

Adult Basic/Secondary Education and Family Literacy

JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE

Thumbs-up to the 2010 GED Graduates



As the spring semester came to a close and the summer months began, so had the bright futures for many students. On the evening of June 21, 2010, twenty-three students attended the annual GED Recognition Ceremony at John A. Logan College. Throughout the evening, you could overhear conversations taking place—all with the common theme of this being just the beginning

The ceremony began with the traditional, yet ever-producing -goose-bumps, Pomp and Circumstance playing as the students filed into the Tarvin and Crisp Rooms. As the pictures were being taken and with smiles across their faces, graduates took their places in

front of friends, family members and instructors. The students listened intently as Karla Tabing, Director of the Adult Education Program, began the ceremony with words of encouragement. She congratulated them and made special mention to those that may have played a role in their success.

Adam Jones, a recent graduate of the Adult Education Program and current student at John A. Logan College, addressed the students and the audience. Adam was also this year's recipient of the GED Scholarship. He spoke of the many obstacles that most of the students have faced, but stressed the invaluable importance and impact of education. Following Mr. Jones' speech, the Certificates of Accomplishment were presented to the students by Jake Rendleman, Member of the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees and the Illinois Community College Board, as well as ABE/GED Counselor Nikki Brooks. Following the ceremony, the students and their friends and family were able to continue their celebration by enjoying appetizers and cake.



2010 High School Graduates

The Adult Secondary Education program celebrated the end of the year with the annual Awards Night on May 25. Families and friends joined in the evening's celebration.



Top Row Left to Right:

Rachel Pursell-Herrin-May' 10, Samantha Garro-Herrin-May' 10, Evan McCree-Carterville-May' 10, Justin Beers-Carterville-March'10, Kayla Campbell-Marion-May' 10

Second Row Left to Right:

Preston Sims-Herrin-Dec' 10, Meleah Heim-Westfrankfort-May' 10, Emily Webb-West Frankfort-May' 10, Grant Kipping-Marion-Dec' 10, Will Luth-Marion-May' 10

Not pictured:

Cameron Horsely-West Frankfort-Dec' 10
Caleb Blumenstock-Marion-October' 10
Alex Heidbreder-Marion-May' 10
Jennifer VanZandt-Christian Fellowship-March' 10

"The whole purpose to education is to turn mirrors into windows."

~Sydney J. Harris



On April 14, the Adult Secondary Education and Early School Leaver Transition Programs participated in an Etiquette Luncheon at Mary's Restaurant in Herrin. Nicole Davis from SIUC led the instruction.



On April 8, the Adult Secondary Education and Early School Leaver Transition Programs enjoyed a day out of the classroom at SIUC Touch of Nature facility where they participated in team building activities.

Building Bridges Conference 2010

The Adult Education Program held its annual Building Bridges Conference on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. The conference was open to all students in the GED and ASE programs. The conference focused on transitioning students into further education and careers. The conference was held in the Tarvin and Crisp Banquet Rooms at John A. Logan College. There were a total of 44 students in attendance for the event. Breakout sessions were presented by Tony Calabrese, Stacy Holloway, Jane Minton and Tasha Coney and included: Making Connections--Getting Actively Involved, Financial Aid 101, College Success—What You Need to Know, and How to Have a Successful Interview. Students in attendance participated in a prize drawing.



Jane Minton, Director of Academic Advisement presented a session on "College Success ~ What You Need to Know"



Students listened while Stacy Holloway, Director of Scholarships and Alumni Services, spoke of filing for financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

Tony Calabrese, longtime health and fitness advocate has taught classes related to special populations and team-building. Tony was Key Note Speaker ~ "Making Connections-Information You Need To Be Successful"



Tony Calabrese Breakout Session on "Getting Actively Involved"



Tasha Coney Breakout Session on "Techniques for Effective Resume Building and Interviewing Skills"

Trivia Night—Fund Raiser

The Literacy Program's 3rd annual trivia fund raiser was held at the Cartersville Community Center in February. Eighteen teams vied to out think or outguess each other to answer trivia questions. With the encouragement and humor of our announcer, Wes Bennett from WDDD radio, families, friends, and supporters of literacy enjoyed the evening. Our judges for the evening, Carla and David Haas, kept everything running smoothly.

