



# Adult Learning Center News

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Giving adults in Strafford County a second chance, a fresh start or a new opportunity.

## Director's Message - Connecting through culture

*Deanna Strand*

For two days last month, students, staff and volunteers celebrated and learned about each others' cultures.



Each event offered everyone, Americans and immigrants alike, the chance to share a piece of their culture with someone new. Artifacts such as Russian nesting dolls and Indonesian currency were shared along with soccer team pennants, maps and musical instruments. There were demonstrations of henna tattooing and Chinese calligraphy.

The events also included exuberant performances and magnificent



garments! Wednesday's event featured a Chinese love song, a Sherpa dance, baseball and Sweet Caroline (Bah-bah-bah!). The finale was a group sing-along of *This Land is Your Land*, accompanied by the Silver Strummers on ukulele.

Of course, no celebration is complete without food. With over 50 countries represented, there was no lack of variety.



Even more than having fun, eating good food and entertaining each other, this event fostered a sense of connection among students from many different backgrounds, building and strengthening the bonds of our diverse community. Two students meeting for the first time, one from the Dominican Republic and one from the USA, realized that they are neighbors!

### Be a part of our success:

- ◆ Serve on a committee
- ◆ Become a volunteer tutor
- ◆ Join our Board of Directors
- ◆ Take an enrichment class
- ◆ Teach an enrichment class
- ◆ Become a Friend of the Center by making a donation
- ◆ Include DALC in your estate planning and become a member of the Helen Phipps Heritage Society
- ◆ Become a corporate or event sponsor

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### In Their Own Words...

Differences between the U.S.A. and Nepal...by Sita Nepali

In America, people close the door all the time, but Nepalis close the door sometimes when they are going outside.

American people drink coffee, Nepali people like tea. American people go out for dinner and lunch most of the time. Nepali people sometimes go out for lunch, but not all the time because they like all of the family to stay home. We make food for each other.

American people do not walk. In Nepal, people walk because they use the public bus.

The American constitution is stronger than the Nepali constitution.

Most Americans have their own vehicles, and Nepali people have their own land and homes. Nepal is a small country, and America is a bigger country. America is politically and financially more powerful than Nepal.

*In Our Own Words...* is a collection of original writings. In poetry, personal reflection and artwork, students reveal their diversity, as well as their commonality as learners.

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## Center Stars - Moloud and Kelsey

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A year ago, January 11, 2016, Moloud came to New Hampshire from Iran with her husband, an engineering student at UNH. Almost immediately, she enrolled in Joyce's Level I English class. Within a few months after that, she started meeting a volunteer tutor once a week



to practice her English. Due to her husband's studies, Moloud knows she will be here for three more years. Mostly, she will spend her time

studying English. Persian, her native language, is very different from English; for example, w is pronounced as v, and v sounds like a long e.

Back in Tehran, Moloud had a job as an exercise teacher in elementary school

and high school. With her background, someday Moloud would love to work in a gym in this country. Currently, she works out regularly at the UNH gym, using the treadmill and bicycle. As a student at Azad Ahwaz University she was a member of the track team, running middle distances.

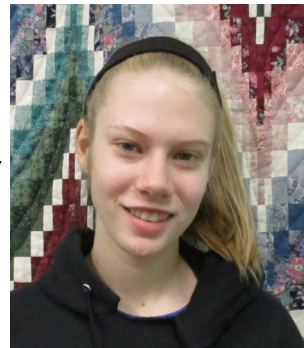
Moloud has enjoyed her year here, visiting New York City, Atlanta, Boston, and many places in New Hampshire. She would love to visit Las Vegas someday. As Moloud travels, works out, attends classes, and meets with her tutor, she keeps her top priority in mind: Learn English!

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Twenty-year-old Kelsey dreams of traveling to Hawaii and Greece. Closer to home, her dreams include a career in childcare. She loves seeing how quickly infant babies learn to sit up and crawl. She is here at Dover Adult Learning Center to improve her reading, writing, and math skills so that, ultimately, she will earn a certificate in Early Childhood

Education from Great Bay College. Since Spring 2015, Kelsey has attended class with Denise Reddington four mornings a week. She has mastered place value and understands fractions a lot better. One of the many essays she has done to practice her writing was titled, "Getting My Car."

Thinking back to her high school years, Kelsey reflects, "Stay up with your work. Don't fall behind. If you need

help with your work, ask right away." When Kelsey is not in school, she works at Little Blessings Day Care in Portsmouth and at Market Basket. She also enjoys drawing and spending time with her boyfriend. And there is always studying to do!



## NH Gives is less than a month away...

Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. And now we have a chance to be a part of New Hampshire's day of giving - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community.

We need your help! Please join our campaign and tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference.



Get ready to give! On June 6, starting at 12:00AM midnight, visit <https://www.nhgives.org> and make a donation to us and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in our state. You will have 24 hours to make your donation, and all giving will end at 11:59pm on June 6.

If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know at [dalc@dalc-online.org](mailto:dalc@dalc-online.org).

Thank you in advance for your generosity to our organization!



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Save the date for Graduation  
June 22, 2017, 6:30 pm  
at Dover High School



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