

# DOVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER NEWSLETTER



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## A Message From the Director

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### New Program Arrives this Fall



CTE After Hours is an exciting joint initiative piloted by the Dover Adult Learning Center and Dover Regional Career and Technical Center.

Through this collaborative effort, students will engage in hands-on

experiences that form an essential part of Career and Technical Education (CTE.) They will gain valuable real-world knowledge that directly applies to their future job prospects and careers – and also can provide the opportunity to earn credit towards a high school diploma or sharpen foundational skills.



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The After Hours model holds the promise of access to a career pathway for workers in entry level positions at healthcare facilities. They'll get some academic support while earning a valuable credential in a field where there is constant and growing need.

### The GED is back in New Hampshire

We've spent a decade trying to train ourselves to say HiSET® instead of GED®, and now we have to undo that training! New Hampshire now offers two options for those wishing to earn a high school equivalency (HSE), the HiSET and the GED.

For just about 10 years, the only HSE test available in NH has been the HiSET, developed when the 2002 GED test was retired and the testing program was sold. Dover Adult Learning Center is pleased to announce that we are the first GED testing center to open in the state of New Hampshire. GED testing in Dover will begin this fall.



Where the HiSET includes 5 tests, the GED test covers 4 subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning Through Language Arts. Test takers now have a choice of which test to take.

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## Welcome New Board Member



Tereza Leite was born in Brazil, received an MBA in marketing, worked as a journalist for newspapers and in the communication department for a major corporation. She has lived in New Hampshire since 2015 and she has studied English as a Second Language since 2017 at DALC.

Tereza received U.S. citizenship in September 2020. In addition to serving on our board and taking classes, she also makes time to support our marketing efforts crafting the Center Stars features (see below) and helping us archive 50 years of DALC history in digital format.

We are also proud to announce that Tereza's feature on DALC student, Temo Dadiani, has been picked up by the national adult education magazine, *The Change Agent*, and should appear in an issue later this year.

## Center Star - Yuliia Sych

In Ukraine, Yuliia Sych and her husband Slava Sych left behind family, friends, work, and a lot of history.

Today, living in New Hampshire with their two young children, Yevhen and Alisa, the couple are starting their lives over from scratch. Yuliia, who is a pediatrician, is looking for a new career in computer science as a data analyst. Her husband is already working as a Quality Assurance Engineer in Portsmouth.

Just four days before the Russian invasion, Yuliia and Slava decided to leave their country with their children and set out for Poland. "We are from the eastern part of Ukraine, where the war has been going on since 2014, so we both knew the danger that was coming," says Yuliia. "I love Kiev, the city I've lived in for the last 8 years, a beautiful and well-developed city, but my best memory of my country is the amazing people who live there," she recalls. But despite everything, she said, they had to think about the safety of the children.



When they left for Poland, the couple planned to return to Kiev in a week, but at the same time, they felt that they might not be able to return. And they were right. With the arrival of the Russians (February 2022), it was necessary to think in the long term about following a life away from "home". Then Yuliia accepted the invitation of her brother who already lives with family in Bothell, Washington, and thus moved to the US.

In May 2022, the couple and their children moved to New Hampshire, where her husband started working. In the first year, recalls Yuliia, the English language was the biggest challenge in the family's day-to-day life. "We need language in all areas of life, such as connecting with the children's preschool, visiting hospitals, but now my English skills are good enough to solve all daily tasks for myself or my family," she celebrates.

To reach this level, Yuliia enrolled in the ESL (English as a Second Language) course at DALC in Dover. "Today I feel more confident when talking to people and I also feel ready for a job interview," she assures. About returning to Ukraine when this war is over, Yulia says that this has become impossible. "I think about the future for my children because the risk of war is there all the time. America has given us a sense of security and we appreciate that," she concludes.

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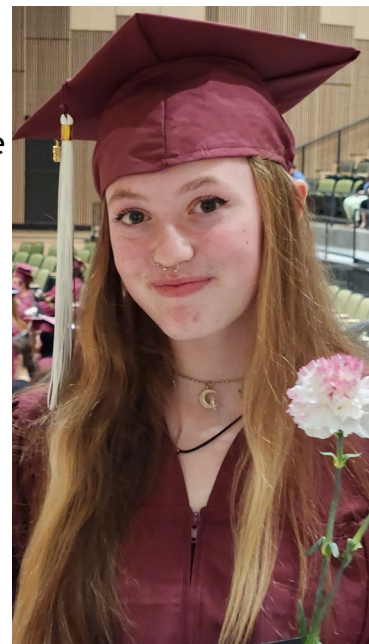
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Thank you for being a supporter of DALC. If you have some time to spare we have plenty of volunteer opportunities:

**Computer Lab Proctors:** We offer public computer lab time from 5 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in Dover. If you can help our guests with basic computer skills (email, browsing, opening a document, etc.), we could use your help.

**Childcare Volunteers:** Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.-12:30 or 1 p.m. We need people who can commit to one or more days. We also need people who can be substitute for volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday mornings.

We also need **tutors** to help ABE and ESL students improve their reading skills through the STAR program. Training and curriculum will be provided.



[doveradultlearning.org/volunteer](https://doveradultlearning.org/volunteer)