The contest was neck and neck through several categories until the "First Place" team of Joyce Hickman, Amanda Hickman, Courtney Woodsides, Michael Tow, Howard Thomas, Amy Dinga, Kevin Piper, and Gordon Burroughs pulled ahead and won \$240 for first place. The "Second Place" team, sponsored by the Cartersville Rotary Club, included staff and students, Cheryl Cobin, Elaine Cobin, Jennifer Cobin, Amanda Pass, Patricia Pass, Marydot Pinto, Kem Pinto, and Elaine Parker. The team put on a strong comeback performance to win \$160 for second place.

Raffles and a silent auction rounded out the evening with Kim Ervin winning \$192 for the 50/50 raffle. Concession food/ drinks, raffle and silent auction items were donated by area businesses as well as personal donations. Total donations were valued at over \$3,400.

Our next trivia fund raiser is scheduled for February 18, 2011. Come and join us!!



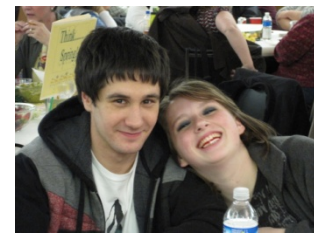
First Place Team



Second Place Team



The Adult Secondary Education program was well represented at the annual Literacy Trivia Night with two teams participating. The Student Team was sponsored by the Cartersville Rotary Club. The kids enjoyed the evening of fun, food, and facts!!!



Student team: Preston, Justin, Caitlin, Rachel, Callon, Evan, Brian, and Sarah

Volunteer Tutor Training

The Literacy Program held Tutor Training on January 23 and February 6th. The training was held on the John A. Logan College campus. There were a total of 10 volunteers who completed the training. Volunteers were trained on specific techniques to teach basic reading, math and English as a Second Language to literacy students. Hands-on training activities were provided to allow volunteers the opportunity to practice their new skills. Certificates were awarded to all volunteers who completed the training.

Pictured are volunteers who completed training: Sharon Brashear, Diane Cepryte, Carol Edwards, Joseph Groves, Lyric Ingerson, Jack McKillip, Sherri Murphy, Kimberly Othman, Sumant Sumant and Suzanne Bires.



Twenty volunteers have completed training since July of 2009 and are tutoring adult basic education students throughout the College district.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



Fran Oros, Kay Tyson, Arnold Hoffman and Margie Rehagen were recognized for over 5 years of service.

The Literacy Program held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 26th, 2010, at the Golden Corral in Carbondale. Twenty-nine tutors and staff enjoyed a wonderful lunch buffet together. Shortly after lunch, an awards ceremony was held with each volunteer tutor receiving certificates of appreciation and gift bags. Closing remarks and door prizes were given by Literacy Director Sharon Colombo. Many volunteers in attendance expressed their gratitude for the ceremony and luncheon. Every spring we like to thank volunteers for their service to the learners and our program.

Approximately 52 active volunteers provided tutoring services to over 200 adult basic education students this year.

Twelve tutors have provided services for 5 or more years totaling 93 years of service among them.

Spring Tutor Conference

On April 13, 2010, the Literacy Council of Southern Illinois held its annual Spring Tutor Conference at John A Logan College. Volunteer tutors from the JALC Literacy Program as well as tutors from surrounding literacy programs were invited to attend. Tony Calabrese, a former SIU gymnast and motivational speaker, presented a keynote address entitled "Do I Really Make a Difference?" Afternoon sessions on phonemic awareness and tutoring older students with reading and writing problems were presented by Dede Ittner, a retired John A. Logan College ABE/GED instructor and Roger Pugh, a Developmental Skills Training Specialist from SIU. Over 70 volunteer tutors attended the conference.

