

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

Dear DLC community,

We have arrived at the end of our academic year and are ever grateful to all of you for being a part of the Dominican Learning Center this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed finally getting to know some of you now that the pandemic has lessened enough for us to meet in person again. I have especially enjoyed watching the progress made as learners reach academic goals and set and work towards new ones. My other favorite part of this position is getting to meet so many wonderful people and to see them form meaningful relationships. I am reminded everyday that we truly have the best tutors and the best learners and I can also say that I have the best coworkers. I am so glad to get to work with you all!

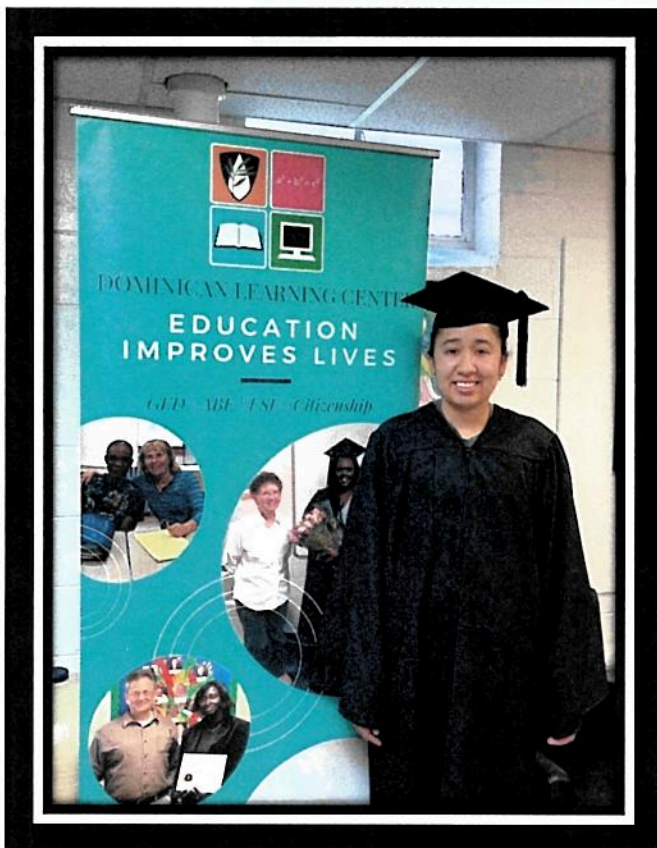
Thank you to those tutors who have already handed in your attendance sheets! We need those numbers for tracking and for grant purposes, so we really appreciate your attention in that matter. If you have not yet handed in your attendance sheets, please do so as soon as you are able.

Because I always want to show off the great things that are going on here, I've been having fun adding posts to our facebook page. Please like the page and follow and tell your friends to do the same so they too can see what we are up to.

Though it is a ways off, I wanted to let you all know that **we will be closed for the first two weeks in August.** There will be other times that various staff will be away as well, but in general you can reach someone at the DLC if you need anything. For the time being our summer hours will remain the same as they have been.

Please mark your calendar for our **Fall Open House on September 17, 2022 from 3:00-5:00 pm.** We are inviting all tutors, learners, their families, and other members of the community to join us for food, games, and socializing (and sharing about the programs we offer). I will share more details as we get closer to the date, but I at least wanted to make sure you had it on your radar.

Learner Success Stories:



We have another graduate!! Congratulations to Isabel for taking and passing all four tests and for earning your GED!



Tina, one of our long-term ESL tutors, shared that her learner, **Taku** (pictured here with his wife) **has been promoted to general sales manager for Matsumoto U.S. Technologies, Inc.** with responsibility for the territory of IN, OH, MI, KY, AL and Canada. He will be moving to Alabama, but first, "to serve as a reminder of his time in Ohio," the match and their spouses met and spent the day together touring a dairy farm.

Two of our ESL learners at one of the parish sites have opened their own pastry business! Husband and wife Edgar and Hilda brought samples to the end of year celebrations at two of the parish sites and it was delicious! Best of luck in your new business adventure!



Congratulations to Omar, who passed his citizenship test! I hope to be able to include a picture for the next time, but for now I want to at least send our sincere best wishes to him (and thank you to Dennis for all the work you did to help Omar reach this goal!)

Juliana had asked previously that I not share her picture, but she was happy to share her news – and I wanted to pass it along. When she came to the DLC in the fall of 2020, Juliana was determined to get her GED so that she could go to nursing school and become a nurse. She earned her GED last year in May and by June she had already begun an intensive course in nursing. She called me last week to again thank the DLC for everything they had done to assist her and to notify us that she had earned her LPN! She is already looking to further her education and become an RN. Obviously, I know she can do it if she says she will! Congratulations to one of the DLC's star former students.



Last month the Marthas awarded a grant to the Dominican Learning Center. We are extremely blessed to have their support! I am also grateful to Kris, one of our



After already celebrating the end of the year at other parishes, in June we had an end-of-year celebration at Christ the King as well. We look forward to starting the program back up again in the fall!



Each year at the ESL sites we start out with a pre-test and finish the year with a post-test. Some people made significant progress and I want to congratulate them here. The two learners who made the most progress (according to the tests) at each site will be given a \$25 gift certificate. Our winners are:

- Christ the King - Pablo, with an increase of 29 points & Mercedes, with an increase of 32 points
- St. Mary Magdalene - Orlando, with an increase of 32 points & Andres, with an increase of 20 points
- St. James the Less - Mery, with an increase of 20 points & Catarina, with an increase of 21 points
- St. Peter - Fortunata, with an increase of 5 points & Virginia, with an increase of 1 point

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and commitment to improving your English language skills!

Attendance winner for June: Lidia
AZTEC winner for June: Fatu

Reminder: The DLC will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of the Holiday.