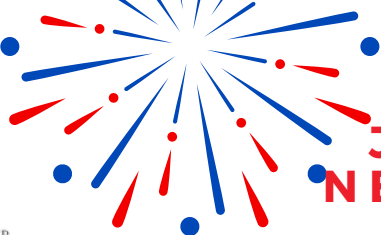




DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER



JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear DLC Community,

We had a very busy few months with graduation and various end-of-year celebrations. Each was a reminder to me of the hard work each of you puts into this. To our dedicated teachers and students at the parishes, thank you for a great year. We look forward to having you back in the fall! For our one-to-one matches, I appreciate your commitment as well. I also understand that many of you are in summer-mode and some of you are finding it difficult to keep up with the tutoring sessions. If you are still going strong, congratulations to you! If you need to take a break so that you can focus on other things for a while, that is fine too. Please just make sure to stay in communication with your tutor/learner and stick with whatever plan you have made to come back to your studies in the fall. We will be happy to welcome you back when that time comes!

This summer we are going to remain open as long as we are able, but we will have to close the Center for a few weeks when we get closer to the move. Unfortunately, I cannot say with any certainty when that will be. In the meantime, we will not be accepting any new learners into our program, but we will do our best to continue to support those tutors and learners who are already with us. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. In September, which is very likely before we are able to move to the new location, we will begin enrollment again for both the ESL and the ABE/GED program.

Tutors, please note that for the month of July only we will not have the tutor zooms. They will start up again next month. Also, if you have not already done so, please hand in your attendance sheets.

Once again, thank you for being a part of the Dominican Learning Center!

Peace and blessings,

Denise

LEARNING!

PARISH ESL CLASS CELEBRATIONS! WHAT A GREAT YEAR WE HAD!

FRIENDSHIP!



COMMUNITY!



CELEBRATING OUR LEARNERS

ESL tutor Matt meets with two learners, **Yahaira** and **Thecede**, weekly, online through Zoom. Yahaira came in to get her higher-level book and amazed us with how well she carried on a conversation in English! When she began with us a year ago, she was unable to communicate in English at all! She attributes this to her great tutor and also because she uses English the majority of the time in her everyday life.

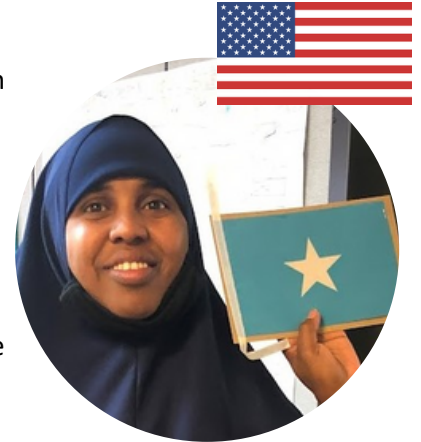
Thecede is also very happy with the progress he has made over the last year and a half. He says he has improved his pronunciation and grammar which in turn has improved his everyday life. He wants to thank his tutor Matt for his patience, friendship and always looking for new ways to help him improve his English.



When ESL learner **Ovaldo** (left) came in to get his next-level book, he impressed us with his great pronunciation. He says being tutored has made a such a difference in his life.

ESL learner **Nimo** (right) also went up a level and her tutor Margaret advised us that she also obtained her **United States Citizenship!**

Other ESL learners who advanced but are not pictured are **Javier, Angelica, Emmanuela, and Peniel**. Peniel says she has the best tutor. Before she was not able to understand what people were saying in English. Now she can understand and reply!



GED learner's **Zuli** and **Hawo** (not pictured) also moved up a level in their studies. Hawo's tutor wrote in saying, "Hawo's writing skills are improving each week. She is determined to get her GED and works very hard in her studies. Bravo, Hawo!"

WE HAVE TWO MORE GRADUATES!!! AMPARO AND EURIDICE EARNED THEIR G E D!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER CLASS OF 2023!

Adriana, Amparo, Aurora, Carmen, Catalina, Edgar, Elias, Euridice, Isabel, Saharla and Teresita!

Hard work, perseverance, and determination got you here. We were delighted to celebrate this joyous and momentous event with you and your families, and it was an honor to help you along in your journey! Please stay in touch!



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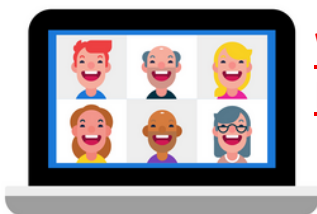
"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart."

**60 YEARS
PROFESSED**



**65 YEARS
PROFESSED**

WE ARE BLESSED BY YOUR PRESENCE!



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WE WILL NOT HAVE TUTOR ZOOMS THIS MONTH BUT WILL RETURN IN AUGUST.

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