



DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear DLC Community,

November has arrived, and with it, we have some exciting news and updates to share with you in this edition of our newsletter.

First and foremost, we are thrilled to welcome two new members to our Advisory Council. Sue and Laura bring with them a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion for our mission. Their insights and contributions will undoubtedly help us continue to grow and serve our community even better.

Another exciting piece of news is that our long-awaited new location is nearing completion. We have been informed that it should be ready toward the end of this month. The DLC staff is working hard to prepare for the move and if all goes as planned, we are aiming to start relocating in early December. This marks a significant milestone in our journey, and we are eager to return to our regular programming in the new space. In preparation for this move, we want to inform you that we will be closed the week after Thanksgiving. This break will allow us to focus on the transition and ensure that everything is in place for our new location. Additionally, we may have a brief closure in early December to complete the move, but we will keep you updated on the specifics as the time approaches.

We encourage you to take a moment to read about our learner successes. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a remarkable group of learners, individuals who exemplify talent, determination, resilience, and dedication. Your hard work and commitment to learning inspire us every day, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be part of your educational journey.

Lastly, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our tutors and donors. Your unwavering support is what makes all of this possible. Your dedication to our cause empowers our learners to thrive, and we are immensely thankful for your contributions. We want to thank The Southeast Lions Club and The Providence Fund for their continued support and recent donations and grants.

As we enter the holiday season and reflect on our achievements, we remain committed to our mission of providing exceptional education and support to all members of our community, and we look forward to the continued growth of our Dominican Learning Center. Thank you for being part of our community, and we wish you a joyful and educational November!

Peace and blessings,

Denise




We will be closed from Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, December 1st for the Thanksgiving Holiday and moving preparations!

We hope your holiday is full of love, laughter and thanksgiving!

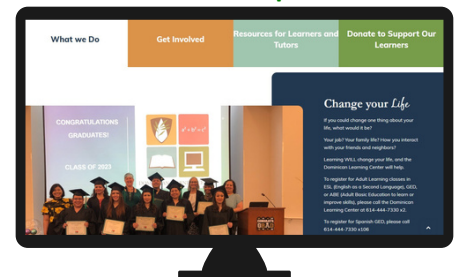
OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE IS HERE!

Our new website has many new features including the ability to change the text to most languages. **This will be especially helpful to new potential learners struggling to understand the different ESL programs available in the Columbus area!**

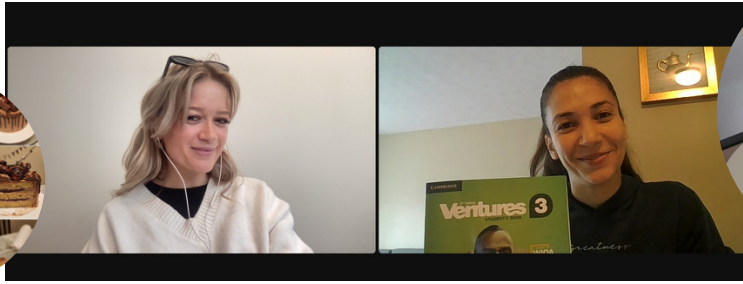
Please be patient with us during our transition as we are still working out a couple of issues and please call or email if you have any questions not answered on the website. Also, please let us know if you have any suggestions to improve the website or have any problems viewing it on different devices.

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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS



Thanina (pictured above right with her tutor Sarah) has excelled as a student over the past year and has recently advanced to Ventures 3! Her tutor Sarah says, "We've spent significant time focusing on communication and applying newly learned grammar elements to everyday speech. Her speaking abilities have improved immensely, and she has grown confident speaking to others regarding a variety of topics. Thanina has used her English language skills to create an **online pastry business**, and she takes orders and posts her creations on Facebook. I'm proud of Thanina's progress and will always admire her work ethic and eagerness to improve her skills!"

