

Positive Happenings

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English as a Second Language

English language learners come to ABE from all over the world. We've had students from 14 different countries during the 2018-2019 school year. Staff and volunteers enjoy working with them and getting to know about their home culture while teaching English skills that are necessary to be successful.

Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers to work with our students. We currently have 12 active volunteers. As a whole, they volunteer 42 hours per week. We appreciate all the hours that they provide for our classroom and the dedicated work that they do. Our volunteers allow us to give our English as a Second Language (ESL) students the opportunity to work one-on-one with reading, speaking and listening skills that otherwise would not be available.



Family Learning

Family Learning had a busy year with 14 dedicated learners. We saw a lot of motivated learners who improved in their English language skills while working together and having fun. Ashley, one of our Family Learning parents, spent her time studying for the ACCUPLACER and has since taken the test and enrolled in college at Anoka-Ramsey Community College.

GED

During the 2018-2019 program year, we had 16 GED graduates. We are fortunate to work closely with the CareerForce Youth Program and Pine Technical College to help guide our students in a positive direction that includes work or higher education. We have some great success stories including Vuyo who came to ABE to work on his GED. He has passed two tests and with the help of our teachers filled out a job application at Wal-Mart and is now working part-time. Also, congratulations to Samuel (pictured on the right) who completed his GED!

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