

The Dominican Learning Center improves the lives of adult learners through education.



April



Dear DLC community,

It is with tremendous gratitude that I write to you today. The work that you do, whether as a tutor or a learner, is what makes our Dominican Learning Center such a wonderful place. I appreciate all of your hard work!

Many of you were not yet a part of the DLC last year in April when we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters being in the US. I am glad you are a part of us now as they celebrate 201 years! Thank you, Sisters, for your service and inspiration!

Of course, this month we will also be celebrating Easter (please note the office will be closed over the holiday) and later in the month, our Muslim friends will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr which marks the end of Ramadan at sundown Friday, April 21st. It is also known as the "Festival of Breaking the Fast". Blessings to all who are celebrating special religious days this month!

You all should have received an email inviting you to our first (hopefully of many) culture forums. We are grateful to have such a richly diverse group of people that make up the DLC and we know that many of you, caring about education and our community, would appreciate the opportunity to learn more about other cultures – and what better way than from one of our own DLC friends? This event will feature speakers from four different countries who will share stories of their educational journey and how that was different in their home country than it is here in the US. Please click the graphic below to RSVP if haven't already done so or call the office if you have any additional questions.

Many of you have asked about the move to our new location in German Village. We are still hard at work with planning and preparing for the move, and we still anticipate being able to move in the Fall. I will keep you posted as we transition from a "planning" stage to our actual "moving" stage.

Lastly, I mentioned in a previous newsletter that I was thinking of starting a book club. All staff, tutors and learners are welcome to participate. I have chosen *Pushout*, by Monique W. Morris, for our first book. I have not read this yet and I admit that it seems a little heavy, but it also feels very fitting for the DLC. The next book will be chosen by the other participants of the book club. Please stay tuned for information about when and where we will meet to discuss this book.

Blessings and Peace,

Denise

**We will be closed from
April 6th - April 10th**



Culture Forum
April 23rd
**Please RSVP Here IF YOU HAVE
NOT ALREADY DONE SO**



Congratulations to Our Learners!

WE HAVE ANOTHER GRADUATE!

Adriana earned her G E D!!!

Adriana is in our Spanish GED program and passed her final subject, Language Arts! We look forward to hearing more about her future plans and seeing her at our graduation ceremony in June!



See what else our learners are accomplishing!

Lea, one of our amazing tutors, contacted us to share that her ABE learner, **Angeline** was sworn in as a United States Citizen! She is so proud of her and so are we! (Angeline is pictured to the left with the judge who conducted her swearing in.)



ESL learner **Pierre** (pictured right) has completed Level 1 in Ventures. His tutor Donna says, "Recently he took a trip and had no problems using English while he travelled. The friend he visited could see how much his English had improved. He commented on how well he

could express himself. The people that he works with say that he speaks English well, and his grammar is especially good. Pierre always shows appreciation for the lessons he is learning." His tutor is very proud of his hard work. This is so great to hear!



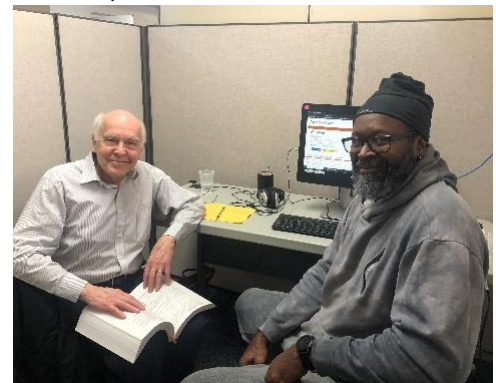
We really love hearing about learner successes from our tutors! **Especially about how education can improve lives for generations!**

Marybeth, who tutors **Amino**, says: "Amino only had two years of formal schooling in her home country...making learning to read in English all the more challenging. Realizing she needed more practice, I suggested we do some books from the library. We each get our own copy out so we can view it together over Zoom. She was willing to do children's books, and recently finished her first book! She is hoping to read this book to her youngest son." They sure look like they also have lots of fun learning together! (Amino and Marybeth pictured left)



Another ESL learner who advanced a level but is not pictured is **Lixi**. She is making great progress as well!

We also had several **GED learners** move up a book level in their learning. **Fothen** advanced to the GED level book in Math! He and his tutor Bill enjoy their time together studying math (both are pictured to the right and Fothen is on the right in the photo). They have really gotten to know and appreciate one another. Bill says he learns more about Math as he explains it in different ways for different learners to understand. We are lucky to see them both weekly when they meet for their lesson. Keep up the good work!



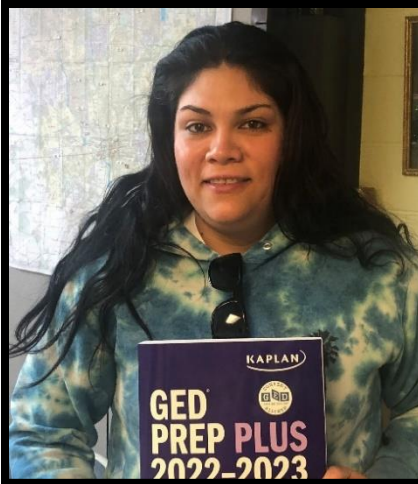
Not pictured are **Sonia S.** who moved up a level in math and **Laurie N.** moved up to the final level in Language Arts. Congratulations to you both!

We have ELEVEN more learners who passed a part of the GED test!

