# Torrance Adult School DLAC Mid-Project Presentation

5/19/23

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# Torrance Adult School
# Torrance, L.A. County

3 sites

Total Students: 2,350

- ESL: 1,630 (70%)
- ABE/ASE/HSD:480 (20%)
- CTE: 240 (10%)

*(Approximate enrollment, May 2023)*

| HAMILTON CENTER (HAC) | GRIFFITH CENTER (GAC) | LEVY CENTER (LAC) |
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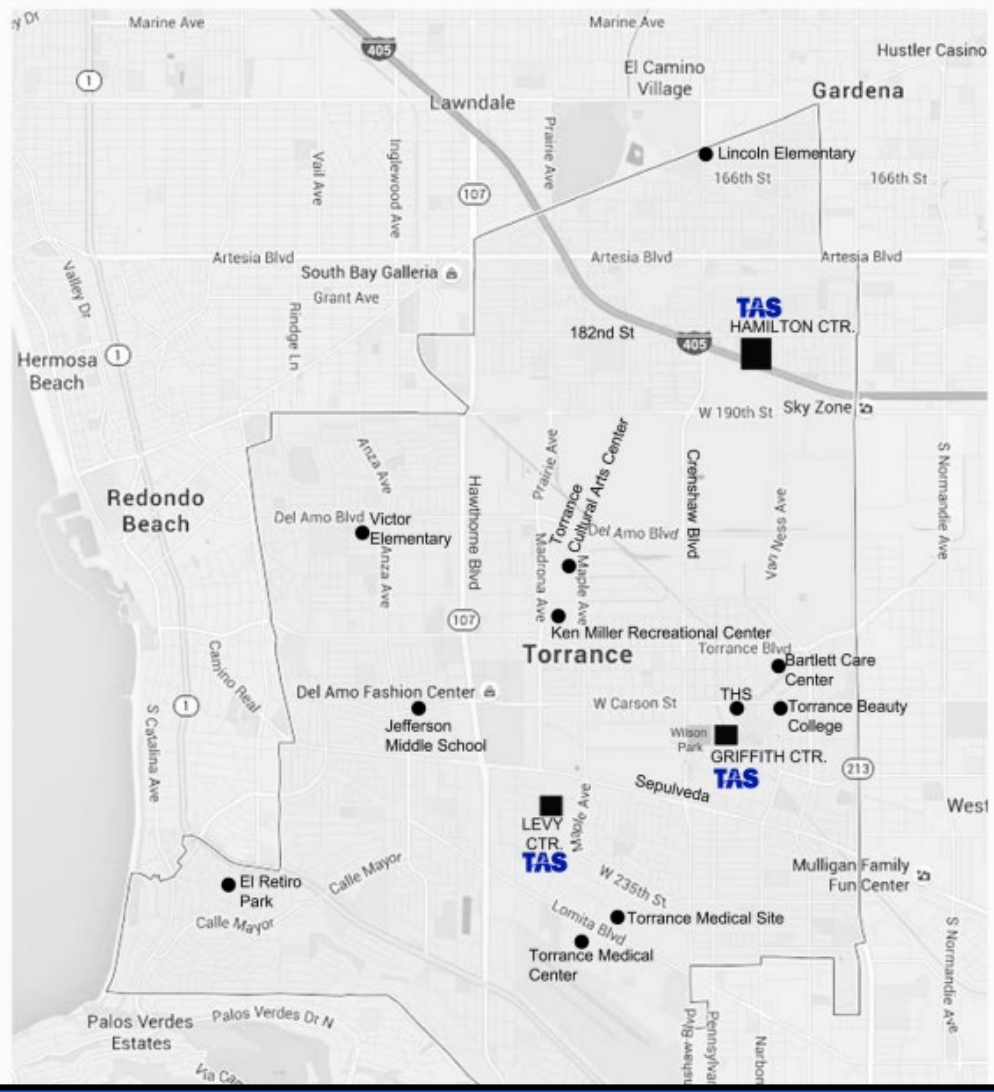