JALC Literacy Volunteer Recognized by Delta Kappa Gamma

On February 6th, 2010, the local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its annual Volunteer Awards Tea at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Marion, IL. Several volunteers from throughout southern Illinois were honored for donating their time and expertise to local schools and organizations.

Billie Donas is a literacy volunteer tutor from West Frankfort who began tutoring for the Literacy Program in the Fall of 2009. She tutored several learners in the evening GED class at the West Frankfort Extension Center. Delta Kappa Gamma honored her and several others by giving them a framed certificate and roses. The annual Delta Kappa Gamma Tea was held shortly after the awards ceremony and everyone enjoyed many homemade cookies and snacks. It was a wonderful time to get to talk to all the volunteer award winners. Members of the sorority are made up of retired teachers in our local area. Billie remarked that she is very honored and humbled to receive this award and recognition. She enjoyed tutoring and plans to tutor through the summer in West Frankfort.



Recent ASE Graduate Receives CNA Pin



Breanna Walters – ASE Class of 2009-is pinned at the Certified Nursing Assistant graduation ceremony held at Parkway Manor in Marion, IL. Instructor Carol Johns, has taught Health and Science classes in the ASE program before going to the Parkway Manor as a CNA instructor.

Du Quoin Families Meet a Real, Live Cowboy!

Cowboy Randy brought the tradition of oral history alive at Du Quoin Public Library on March 25, 2010. The cowboy shared folklore and stories with Du Quoin Family Literacy participants. Parents and children had the opportunity to visit the library and enjoy each other's company in an atmosphere full of singing cows and howling coyotes (the audience), yodeling, and lasso throwing. In the picture, one little calf is getting a chance to jump through the lasso. Two parents obtained their library cards that evening.



Du Quoin Family Literacy Parents Learn to Save Lives!

On Monday, May 3, 2010, Du Quoin Family Literacy parents trained in Adult, Child, and Infant CPR. The parents learned how to give rescue breaths and chest compressions, how to help clear the airway of obstructions, and how to use an AED to jumpstart the heart.



CPR Certification increases a parent's ability to care for their child during an emergency. Plus, it is a job skill. The parents all agreed that they hope it is a skill they never need to use. One mom commented that she has wanted to do this for 14 years, ever since she brought her oldest son home from the hospital, but never had the opportunity.



The training was provided by Sue Dixon from Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin. Training was held at the Du Quoin City Hall, next to the public library. Being so close to the library was a bonus....families could visit the library and check out books. In fact, one dad almost missed the start of the training as he was still looking for a book.



Several families enjoyed a "tailgate" of sorts at the Johnston City Library's March Madness Celebration. Derren Kinnard from WSIL-TV and a local martial arts instructor demonstrated martial arts moves.



ABE/GED students attend Adult Education & Literacy Awareness Day at the Capitol, April 30th. Students toured the Capitol and observed first-hand the Senate's voting process. Additionally, students toured the Governor's office and attended a rally in the Rotunda before leaving Springfield. Sponsored by the Secretary of State Literacy grant.





Our program will develop in all students the knowledge, understanding, skills, and attitudes that enable them to lead productive and fulfilling lives in a constantly changing society. Our vision is to help our students open the door to their future through a positive educational experience, so that they embark on a voyage of life long learning. All students will be provided appropriate and adequate opportunities to learn to:

- *communicate with words, numbers, visual images, symbols and sounds;*
- *think analytically and creatively, and be able to solve problems to meet personal, social, and academic needs;*
- *contribute as citizens in local, state, national, and global communities;*
- *work independently and cooperatively in groups;*
- *contribute to the economic well-being of society; and*
- *pursue learning throughout their lives.*

