## New Language Classes Set to Begin April 23 at Maria Oliveira's Language Learning Center



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April 02, 2013, 12:03 pm -- /EPR NETWORK/ -- Spring Two term language classes begin April 23 at Maria's Language Learning Center, with a variety of affordable conversational language classes, online courses as well as Spanish for healthcare and social services professionals. Specializing in conversational Spanish and Portuguese, including European Portuguese and Brazilian Portuguese, the Language Learning Center also provides classes in French, Italian, Mandarin, and English for Non-Native Speakers. Classes are primarily for adult learners, but there is also an after-school program for students between ages 7 and 11, with each term lasting six weekly sessions, at both day and evening classes.

"Our classes feature small groups of 10 or less students which provides more time for individual attention and faster learning", explains Maria Oliveira, director of Maria's Language Learning Center, located in Pinole, California. "We work closely with our students to guide them towards becoming bilingual, whether it is through a conversational language class, online

options, or even our language classes for healthcare and social services professionals."

The Language Learning Center also offers online courses, workbooks, and audio learning materials. These study aids provide practice lessons, self-tests with interactive exercises, quizzes, and audio clips to review correct pronunciations which supplement classroom learning.

Recognizing that individuals learn languages differently, there are a variety of other programs offered to meet students' needs, such as one-on-one instruction; learning groups that meet weekly; and free social hours for students to practice their language skills with teachers, fellow students, and bilingual guests. Maria's Language Learning Center also has specialized English classes for non-native speakers, plus classes on specific topics, such as classes on Spanish reflexive verbs and pronouns, for those students who need a review.

## **New Spanish for Healthcare Providers at UC Davis Medical Center**

Maria will be teaching two sessions of Spanish for healthcare professionals at the UC Davis Medical Center starting April 8. This specialized and intensive Spanish language course is designed to enhance effective communication between patients and their healthcare providers (nurses, doctors, medical staff). Emphasis is on basic, practical language needed to communicate with Spanish speaking patients and their families at the hospital or doctor's office, on the telephone, or at the patient's home. Space is limited learn more at <a href="http://www.marialanguages.com/classes/medical-spanish-class.shtml">http://www.marialanguages.com/classes/medical-spanish-class.shtml</a>.

## **Informational Open House Scheduled for April 19, 2013**

Be sure to attend this great opportunity to meet fellow students, talk with Maria and other teachers, ask questions, and even practice your language skills in a relaxed social setting. Learn about the Language Learning Center and its programs and enjoy light refreshments. The Open House will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Center at 2644 Appian Way, Suite 102, in Pinole, California. Bring a friend and if that friend registers for a class, you will receive a 10% discount on your registration for a Spring Two session. The open house is free, but space is limited, so please rsvp on the website athttp://www.marialanguages.com/classes/socialevents.shtml.

## **Register for Spring Two Classes Now!**

Students can register for any program online, by phone, in person at our offices, or by mail. For more information, visit our website: <a href="http://www.marialanguages.com">http://www.marialanguages.com</a> or call 1-877-251-8353.

The goal for all of the classes at the Center is to guide students towards becoming bilingual. We start by teaching basic phrases and sentences that become usable in a very short period of time; when success builds upon success, confidence grows and information becomes easier to absorb. Affordability, convenience, and an encouraging environment make Maria Oliveira's classes the top choice for effective language learning in the Bay Area.

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