## How IDEAL 101 and the site plan helped meet our program and DLAC goals

# Firstly,

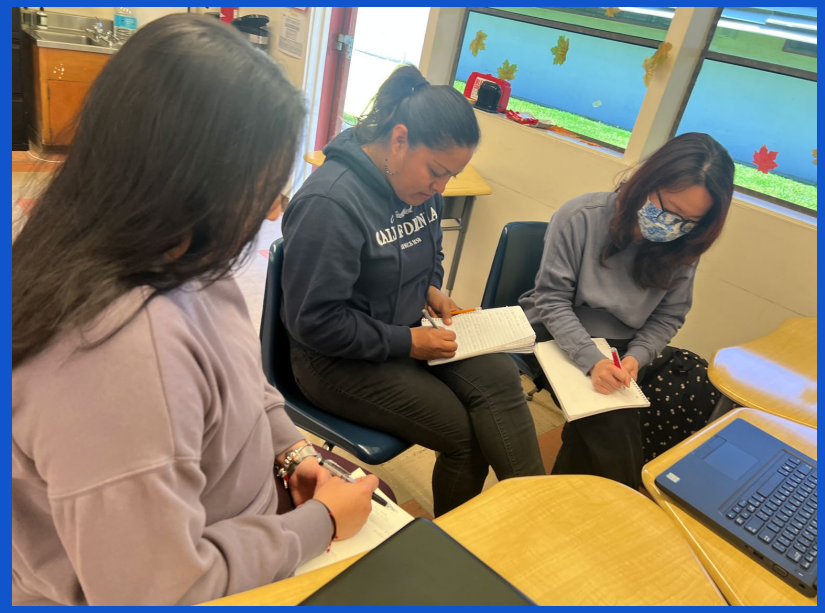
# Why apply for DLAC?

# Why DLAC for TAS?

- Maintain schoolwide digital integration & develop digital resiliency
- Get expert guidance and professional development
- Learn from other adult schools

# TAS DLAC GOALS - 1

- Digital integration & resilience



# TAS DLAC GOALS - 2

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- Integrate Northstar Digital Literacy Curriculum

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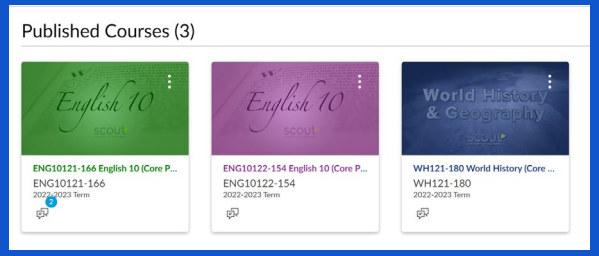
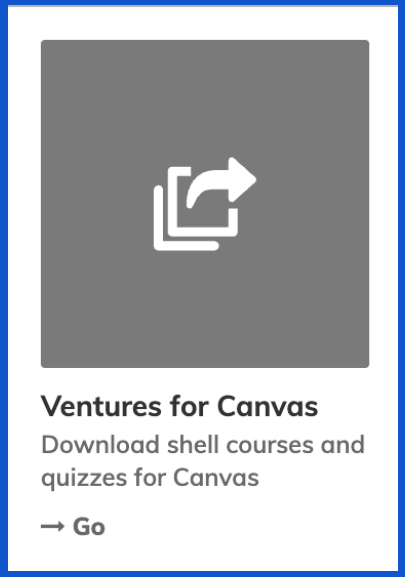
# TAS DLAC GOALS - 3

- HyFlex Professional Development for all ABE/ASE classes and ESL pilot volunteers

# TAS DLAC GOALS - 4

- CANVAS pilot(s)



# Value of IDEAL 101 & Site Plan

- Helped clarify our digital integration plan
- Developed collaboration skills within DLAC team and beyond
- Developed a strengths-based communication and and implementation plan

# Accomplishments

- Continued Digital Integration
- Northstar Agency now - schoolwide participation
- Northstar Staff Training scheduled
- First Canvas class pilot with UC Scout
- MOU for 550 Canvas licenses
- Continued HyFlex in ABE/ASE

