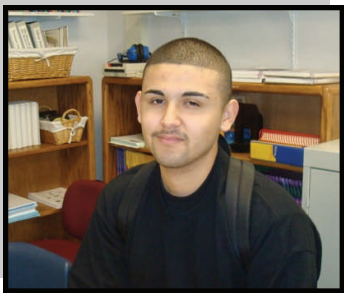


# Student of the Month



Lorenzo Saucedo expects to get his high school diploma this year from Elk Grove Adult and Community Education—and he’s excited about that—because the school district has given him an alternative path to succeed. He’s 20 years old and came to adult education last year needing assistance with high school credit recovery. Unfortunately, Lorenzo’s traditional school system just hadn’t been working for him. It’s not that he wasn’t interested in learning but, according to Lorenzo, “The teachers did a lot of lecturing, and classes were too long, and boring.” So Lorenzo

went to Rio Cazadero High School where he was able to “work at my own pace.” He passed both his CAHSEE language arts and math tests, but ended up credit deficient by the time he turned 18 and had to leave his alternative high school. But now he’s here and doing well. He’s currently enrolled in an Apex on-line English class, working at his own pace, and expects to finish by the end of the semester. He’s also been working with the Youth Works program at the Career Center on campus to complete his resume, practice applications, and other job-readiness assignments. Before long, we’ll be saying goodbye to Lorenzo and wishing him all the best as he’ll be walking away with his high school diploma and ready for employment.

