

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



June 2023



Dear DLC community,

It's hard to believe that it is June already and time to start planning our summer. The DLC will remain open for much of the summer, but we will not be enrolling any new learners until the start of the new school year in the fall.

By now you (hopefully) are aware that we will be moving to a **new location in German Village**. According to the discussions with all who are involved in renovating the new space, we should be able to move at the end of September/beginning of October. I will continue to keep you posted regarding the timeline for the move as well as the **Grand Opening**. I hope you plan to attend once we have more information to share.

It was so nice to visit with the volunteer teachers, tutors and DLC staff that attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last month! I am so grateful to have the best volunteers in Columbus and it is always a joy to spend time with you! I want to give a special thank you to Susan and her learner, Fartun, for creating the video that we were able to share with all of the guests at the event. Also, a very special thank you to Sr. Shawn and her learner, Deron, for their presentation. We applaud you both for your hard work, determination, and willingness to share your story so as to inspire those around you. Thank you.

Tutors, please remember to send us your attendance sheets for this year. If you need a new one, you can find the form on the DLC website under tutor resources or you can contact the front office for a new copy.

As always, if you have any questions or if you need anything from the DLC, please don't hesitate to reach out. Peace and blessings,  
Denise



### *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*



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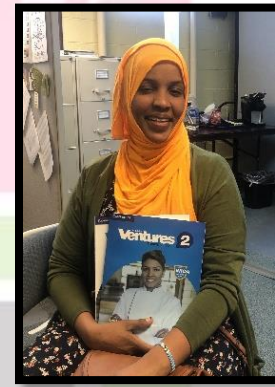
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## Congratulations to Our Learners!

Sister Robin, our ESL Manager, was especially delighted with an email she received from one of our ESL learners, **Thanina**. Thanina is very thankful for her tutor Sara and the help she has received through the DLC. She has improved her English to the extent that she has been able to share her passion for baking; start a Facebook page; and better communicate and interact with others. She says she is able to take orders "without hesitation". She is also "able to make doctor's appointments, go to the doctor and discuss easily with the medical staff without requesting an interpreter. I feel more comfortable with the English language." It is so wonderful to see examples of the difference tutors make in the lives of our learners, their families and community!

ESL learner **Fares** (below left) advanced to the Ventures Transitions (level 5) textbook and is moving along quickly in his studies. **Felipa's** (below middle) tutor Paul says, "Congratulations to Felipa for completing the *Ventures 4* textbook and beginning the *Ventures Transitions* textbook.....She has repeatedly demonstrated a commitment to mastering the material in the Ventures series. Thank you Felipa for all of your hard work and commitment." **Ifran** (below right) moved up to Ventures 2 and shared how thankful she is for the progress she is making with the help of her tutor. **Walkiria** (not pictured) also advanced a level and is doing very well in her studies.



**ESL parish site** learners have made amazing progress with the help of their volunteer teachers and site coordinators! Before the summer break each year, we have our end of the year celebrations. Our first celebration was with the Bishop Ready (Saint Mary Magdalene) classes. We look forward to celebrating with the other ESL sites very soon and learning more about the cultures, traditions, and food of the home countries of our learners!



Our GED programs have a number of learners who moved up a level in their studies. **Nate** (right) is tutored by Sister Mary A. Deane and is advancing to the Challenger 8 and Mastering Vocabulary texts. He works very hard to apply what he studies. He is also a gifted and exceptionally creative artist, and we are honored to have one of his works in our lobby! We are also very proud of **Tiffany** (not pictured) who moved up to the GED test prep (final level) in Language Arts. Her tutor Ruth says she is making great progress, is very motivated and a hard worker. We know her life has been quite busy, but she keeps working toward her goal of getting her GED. Not pictured are **Sahro** who moved up to the Pre-GED level book in Math and **Fatu**, also who moved up a book level in Math. Congratulations to all of you and all of our GED/ABE learners who have worked diligently over the past year!



Our GED programs also have two learners who passed another part of the GED test. **Amparo** (left) and **Hilda** (right) both passed their third subject of the GED test. They both only have Math remaining. Congratulations to you! Both of you are so close to getting your GED!

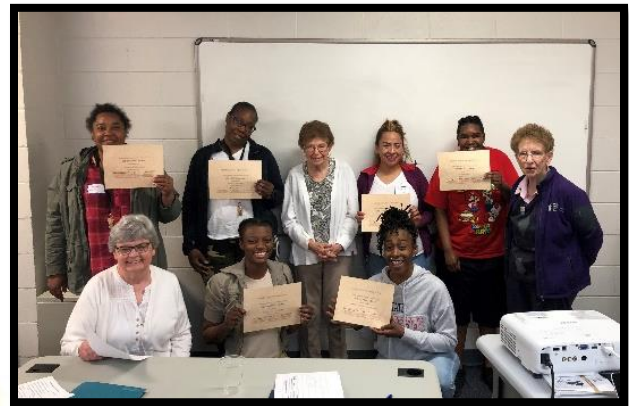


**We have Four new Graduates!!!**  
**Catalina, Aurora, Teresita, and Elias earned their GED!**



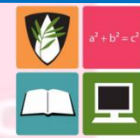
**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!!**  
**MAY YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!**

We began a new **Spanish GED** session this month and are excited to be able to guide these new learners (pictured below on the left) on their GED path! We also finished our final **English GED Success Orientation Class** of the school year. We are happy to be adding 14 new learners (some of whom are pictured below on the right) to the program this month.



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## We need more ESL and GED tutors!

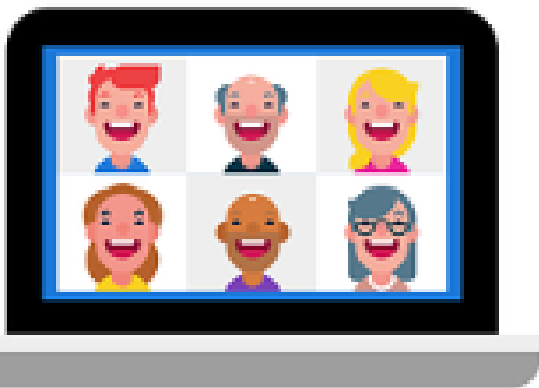
New ESL learners are having to wait longer than we would like to be matched with a tutor. If anyone is interested in taking on another learner or knows anyone interested in tutoring, please contact Annette at 614-444-7330 x2 or [Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org](mailto:Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org) **YOU DO NOT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

Also, we have added more learners to our **GED program**, and we can also use more tutors who can help them in the areas of **Language Arts and Math**.

**Our final tutor training of the school year is Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-7:30pm**

**Please note our areas of high need:**

- **Hilltop/West Side (ESL).**
- **Bexley, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, Gahanna, Southeast, Northern Lights and the DLC. (ESL and GED)**



## **ATTENTION TUTORS:**

### **Zoom with us and other tutors!**

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

- GED Language Arts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (6/8) at noon
- GED Math – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (6/12) at noon
- All tutors (ESL & GED) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (6/21) at 7:30 pm

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