# Accomplishments

- Continued Digital Integration

# Some TAS ESL Classes

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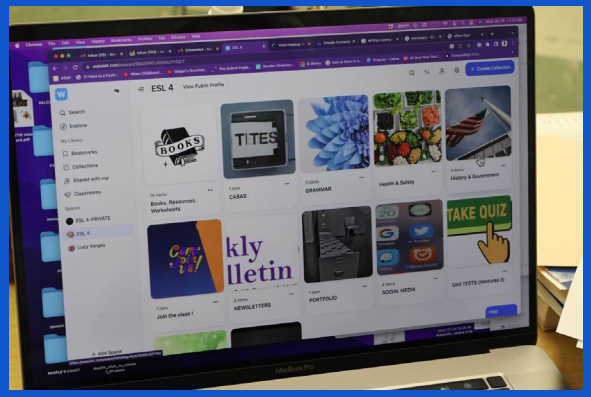
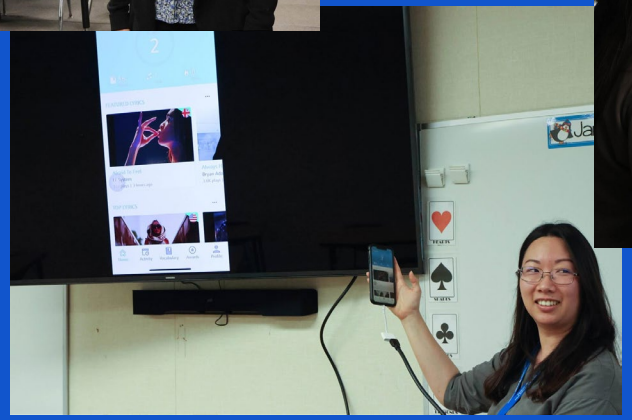
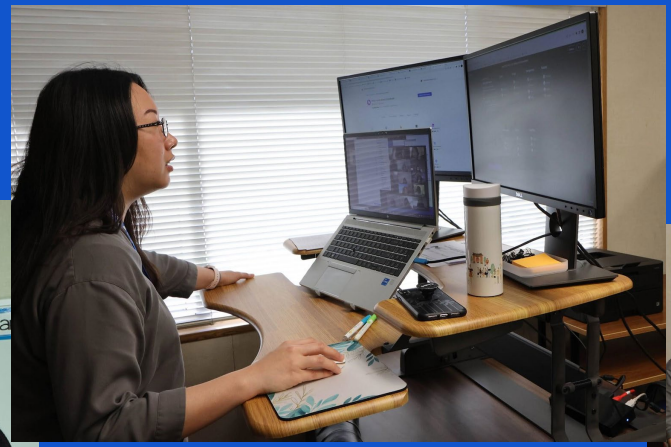
Level 1/2 whole class activity



