

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



Dear tutors,

Happy March to everyone! I hope you are doing well and soaking up these fresh rays of sunshine and happiness! There has been a lot going on in the world and everyday I count myself blessed to be where I am. I am continually grateful to be surrounded by such dedicated and giving people. Every day I am inspired by the generosity and commitment of our tutors and the perseverance and resiliency of our learners. Thank you so much for all that you do to make the DLC and this world a better place!



Most recent Success Course graduates.



Some members of the staff celebrating our Feb. birthdays.

Current program stats:

ABE/GED

- In February we accepted eight more learners into the GED program. Six of them are pictured above. Each is waiting to be matched with a tutor and we are anxious to make that happen soon.
- Not counting those that just joined us, we now have 89 learner/tutor matches.
- **Martha**, our Learner Liaison, has been making phone calls and checking on our active matches. With her help, we have been able to follow up a little better and ensure we are meeting the needs of our learners (or at least better understanding them).
- This month we also had one student leave us – BECAUSE SHE EARNED HER GED!



Left: **Michelle** proudly showing off her hard-earned diploma! We also give a big shout out to **John M**, a tutor who has been with the DLC for 9 years. In the fall of last year, John agreed to work with Michelle who only had the Math portion left to obtain her GED. Thank you, John M for your time and support! It definitely paid off!

Other DLC Updates:

- New Mission Statement and Strategic Plan! The DLC has a new Mission Statement: **The Dominican Learning Center improves the lives of adult learners through education.** Next we (the advisory council) will begin to work on the strategic plan.
- Tutor Appreciation 2022! We still have not decided if this will be an in-person or a virtual event. Either way, please mark your calendars for **May 17, 2022**, for this event!
- Graduation will be on **May 21, 2022**! All the learners who have earned their GED this academic school year will be invited to attend (along with their tutors and family). More details to come as we get closer to it.

ESL libraries

- The wait list for learners in this program remains long and we continually have more wanting to enroll every day.
- Currently there are 133 active learners in this program and 97 active tutors.
- **Andy** has been making phone calls and checking on the learners in this program. He has already been able to provide Sr. Robin with a lot of very valuable information regarding our learners' personal situations as well as academic progress.
- Sr. Robin is in the process of trying to hire another learner liaison, this time someone who can communicate with our Somali learners, to ensure that we are connecting with all of our learners.

ESL parish sites

- Between the four parishes where we currently have programs, there are a total of 155 learners, 24 teachers, 4 teacher aids, and 2 OSU volunteers.
- **Sr. Manuela**, our learner liaison for our Spanish speaking ESL learners, has been reaching out to the learners at the various sites and reporting back about any needs with which we can be of assistance. We are so grateful to her and our other Learner Liaisons for the work they are doing!

Spanish GED

- The semester for this program just ended and the teachers and Adriana are encouraging the learners to start to take the various GED tests. We look forward to being able to report positive news about this very soon!

More Student Progress

We have more pictures for our wall of success!



Nancy moved up a book in Language Arts! Congrats to her and her tutor, Philip



Asma has also advanced a level in Language Arts! Here she is with her tutor, Sr. Shawn.



Urbano also advanced a book in his ESL studies! Here he is (right) with his amazing tutor, Geoff.



Amina also advanced a book in her ESL class. Here she is with her tutor **Sally** – who is zooming in from the **UK** to work with her!