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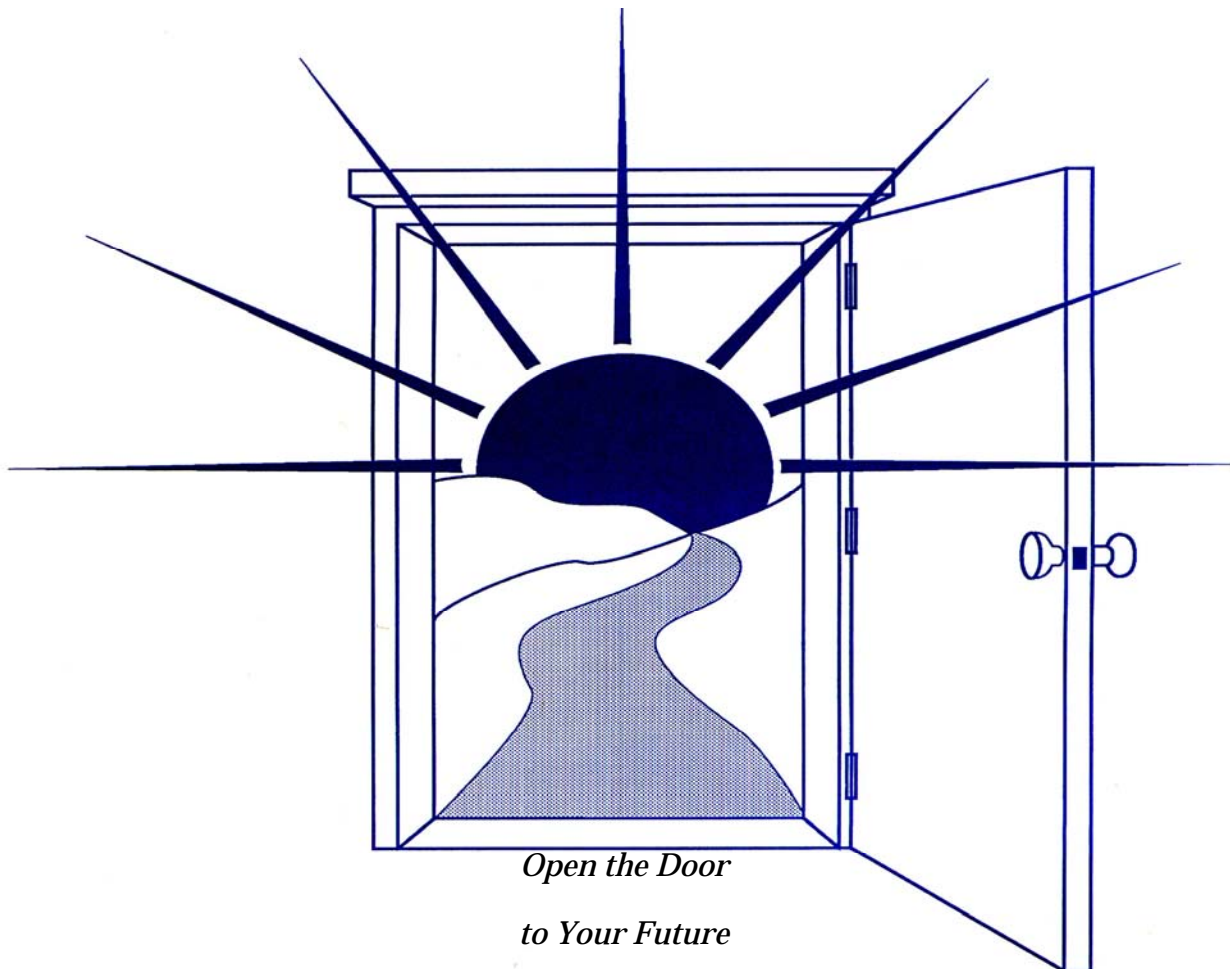


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