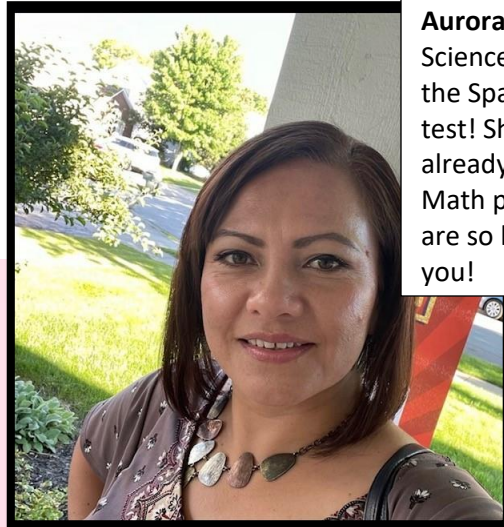
Ten of the eleven who passed part of the GED are in our Spanish GED program! As one of the few Spanish GED programs in the area, we are so lucky to have Program Manager Adriana and Spanish GED instructors Carol and Melony. They are great teachers and are always encouraging our Spanish GED learners!

Not pictured are Spanish GED learner **Hermes**, who passed the Language Arts portion of the test, and **Catalina** who passed the Social Studies portion. We hope to hear more about both of their successes. Keep up the great work!

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!!



GED learner **Catherine** passed the Language Arts portion of the GED test! She is so happy that she will be able to continue with her current tutor, Jane, as she prepares for the Social Studies portion of the test. Congratulations Catherine!



Aurora passed the Science portion of the Spanish GED test! She also already passed the Math portion. We are so happy for you!



Spanish GED learner **Euridice** passed Language Arts in January, Science in February and just passed Social Studies! We are VERY hopeful that she will be on our graduation podium this year. Good luck with Math, Euridice!

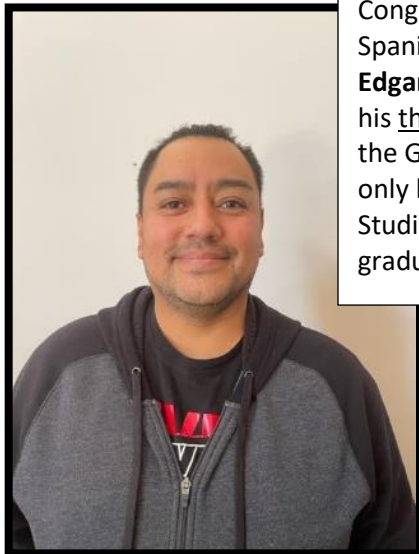
Elias passed BOTH the Science and Language arts portion of the Spanish GED test this past month! That's two sections in one month! Congratulations Elias!



Spanish GED learner **Amparo** just passed the Science portion of the Spanish GED! She already passed Language Arts, so she is well on her way to getting her GED!

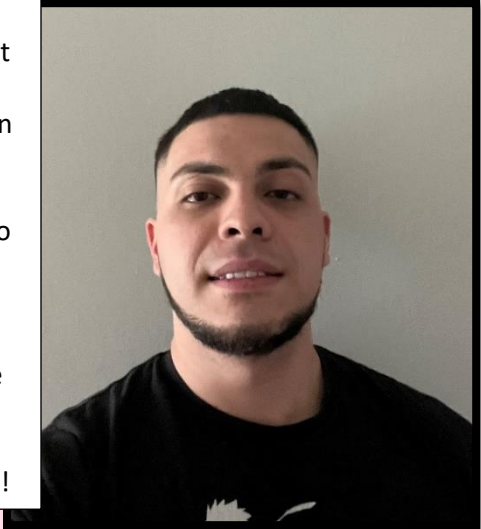
Hilda passed the Science section of the Spanish GED test, she has already passed Language Arts. Way to go Hilda!





Congratulations to Spanish GED learner **Edgar** for passing his third subject of the GED test! He only has Social Studies left to be a graduate!

Sergio is on our waitlist for the next session of Spanish GED so he has been coming into our office regularly to get a quiet space to work on our Aztec computer learning program. His hard work paid off since he just passed the Language Arts Portion of the GED!



Congratulations!

Our March attendance and Aztec winners are:
Attendance (GED/ABE) – Hibo F.
Attendance (ESL) – Mario D.
Aztec – Patrick W.


Keep up the good work!!

We still need more ESL tutors!

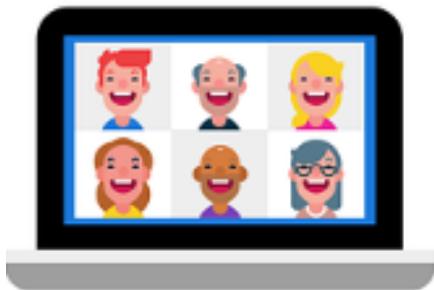
New ESL learners are having to wait longer than we would like to be matched with a tutor. If anyone is interested in taking on another learner or know anyone interested in tutoring, please contact Annette at 614-444-7330 x2 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org
YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE TO BE AN ESL TUTOR.

Our next tutor training is

Saturday, May 20th from 9am-12:30pm



[Click here for more information](#)



Zoom with us and other tutors!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow tutors and share ideas and strategies with them. Meetings will be:

- GED Language Arts – 2nd Thursday of the month (4/13) at noon
- GED Math – 2nd Monday of the month (4/17) at noon (since we are closed on the 10th)
- All tutors (ESL & GED) – 3rd Wednesday of the month (4/19) at 7:30 pm

See the tutor newsletter email for Zoom meeting ID's and Passcodes – These will change each month.