Level 4 - Wakelet and blog writing

Examples of digital integration in ESL classrooms





Multi-level online class

# ABE/ASE Hyflex Classes

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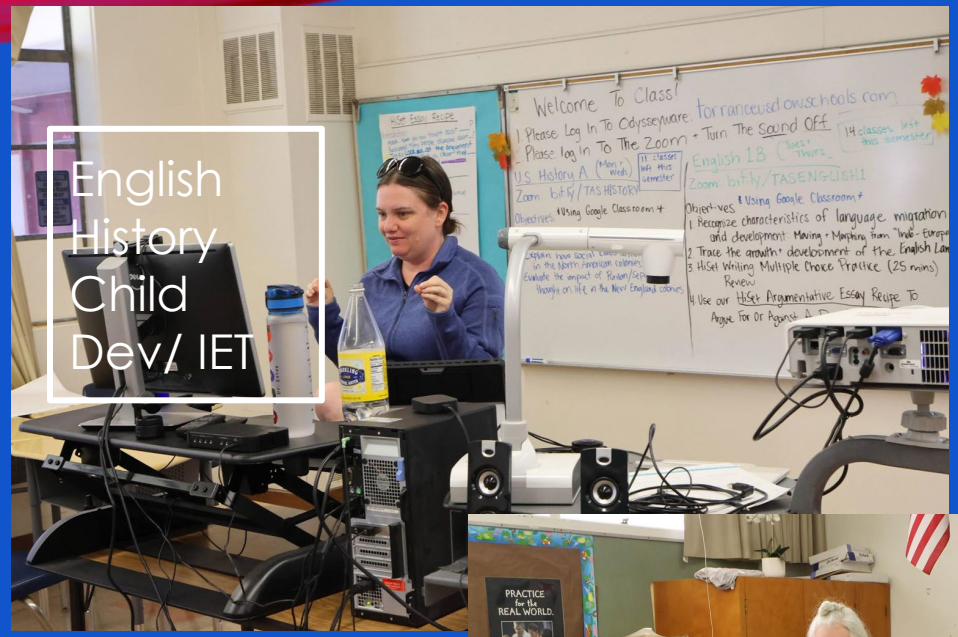
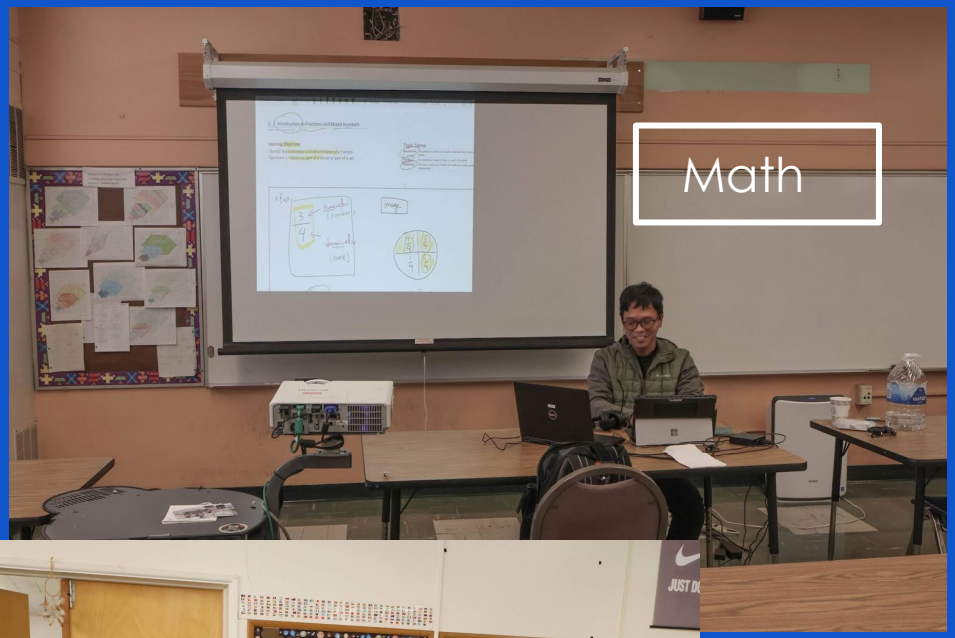
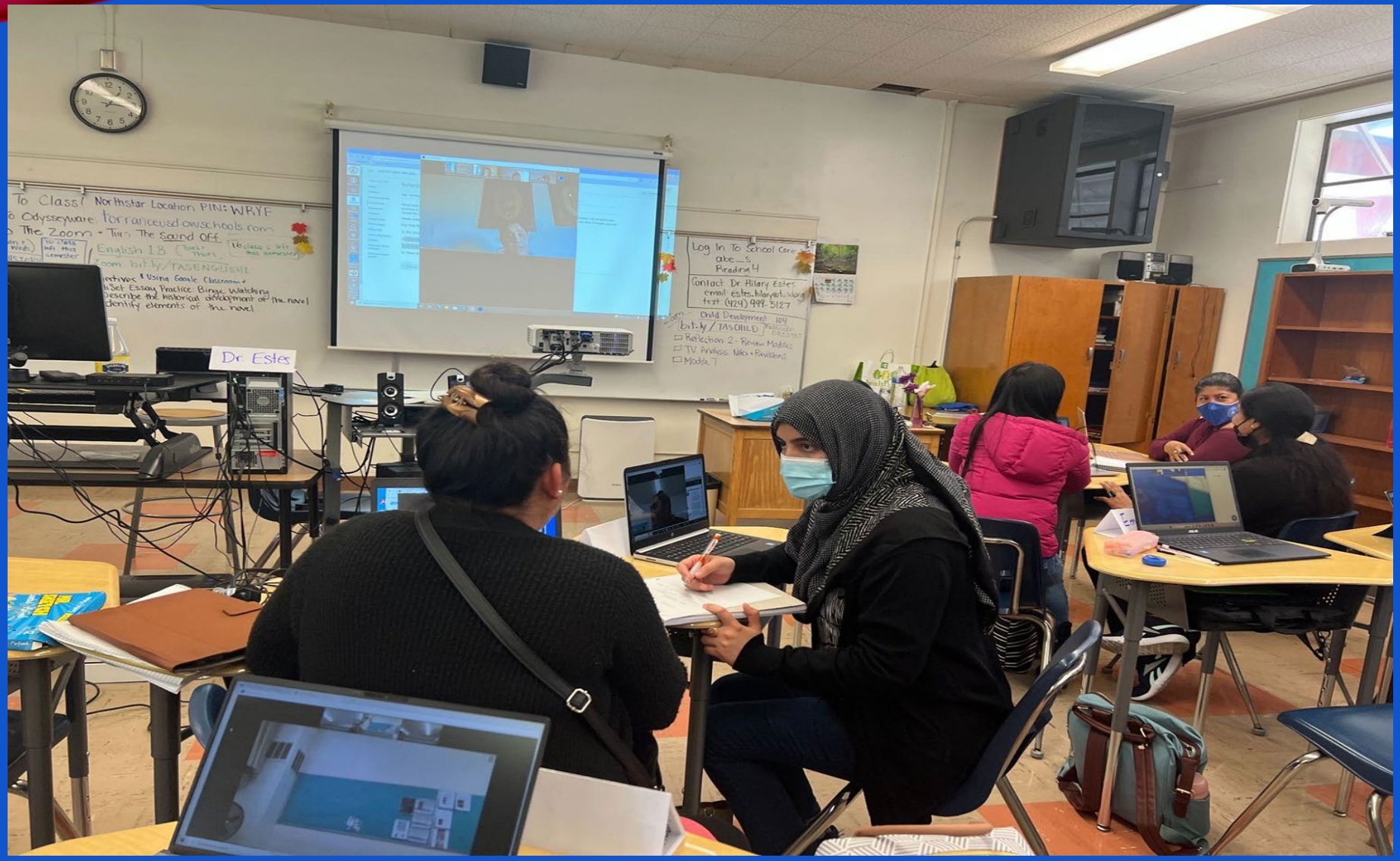



