

Welcome and Welcome Back New and Returning Fulton & Alsbury Nighthawks.

My name is Marcello Palacios and it is my honor and privilege to serve as the new principal of Fulton & Alsbury Academy of Arts and Engineering. I am looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year as we embark on this journey together. I am confident that our school community will have even more successes and achievements this new year as we all continue to learn, grow and work together as a TEAM to do and be the very best we can. We are all very proud of our amazing Nighthawks!!

To all of our new students and their families, let me be the first to say we are happy you are with us! I know it can feel challenging to be the “new kid” at a “new school”. You may be feeling a little nervous wanting to make a good first impression, and start the year off right. I am here to assure you all that everyone at Fulton and Alsbury will make you feel welcomed and embraced on the very first day. This is our commitment to you. You belong here and we welcome you with open arms to the 2024-2025 school year at Fulton and Alsbury.

Just a little bit of information about myself. I have been in education since 1988, starting my educational career as a classroom aide. I was a classroom teacher for 19 years at both LA Unified School District and Lancaster School District, teaching Kindergarten, 3rd and 6th grade from 1989 to 2007. I had served as assistant principal and principal outside of Lancaster School District for 14 years, from 2007 to 2022, working with At-Promise youth in the Antelope Valley. I had served as assistant principal at John and Jacquelyn Miller Elementary for the past two years. I was the first in my family to graduate from college, attending and graduating from UCLA in 1988 (a long, long time ago) with a degree in Biology. GO Bruins!! I am an avid Dodger fan so please don't hesitate to talk baseball with me. GO Blue!! I am also a foodie and am always looking for suggestions on where to go eat. Where there is good food, I will travel.

My vision for our school is to help create and foster an environment of learning that focuses on the different ways our students can have a better understanding of how science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) play a crucial part in their current world as well as facilitating a development of necessary skills to be successful in life especially if following a career path that is related to different STEAM fields. Our goal is to teach our students a love for STEAM and create that mindset that STEAM is not only cool to learn but also important to our future as we continue to develop as a society. Investing in our youth is the key to our future. Providing and teaching them the necessary academic and social skills to help them develop into contributing members of society is my mission for all our students. Our students can achieve anything they set their mind to. We will teach them to never give up and that they are the masters of their own destiny. They just need self-confidence and the knowledge that we believe in them. Through our continued guidance and support, our students will shine as their success is our success. I am looking forward to meeting all members of the Nighthawk family and to working with the Fulton and Alsbury staff to better serve our students, parents and school community. We all impact one another and therefore have a duty and responsibility to each other and our community as a whole.

In hopes of keeping an open line of communication, weekly updates will be sent to our families via ParentSquare, Facebook, Instagram, our website and email. Please visit our school website to get to

know our staff, access student schedules, school resources and information, and learn about other opportunities at Fulton and Alsbury.

Let's collectively agree and do everything we can to start this 2024-2025 academic school year with our very best selves! Welcome Back, Fulton and Alsbury Nighthawks!

Respectfully,



Marcello E. Palacios
Fulton and Alsbury Principal
"Dream in Color, STEAM in Action"

