math and English, but the "Ready" status only:*

**Consumnes River College**

**Diablo Valley College**

**Los Medanos College** (*English only; Math under consideration*)

**Solano College**

**Woodland Community College**

If your local college isn't listed, please continue to check with us for updates, as we've been adding additional colleges each month.

An up-to-date list of CCC campuses that have adopted EAP can be found online at:

<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices/EAP/AcceptingEAP.aspx>.

## What Do EAP Numerical Scores Mean?

The STAR CD-ROM provides students' scores in numerical format:

- 1 - Ready for CSU or CCC college-level coursework
- 2 - Ready for CSU or CCC college-level coursework - Conditional
- 3 - Not yet demonstrating readiness for CSU or CCE college-level coursework
- 4 - Incomplete



## Save the Date! Solano County ERWC Educator Reception

**November 14, 2012**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

## California Maritime Academy

Please save the date for our first-ever Solano County Expository Reading & Writing Program (ERWC) Educator Reception. This will be an opportunity for high school English teachers, administrators, and counselors to learn about updates to the ERWC and EAP programs and collaborate with colleagues from across the county in regards to ERWC implementation. ERWC teachers: bring your favorite lesson plans and learn from others who are also teaching the course. Current CSU faculty and students will be in attendance to discuss the transition from high school to college from their perspectives. Appetizers and drinks will be provided, along with an optional campus tour. We hope you'll join us!

To register, please visit

<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3920321788>.

Registration will close on November 10.

## EAP Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Should students take the EAP if they're not planning on attending a CSU?**

A: We recommend that all students take the EAP, for a number of reasons. Students may simply change their mind in the senior year and decide to apply to a CSU. A growing number of California Community Colleges are also accepting EAP, including local institutions such as Solano College. As most colleges are looking for similar benchmarks for college readiness, the EAP can also provide students who plan on attending other colleges with a general idea of their level of preparation for college success. Finally, the opportunity to take a college readiness test may assist juniors in linking their high school performance with higher education goals.

**Q: Does EAP offer aggregated test results?**

A: Unfortunately, Educational Testing Services (ETS) does not currently release aggregated test results. Teachers, students, and families are encouraged to use students' STAR results to assist in determining areas of strength and weakness in math and English. The CSU also collaborates with the UC to support the Mathematics Diagnostics Testing Project, which provides tests and scoring for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers free of charge. For more information, contact Grant Acosta, our local site director at UC Davis, at [gnacosta@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gnacosta@ucdavis.edu) or (530) 754-7743.

**Q: Is there any way students can receive their scores earlier than August?**

A: ETS is currently working on strategies to expedite receipt of test scores. We expect to have more information on this effort available later on in the 2012-13 school year.

*Have a question not answered here? Contact Elaine Kociolek at [ekociolek@sum.edu](mailto:ekociolek@sum.edu).*

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