

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

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Dear DLC community,

This month has been a great one and we have so much to be proud of here at the DLC! There have been some wonderful success stories (see the next page for more details about that) and we couldn't be happier for those individuals who have worked so hard to achieve their goals! I am also filled with gratitude for the many blessings this center offers. With Thanksgiving approaching, I am reminded to recognize those gifts for which I am thankful. Of course, top on my list are the amazing staff, tutors, and learners that make up this DLC community. I am grateful every day that I am able to be a part of this wonderful place. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with peace, joy, and countless blessings.



New Staff: Some of you may have noticed some new faces around the DLC. We are happy to have a new volunteer with us, Sister Kathy, pictured left. She is helping in the office on Tuesday mornings. She will be assisting in the office and helping to administer ESL testing and registration. She just moved to Columbus from Michigan. She has served in many areas such as hospital ministry, physical fitness, laughter medicine, and program management. We also welcome Rea, pictured to the right, who is a language arts tutor at the DLC and is also helping us by cleaning the DLC each week. It is great to have them both with us and I hope you get a chance to say hi to them if you are in the DLC.



Learner Liaisons: We are very happy to welcome Thelemak, pictured to the right, as a new learner liaison! He will be working with Haitian learners and other French Speakers in the ESL program. He is also teaching a group of Haitian learners who tested at the same ESL level. Sister Manuela will continue as the learner liaison for Spanish speakers, Fartun for Somali learners, and Martha will continue as the GED/ABE liaison. Our learner liaisons have been a great help in reaching out to learners (and sometimes tutors as well) to see if they need additional support.



Culture Forums: Our apologies about the schedule change, but we had to postpone the promised culture forums. Please look for more information about these in the coming months. The new dates will be sometime in the early part of the new year.

DLC Move: We were happy to be able to participate in the groundbreaking



ceremony at our soon-to-be new home on the campus of Saint Mary's in German Village on October 17th! We are so excited as each new step is taken to make a vision into a reality. The Dominican Learning Center and the Nationwide Hospital Student Health Center will share a building there to provide resources to the community. We expect to move to our new location sometime in the fall of 2023.



(Photos courtesy of The Columbus Dispatch)

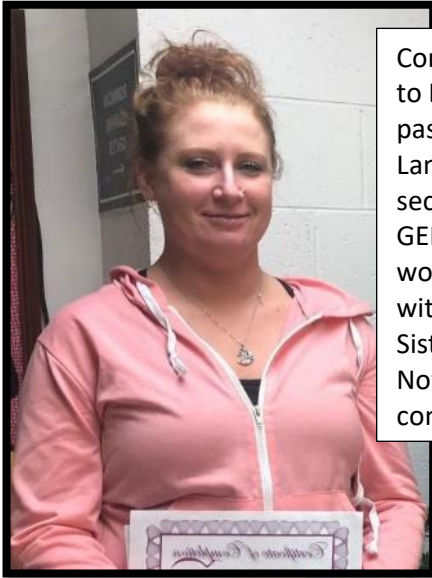
[St. Mary German Village to add health clinic, adult learning center \(dispatch.com\)](https://www.dispatch.com/content/news/St.-Mary-German-Village-to-add-health-clinic-adult-learning-center_10-17-22.html)

We Need More Tutors!!!

Our next tutor training (part 1) is Monday, November 14th, from 6pm-7:30pm at the DLC

We are getting more learners all the time and need more tutors to be matched with them. If you know anyone who might be a good fit as an ESL or GED tutor (Math or Language Arts), please have them contact Annette Cohn at (614)444-7330x2 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity. Also, if you want to tutor an additional learner in any subject area, please let us know. (Note: this training will cover part 1 of 3 of the tutor training. The other trainings will be scheduled with the appropriate staff member as both of your schedules allow).

Look at what our learners are accomplishing!



Congratulations to Lindsey! She passed the Language Arts section of the GED! She has worked so hard with her tutor, Sister Caroline. Now she is on to conquer Math!



Congratulations to Angela! She passed the both the math and the Science portions of the GED! She and her tutor, George, have a lot to be proud of!



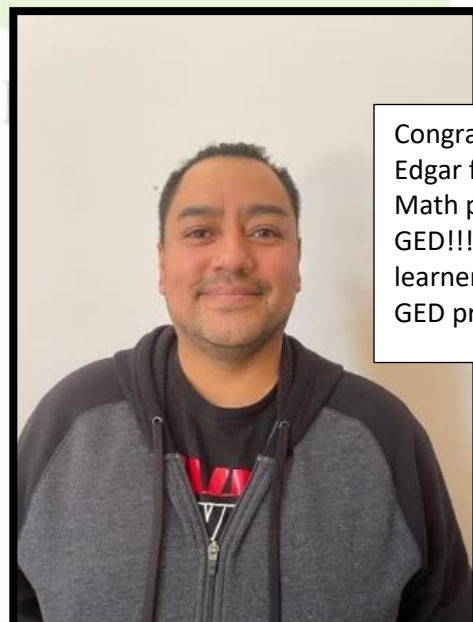
Congratulations to Carmen for passing the Science portion of the GED!!! Carmen is a learner in our Spanish GED program.



