

# DOVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER NEWSLETTER



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## A Message From the Director

Deanna Strand

### Collaboration Cultivates Creativity

When Michelle Lebs, technology integrator, joined Joyce Malley, ESL Level A teacher, to enhance a lesson, students saw the power of technology and felt the joy of creativity. Students were learning the song, ‘This Land is Your Land,’ says Malley.

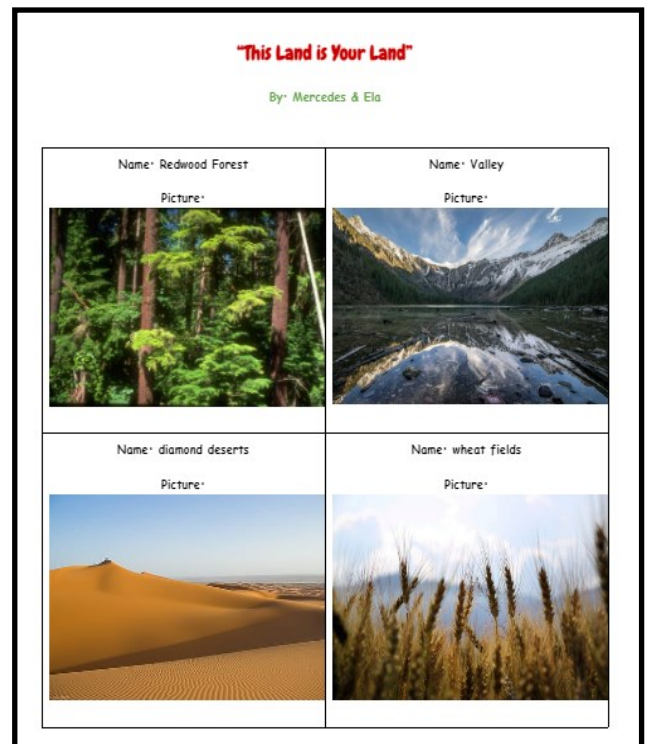
“This is something we work on every year...Michelle used technology to enhance this existing lesson.”

The skills the students worked on included searching for and finding images, adding images to a poster and changing the choice of font, as well as font size and color. The lesson was hands-on. The students were doing actions as Michelle was explaining them.



“The time Michelle has spent with these Level A students has paid off in terms of understanding how to adjust to instructing students at this level,” says Malley. “The lesson was appropriate and I think you can see that on the students’ faces.”

While technology integration in the classroom goes back many years, even before the pandemic, projects like this show how important it is to meet our students where they are.



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# In the Spotlight

## A Generous Gift

Carol Anne McEntee, beloved wife of longtime DALC teacher/tutor Bill Badgley, died as a result of injuries sustained in an accident. She was walking home after finishing volunteer work in her neighborhood.

Carol knew that we all need help sometimes. She never failed to give that help. Carol knew that sometimes we all just need a chance, maybe a second or third chance. She always made people understand that it was okay to seek and find help, and that life would get better.

It is in this spirit, in recognition that we all sometimes need help and support, that Bill has created the Carol McEntee Student Assistance fund to help the students of Dover Adult Learning Center who might have a significant, imminent, and perhaps threatening financial need that they are unable to meet themselves.



**Adult education is all about overcoming obstacles.** So, when the person with the key got stuck in traffic, our dedicated volunteer board found a way to keep on going, convening the meeting in the hallway.



## Congratulations to our first LNA Class

Through an exciting joint initiative piloted by the Dover Adult Learning Center and the Dover Regional Career and Technical Center, students gained valuable real-world



knowledge that directly applies to their future job prospects and careers. Upon successful completion of the program, students are prepared to take the state certification examination and have the qualifications to apply for an LNA license through the Board of Nursing.

## In Memoriam

Art Ellison passed away on Saturday, March 23rd, surrounded by loved ones at Granite VNA Hospice in Concord. Art worked for 38 years as the State Director of Adult Education while remaining active in local, state and national political campaigns.



Art Ellison

Shortly after retiring, he began his first of three terms in the NH House of Representatives, where he served proudly with his democratic colleagues on the Education Committee.

Art often shared two quotes, one from the labor activist Joe Hill, "Don't mourn, organize," and the other from Mother Jones, "Pray for the dead, fight like hell for the living."

# Around the Center

## A warm welcome to our new staff members:

**Leslie Fitzpatrick** joined the Rochester team this winter to teach HiSET preparation in the evenings. By day, she is a teacher of physical science at Epping Middle High School. Ask her about her background in forensic anthropology; it's fascinating.

**Meghan Moisan** is the new administrative assistant in the Dover office. She works Tuesday-Thursday mornings while school is in session. Meghan worked for the City of Dover as office manager and cemetery coordinator for many years. She brings the capable and caring approach that served her well in that role to her work here.



Meghan Moisan

## Summer is here but the learning continues with the following programs:

- English Through Multilingual Books
- Multilevel Pronunciation/Project or Game-based Class
- Book Reading & Discussion Group
- Burlington English (online learning for ESL)
- Multilevel Pronunciation/Project or Game-based Class
- Individual tutoring by appointment
- Intake/assessment, ABE/HiSET prep/practice/testing
- Basic Computer Skills

# Thank you to our Friends of the Center

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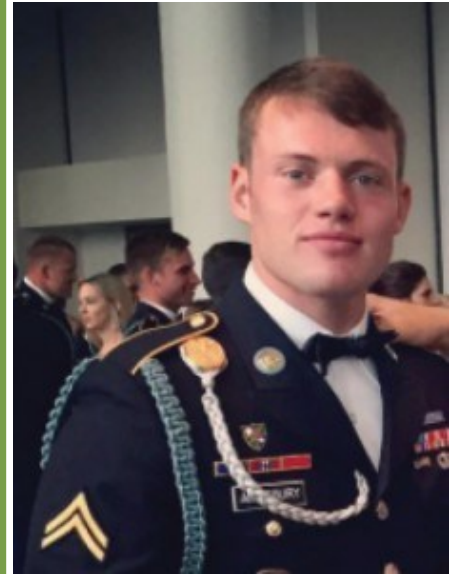
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## Support DALC:

- *Become a volunteer tutor*
- *Serve on a committee*
- *Join our Board of Directors*
- *Add DALC to your estate plan*
- *Donate and become a Friend of the Center*
- *Be a corporate sponsor*

## The CPL Andrew Aimesbury Memorial Fund



In Loving Memory of Army Ranger CPL Andrew A. Aimesbury, 75th Ranger Regiment, 1st Battalion, Delta Company, the CPL Andrew Aimesbury Memorial Fund provides support and special scholarships to DALC graduates.

Andrew's story as told by his family:  
*"Our beautiful son and brother was killed during a military training accident December 9, 2015, serving his country and doing what he loved. Andrew accomplished so much in his 21 years.... Many people do not know that Andrew struggled in school over the years. Andrew was very smart, but traditional school structure did not fit him.... We will forever be grateful to Martin Castle for encouraging Andrew to pursue his GED..."*

*The staff at Dover Adult Learning Center greeted Andrew with open arms and assisted him in his pursuit of his GED. He later enrolled at Great Bay Community College and made the decision to join the Army and to ultimately become an Army Ranger.*

*We hope that you will help continue Andrew's legacy of helping people."*

To learn more, go to our website:  
[www.doveradultlearning.org/support/andrewaimesbury/](http://www.doveradultlearning.org/support/andrewaimesbury/)

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