Thanina is a very determined learner and a joy to have in our program! She is also the mother of two young children and her husband is also an ESL learner at the DLC. You will be able to sample some of her baked goods at one of our community functions very soon (hopefully our open house at the new location). You can view her facebook page at this link: [Louisa Gourmandie](#)



One of our very special GED/ABE learners, **Deron**, just advanced a level in his Language Arts studies with Sister Shawn. Deron was featured in our February 2023 Newsletter and came to us not being able to read. He is well on his way to being able to read and write.



OUR GED LEARNERS ARE PASSING TESTS!



Spanish GED learner **Ivan** (left) passed the Social Studies portion of the exam! We are so proud of him and thankful that he is improving his life by working toward his goals with us!

Martha (right) passed the Social Studies portion of the GED test. She is also in our Spanish GED program and the mother of Ivan! She is very happy to be working toward her life goals along with her son.



GED learner **Sabrina** (left) passed her Science test! She and her tutor, Sue, have worked hard to make this happen. Now she only has two tests left before earning her GED. Way to go, Sabrina!!



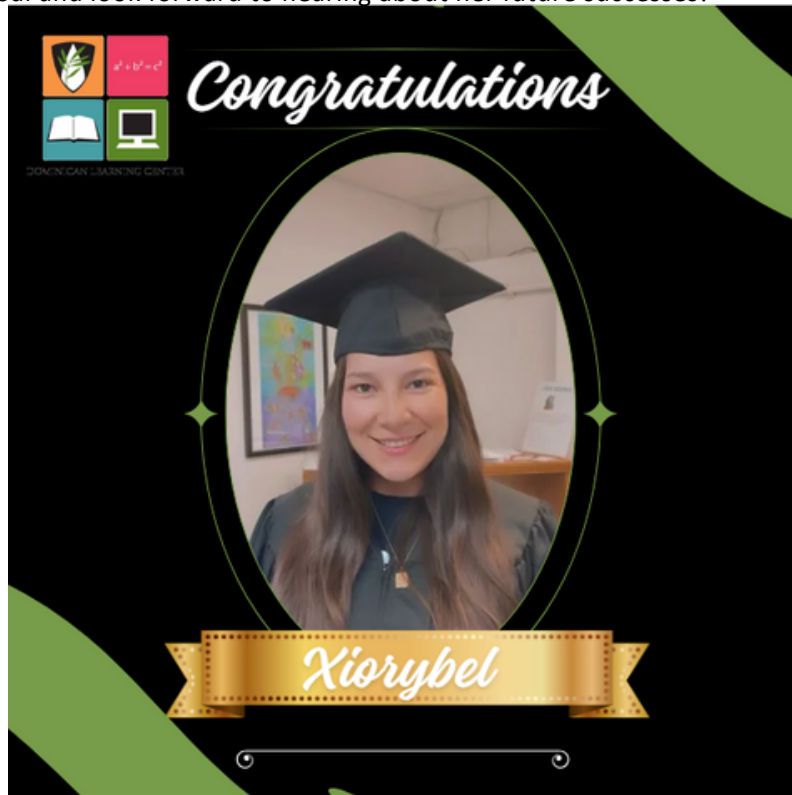
GED learner **Esbeidy** (right) passed the Language Arts portion of the GED exam! She is a newer learner with the DLC and we are so impressed with how hard she is working to achieve her goals especially considering she is expecting a new addition to her family very soon.



GED learner **Ladan** (not pictured) passed the Math Portion of the GED exam! She impressed us from the moment she walked into our Center and is extremely motivated and has continued to impress us with her determination and with how quickly she learns. We expect she will pass the Language Arts portion of the exam soon too!

CONGRATULATIONS TO XIORYBEL! SHE IS THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE DLC CLASS OF 2023-2024!

Spanish GED learner Xiorybel has swiftly passed all four tests that make up the GED exam. We are honored to have helped her achieve this goal and look forward to hearing about her future successes!



Congratulations!

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Hawo (GED/ABE)

Amina (ESL)

Luis (Spanish GED)

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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 – 2nd Thursday of the month (11/9) at noon
- GED Math – 2nd Monday of the month (11/13) at noon
- ESL Tutors – Please contact our ESL Coordinator Sister Robin Richard or our Director, Denise Hilliard anytime you have questions or concerns.

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



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