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



Dear DLC community,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well. It was wonderful to see some of you at the Martin de Porres Center for our first Culture Forum. I absolutely love to hear peoples' stories and was glad that many of you took the time to come out and spend some time listening to our speakers' stories. Of course, I am especially grateful to our presenters who were willing to share their experiences in education with us. Our panel was comprised of two Dominican Sisters who are living at the Columbus Mother House while studying at ODU and three DLC learners. Thank you again to Sr. Silvia – Zaire, Sr. Runy – Zimbabwe, Patrick – Liberia, Aurora – Mexico, and Estrella – Mexico. I also want to thank Theresa (DLC tutor and Advisory Council member) and the rest of the team that worked so hard to put this event together. We are planning to have a similar event in the fall, so hopefully we will see you then!

We are also looking forward to the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Invitations were sent out to our volunteers last week. Tutors, please make sure to check the invite and RSVP by May 2 so we know if we can expect to see you there or not. Please also note that on that day, May 16th, the office will close early so that we can prepare for the evening event.

As the days get longer, it feels that they also get busier. I know it is difficult to keep up with everything and often it is the studying that ends up getting cut from people's schedules. Please know that we understand if you need to take a break. We just ask that you communicate that with us and with each other (your learner/tutor) if you need to take some time off from your tutoring commitment. We will continue to be here for you either way.

Thank you again for the part that you play in our DLC community. It is a joy to work with you! Peace and blessings,

Denise





We will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at The Martin De Porres Center on May 16th. Tutors, if you haven't already done so, please <u>RSVP by May 2nd</u>.



Congratulations to Our Learners!



Many congratulations to **Teresita** who passed both the Social Studies and Math portions of the Spanish GED test! She also recently passed the Language Arts portion and only has to pass Science to get her GED. Good luck Teresita! We are all rooting for you!



Congratulations again to **Catherine**! She passed the Social Studies portion of the GED! She just passed the Language Arts portion of the GED last month and is making such great strides toward her goals!



Elias is making <u>AMAZING PROGRESS</u>! He passed the Social Studies portion of the GED this past month! He had already passed <u>BOTH</u> the Science and Language arts portion of the Spanish GED test in March! Only one to Go!

Aurora passed the Social Studies portion of the Spanish GED! She only needs to pass one more test to receive her GED!!!





Catalina!

Spanish GED learner **Catalina** passed the Math portion of the GED exam! She just passed the Social Studies portion last month. She is making great progress toward obtaining her GED!

WE HAVE ANOTHER GRADUATE!



Edgar earned his **G E D**!!!

Spanish GED learner **Edgar** passed ALL four parts of the GED exam ***** and RECEIVED HIS GED!!!!! CONGRATULATIONS EDGAR!



GED learner **Patrick** pictured here with his tutor Dan advanced to the next level in his Language Arts studies. Dan says, "We have worked very hard since early September. Patrick has three children and two jobs and also started his own cleaning firm. Through all that, he stays committed to weekly lessons and always comes prepared and excited to learn about new stories in our book. He is anxious to start the next book so he can gain a step closer to his GED." Now <u>that</u> is commitment!

ESL learner **Khadra** pictured to the right moved up <u>another</u> level in her studies and is making amazing progress. She got through this level very quickly! ESL learner **Fares** also went up a level in her studies and is making amazing progress!





We still need more ESL tutors!

New ESL learners are having to wait longer than we would like to be matched with a tutor. Unfortunately, this is a trend across the country. 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 <u>next</u> tutor training is Saturday, May 20th from 9am-12:30pm

<u>Please note:</u> We especially need ESL tutors to meet with learners at the Hilltop and <u>Westland Libraries</u>. We also have a great need for tutors to meet with learners at the following libraries: Bexley, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, Gahanna, Southeast, Northern Lights and also at the DLC. If you would rather tutor in our GED program, we would be happy for you to join us as a tutor also!





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: -<u>GED Language Arts</u> – 2nd Thursday of the month (5/11) at noon -<u>GED Math</u> – 2nd Monday of the month (5/8) at noon -<u>All tutors (ESL & GED)</u> – 3rd Wednesday of the month (5/17) at 7:30 pm <u>See the tutor newsletter email for Zoom meeting ID's and Passcodes –</u> <u>These will change each month.</u>