Congratulations to Keishanta! She passed the Social Studies portion of the GED (she had already passed Language Arts). She and her tutor, Katherine, will now move on to Math together.



Congratulations to Hilda for passing the Language Arts section of the GED!!! Hilda is a learner in our Spanish GED program.



Congratulations to Edgar for passing the Math portion of the GED!!! He is also a learner in our Spanish GED program.

Here are some other wonderful student success stories we are excited to share with you!



Congratulations to Ifrah who passed her citizenship test in August! A huge thanks to her tutor, Karen, who has been a great help along the way. We are so happy for Ifrah, and, as she continues her studies, we are awaiting more news of her successes!

Congratulations to Mariama! She passed her citizenship test with the help of her ESL tutor, Penny!!!



GED Learner, Mamusu, advanced to a new book level in Math.

Congratulations to our October attendance and Aztec winners!

Attendance (GED/ABE) - Wanda
Attendance (ESL) – Maria
Aztec – Bernice

Keep up the good work!!

SOUTHEAST LIONS



The Club That Gets Things Done



A special thanks to the Southeast Lions Club for their continued support of our programming! We are extremely grateful to them for always supporting the DLC and our learners!

[Don't forget to like us on Facebook to stay on top of all that is happening at the DLC!](#)



Note: The DLC will be CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, the 24th and Friday the 25th.

Join us for Tutor Zooms! 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 (11/10) at noon
- GED Math – 2nd Monday of the month (11/14) at noon
- All tutors (ESL & GED) – 3rd Wednesday of the month (11/16) at 7:00 pm

For each of these zooms, the link is:

<https://DominicanSistersofPeace.zoom.us/j/6144447330?pwd=NnEyMENzeFlEb2NJMHRkdWRBUmlFQT09>

Please reach out to us if you would like to share a learner success story or share your appreciation of your tutor, a staff member, or volunteer. You can email Annette.Cohn@opeace.org or call 614-444-7330 x2 or contact any staff member.

We apologize to anyone who attempted to join a tutor zoom last month when our internet was down. We have worked with the internet provider and do not anticipate any more issues.

Have a great Thanksgiving!



*******Please read on to see our "Spotlight on Sister Shawn!"**

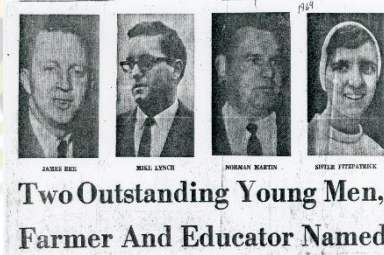


Spotlight On: Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick OP

If you know Sister Shawn, you know she loves Saint Patrick's Day. In fact, she can often be seen donning green throughout the whole month leading up to the holiday! At 83, Sister Shawn is still going strong and changing lives! She is a hard worker but also the first to have some fun! Besides tutoring at the DLC, she teaches the GED Success Course for our new learners. Sister Shawn also has many responsibilities at the Motherhouse, working with Associates and with Saint Vincent De Paul at Holy Spirit Parish. She is on call for other sisters who need someone with them during a hospital stay. She also tries to help her sisters who do not drive so they can get out to a restaurant or store, or just get out in nature.

Sister Shawn taught elementary school for 16 years and was an elementary school principal for 23 years in Pittsburgh and at Holy Spirit Elementary in Columbus. She was also the director of the Dominican Learning Center for 11 years. After retirement from the role as director, she was grateful to be able to focus more on her love of teaching and has been a tutor at the center for 9 years. She currently tutors 6 learners. It's no coincidence that her learners are rapidly progressing. All her learners are hard workers who rarely miss a lesson as they continue persevering to reach their goals.

Sister Shawn is great at making everyone feel welcome at the center! She is very special to all her know her and a true example of God's love in the world!



Reward for summer reading

After a Thursday, Sept. 21, welcome-back assembly, 72 students at Columbus Holy Spirit School are rewarded with a "Make Your Own Sundae" celebration for their participation in a summer-reading program. With them is their principal, Dominican Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick.
Carroll Times 11/5/2000
CT photo courtesy of Holy Spirit School



Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick Awards

- Outstanding Young Educator – Zanesville, Ohio
- 1996, 2002 – Diocese of Columbus nominee for NCEA Principal of the Year
- 1998 Boston College – Graduated with highest honors
- 2002 – Bishop Griffin Award for Outstanding Principal – Columbus Diocese
- Outstanding Service Award – Holy Spirit Parish
- Outstanding Faith Award – Spirituality Network

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