



Positive Happenings

Adult Basic Education

Catching Up with Adult Basic Education

New Curriculum and Lesson Plans

As you step into the Adult Basic Education (ABE) classroom, you will see a new curriculum being used with the students. These great, new books are helping the program's English as a Second Language (ESL) learners with reading, writing and speaking English. ABE teachers Amy, Susanne and Maria have streamlined and standardized every lesson to maximize the time with students and volunteers.

The ESL program serves a diverse population of over 50 eager, adult learners from 21 different countries. Their English skill levels vary from beginner to advanced; over the past year, the students have made significant progress in improving their English.

Volunteers

ABE is very fortunate to have a superb group of 18 volunteers. The commitment of hours they provide for the students is remarkable and ABE wouldn't accomplish nearly as much without them. Sadly, Mr. Bob Sorman, who has been a volunteer here for the last 28 years, retired this spring. He will be greatly missed by staff, students and volunteers.

GED Graduates

During the 2017-2018 program year, the GED program had 12 graduates. We are hoping to increase the number of graduates in the coming year with our new GED Express classes. Students can pre-register and work as a cohort under the direction of a teacher for two weeks to help prepare for the GED test.

Encouraging Post-Secondary Education

In April, a group of students attended ABE Day at Century College. They toured three educational departments, listened to guest speakers with inspiring stories and received financial aid information.

In May, FLASCE Adult Basic Education held a GED Open House. Over 100 past and present GED students were invited. The Open House received a great response; representatives from Century College, Pine Technical College, US Military Recruiting and the Washington County WorkForce Center shared information on higher education, available jobs and joining the military.

We hope these introductions to the opportunities available after completing a GED will encourage adult students to pursue post-secondary education or training.



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