Various ABE/ASE Hyflex classrooms



# ESL/IET Child Development Class - Hyflex



# Accomplishments

Northstar Agency now

- Schoolwide participation
- Regular Northstar “Tech Cafes”

TAS became a Northstar Site or Location, with OTAN's support

# Northstar Implementation

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## Test Your Digital Literacy

Complete any of the online assessments to see what you know.

TAKE AN ASSESSMENT

## Build Your Skills

Grow your understanding of digital literacy topics.

SEE MORE

## Become a Northstar Location

Use Northstar tools to increase digital literacy.

LEARN MORE

TAS became a Northstar Location with OTAN's support

OTAN Outreach and Technical Assistance Network

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# Northstar Implementation

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Significant staff engagement in doing lessons and taking assessments

| Unique Users | Learning Hours (Lessons) | Assessments | Assessments Passed | Assessment Pass Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59 | 172 hrs | 492 | 389 | 79% |

*Data - 5/16/23 for Spring 23 Term | Almost 100% staff participation*

# Many Staff Members Are Proficient In **4 Key Northstar Areas** But There Is Still Room For Improvement

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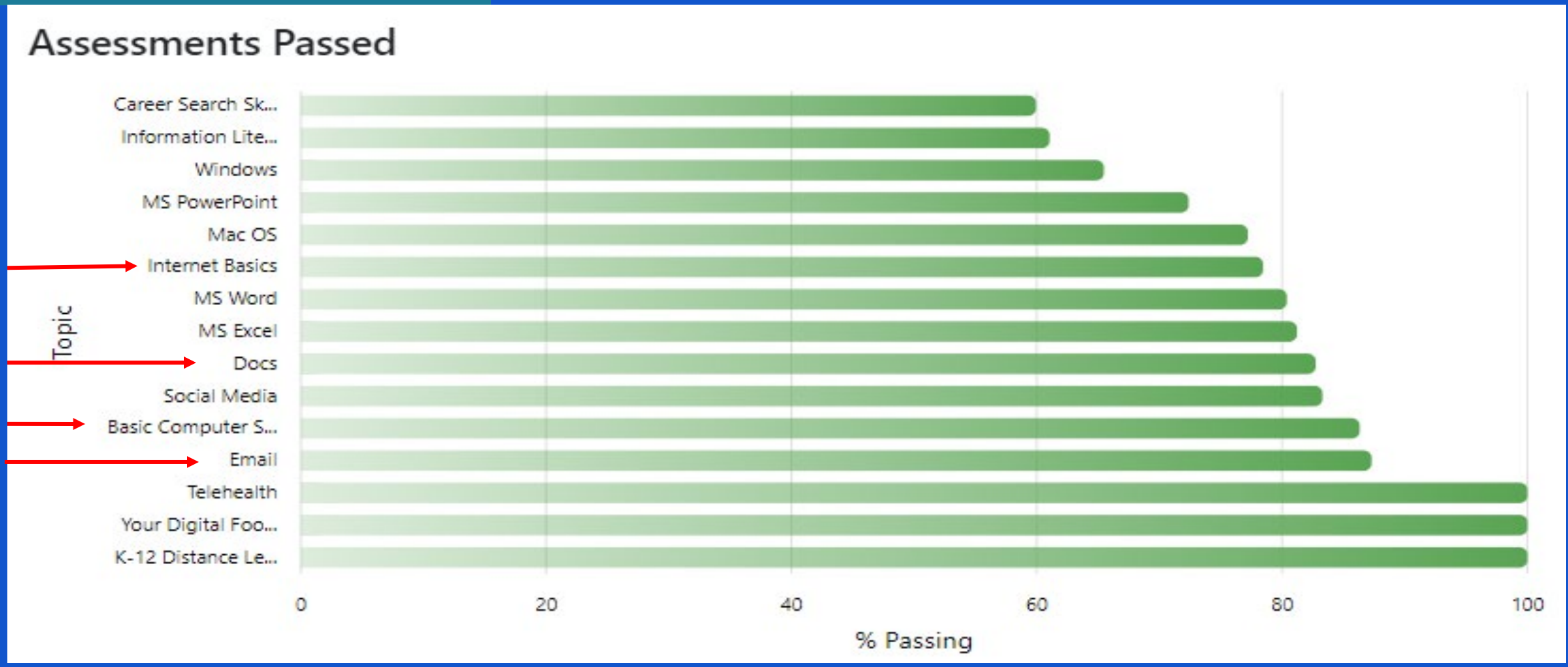
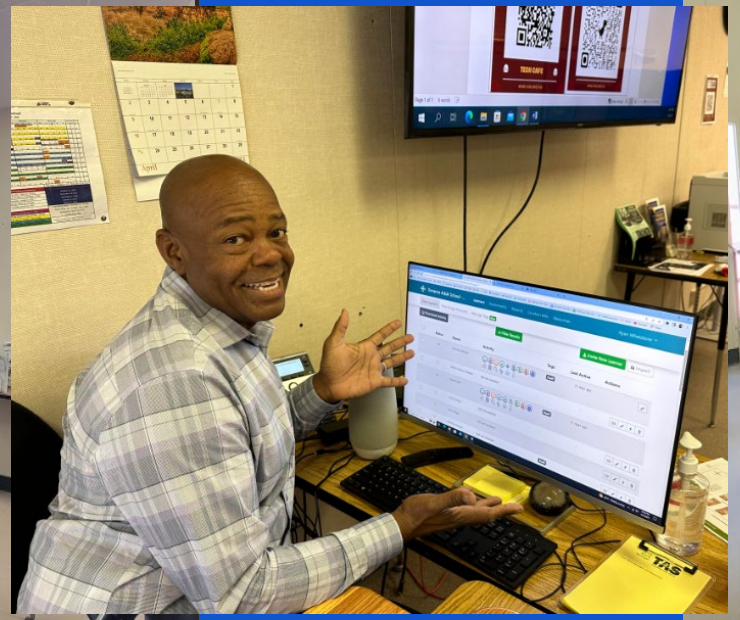


