



# Alternative Education

John J. Cairns  
CONTINUATION  
LOMA VISTA CHARTER  
LINDSAY COMMUNITY DAY  
LINDSAY ADULT SCHOOL



# ALT. ED. Learning Communities

At Alternative Education, we **empower our learners to pursue their dreams, develop their social emotional tools, strengthen their academic skills, and cultivate the futures of their choice.**



## **JOHN J. CAIRNS CONTINUATION**

Continuation high school serving learners in grades 10 through 12  
**MODEL CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS OF 2023**

## **LOMA VISTA CHARTER**

Charter high school serving Freshman Leadership & Independent Study

## **LINDSAY COMMUNITY DAY**

Specialized high school setting with a focus on social emotional and behavioral support

## **LINDSAY ADULT SCHOOL**

Offers classes for adults in diploma completion, high school equivalency, Beginning ESL, and citizenship, as well as career readiness workshops

# ALT. ED. MOTTO

## BE A KNIGHT

**K**

**KNOW YOURSELF.**

**N**

**NEVER QUIT.**

**I**

**IMAGINE YOUR  
FUTURE.**

**G**

**GROW DAILY.**

**H**

**HONOR YOUR  
COMMUNITY.**

**T**

**TREAT ALL WITH  
RESPECT.**

**S**

**STRIVE FOR  
EXCELLENCE.**



# LEARNING COMMUNITY PRIDE



Question

Positive Responses

I feel safe at my learning community.

7%

66%

24%

90%

# CIVIC SERVICE AND COLLEGE, CAREER, & WORKFORCE READINESS

Internships, Guest Speakers, and College Visits

Post Secondary Access



Civic Service & Recognition

# CIVIC SERVICE



*Serves and participates in the community to affect positive change*

# POST SECONDARY SUPPORT



*LEARNING VISION- All Lindsay learners leave our school system with the opportunity to choose the future they desire. Graduates are ready for college, for employment, and/or for creatively designing their own future.*

# PRIOR TO COVID



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FEATURED TOP STORY

## Hands-on learning at JJ Cairns

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Elvin Rodriguez, 17, center, observes the haircutting techniques of Sergio Flores Tuesday, at Wild Bill's Barbershop & Shave Parlor in Lindsay. Rodriguez, a senior at J.J. Cairns High School, works at the parlor twice a week as part of the school's internship program.

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### Internships focus on practical education

Educators get excited when a new program has an immediate positive effect on students and creates an enthusiasm for learning at their school. One Lindsay school has adopted an innovative new approach to educating its students, and the response has exceeded expectations.

John J. Cairns High School, the continuation high school of the Lindsay Unified School District, is in its second year of an internship program that is changing the way its students view their education by combining classroom lessons with hands-on lessons in the workplace.





# POST COVID

## COMMUNITY-BASED

The Chop Shop

Webb Sanders Funeral Home

Val's Beauty Salon

Lindsay Tire & Auto Care Center

LUSD Departments

- Technology Department

- Nutritional Services

LUSD Learning Communities

- Reagan

- Washington

- Lincoln

- Roosevelt

- Reagan

- Kennedy

## ALIGNED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LEARNERS

## SOFT SKILLS & WORKPLACE PREPARATION

## COURSE-BASED TOWARDS GRADUATION

# INTERNSHIPS



*STAKEHOLDER VISION- Because the learning outcomes for Lindsay learning communities are "life-based," it is natural that the community serves as a learning laboratory for the school. Adults mentor learners, businesses open their facilities for learning, and business/school partnerships allow learners to experience the real world.*

# PROGRAM SUCCESSES

**DISTRICT SUPPORT OF A FULL-TIME WORK-BASED  
LEARNING COORDINATOR, JACKIE ESCOBAR**

**34% OF ALT. ED. LEARNERS PLACED IN COMMUNITY-BASED  
INTERNSHIPS IN 2022-2023**

**145 CREDITS EARNED TOWARDS GRADUATION IN  
INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS**

**INCREASED COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF OUR LEARNING  
COMMUNITY AND FOCUS FOR WORK-BASED LEARNING**

# CHALLENGES

## COMMUNITY-BASED

- Locations that interest learners in specific fields, including healthcare, welding, and construction

## ALIGNED TO THE NEEDS OF THE LEARNERS

- Safety regulations in post-COVID reality

## SOFT SKILLS & WORKPLACE PREPARATION

- Businesses interested in investing in our learners

## COURSE-BASED TOWARDS GRADUATION

- Sustained mentorship & internship placements

SUPPORT US!

