DOVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER **NEWSLETTER**

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A Message from the Director:



This June, the pandemic restrictions began to lift just in time for us to hold a modified graduation. It was a welcome return to a cherished tradition. Each graduate deserves the chance to walk across the stage, receive their diploma or certificate and be celebrated. Our simple walk-through graduation had just enough pomp and circumstance for them to

bask in the pride of their significant accomplishment. It was a welcome relief and a hopeful way to bring the year to a close. The retreat of the pandemic also allowed our staff to gather in person for the first time in 16 months to recognize treasured colleagues who are retiring or departing for new adventures. We have all weathered a long, difficult period and these events provided just the boost we needed to get us through to the end of the school year. We look forward to a new year of learning that will be familiar and also improved by some of the new skills and tools we learned to use during remote learning. Online learning allowed some students to access education, but made it difficult for others. Meetings were convenient, but lonely on Zoom. Individual meetings helped some students persist through difficulty, but increased teacher prep time. There is much to sort through and reflect on. For now, may we all enjoy a safe, healthy and restful summer!

~Deanna Strand



DALC graduated 93 students in 2021. On June 14th, we had a lovely ceremony where each student was led to the room with their family, presented a diploma or HiSET certificate, and given the opportunity to pose for photos. It was a nice tribute and gave each grad the special attention they deserved for a great achievement, while allowing DALC to maintain social distancing.

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DALC's Annual Intercultural Exchange

Each year we share...

Our Fashions...



Our Recipes...



Our Cultures!



DALC had a great turnout, even though we were still virtual. This is a fun and special event for our teachers as well as our students. Hopefully 2022 will bring us all together in person.

IN TRIBUTE:

Retiring from DALC:



Denise Reddington

It is safe to say Denise is a legend in the field of adult education. After 29 years, teaching

all levels and subjects, Denise contributed to our inventory of written materials, including the NH Mathematics Guidebook, and procuring mini-grants to help fund these endeavors. She adapted and responded to every new set of standards, curriculum frameworks and new initiatives with incredible grace and skill. She has impacted the entire field by her membership on the mentor team for many years

and has trained scores of teachers. to deliver high quality basic skill and HiSET preparation instruction. Her kind and gentle demeanor is wonderful for the students but she has a quiet authority which lends to keeping everyone on track. She is a treasure and will be missed.

Carol Birch



One of our ESL and Citizenship teachers is retiring from her retirement job! She will be traveling to spend time with her family

and friends. Carol's gentle and patient nature with her students and colleagues will be remembered, as well, the bright and bold colors she always wears.

Leaving DALC for new opportunities:



Tiffany Brand

10 years ago, we were badly in need of someone to manage our growing inventory of devices and monitor the computer lab. Who could have guessed that 10 years later we would become almost 100% reliant on devices to deliver all of our instruction. Tiffany's foresight, organization and preparation has allowed us to respond

quickly and effectively, not only during the pandemic but during all intervening years. She has been an incredible resource for teaching in a digital environment. Tiffany took a computer lab and basic office and grew an entire IT department single-handedly, integrating technology into all we do. She also taught several popular computer courses preparing her for her next endeavor at Newmarket High School. She will be greatly missed by all.



Amanda Kelly joined us two years ago to pilot a Regional Adult Post-secondary Transitions Coordinator role. She is now

moving on to start a nonprofit aimed at improving access to outdoor recreation for disabled people. Also a gardener and enrichment teacher, she will stay on as an enrichment teacher and advisor.



Kayleigh Michael Guzel is an ESL teacher who recently married a man she met right here at Dover Adult

Learning Center and is moving to Massachusetts to pursue new and exciting teaching opportunities. Kayleigh's always bright demeanor and horoscope reports will be missed!

IN OUR OWN WORDS

SPRING BY DORIS ZUC

Sun Flowers Yellow, Red, **Purple and Bright**

> Warming, **Blooming**.

Gardening, Growing

> Flowers Bloom,

Love Blooms

Birds humming, Hummingbirds

Spring, Spring

Let Your Perfume Inside Me.

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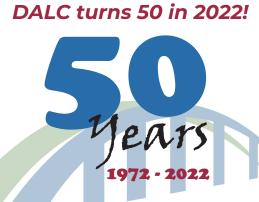
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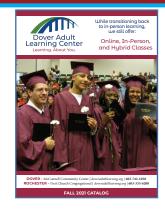
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AUGUST 2021: Purchase a "Bloomin' 4 Good" Bouquest (\$11.99) at the Central Ave. Hannaford in Dover, and DALC will get a \$1 donation!



NEW CATALOG COMING FOR FALL 2021! CHECK YOUR MAILBOX IN AUGUST!

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