# Northstar at TAS- Friday Tech Cafe Sessions



Computer Lab at Hamilton Center:
Staff doing NSOL lessons and taking proctored assessments

# Accomplishments

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## Hyflex

- Continued HyFlex in ABE/ASE
- Hyflex PD planned ABE/ASE & ESL
- Groups of interested staff

# Accomplishments

## CANVAS:

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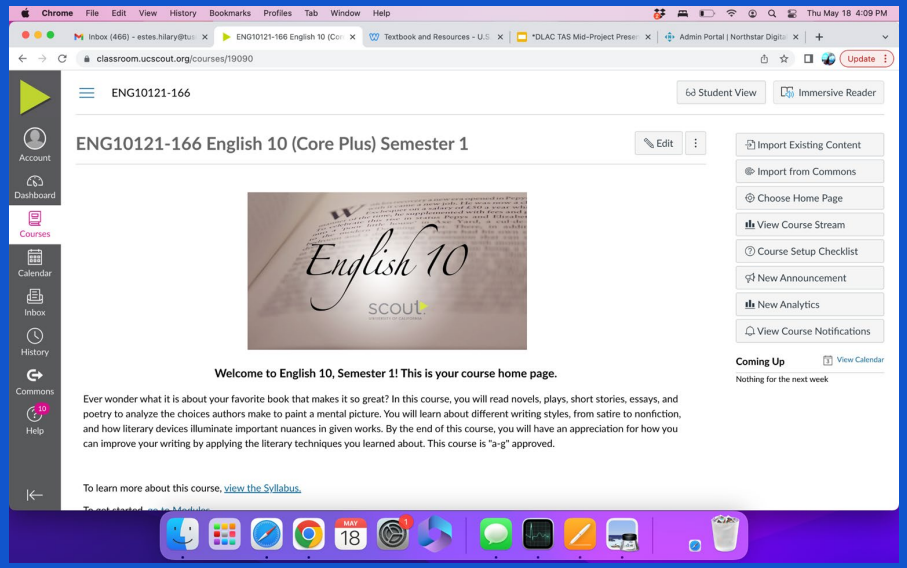
- First Canvas class pilot with UC Scout
- Training being planned



# Leadership Training & Challenges

- Managing expectations and communication with staff
- Balancing the needs of more reluctant and more enthusiastic staff members
- Deciding how to manage Northstar, CANVAS and Hyflex projects

# Changes We Have Made

- Became a Northstar site in Winter 23
- Northstar Professional Development: Expanded Northstar Tech Cafe Sessions and set up OTAN training for June 2023
- One CANVAS pilot class started already in ABE/ASE using UC Scout

# Planned Next Steps - 1

- June 2023 - Northstar Teacher/IA training in using the teacher-directed & NSOL curriculum
- ABE/ASE- Integrate Northstar Assignments in Direct Instruction English classes and  use NSOL to develop an elective course(2023-2024)
- Incorporate Northstar Computer Basics curriculum into all ESL classes F23

# Planned Next Steps - 2

- Professional development on Canvas and HyFlex

# Support Needed

- Ongoing OTAN support for optimizing Northstar curriculum use in ABE/ASE, ESL and CTE

- Develop collegial partnerships to learn best practices for CANVAS implementation across departments and HyFlex instruction

# Other Areas of Importance

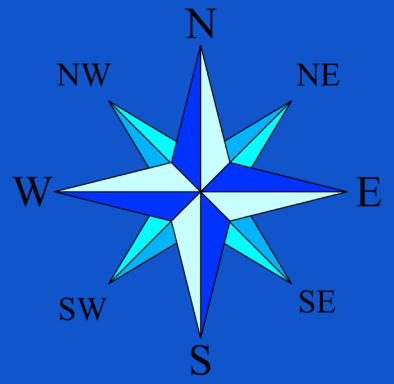
- Digital vigilance
- Balancing Instructional Modalities
- DLAC participant collaboration

# Conclusion: DLAC has helped us to

- Envision our future
- **First year:** Clarified the schoolwide plan for technology
- **Second year:** Focus on implementing Northstar, Hyflex advancement and Canvas pilot

DLAC/OTAN is now our compass, helping us plan, strategize, navigate our digital future.

**Thanks OTAN!**



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