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# ADULT EDUCATION

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Submissions by Adult Education **ABE/GED**  
and **ESL** Students and Instructors.

## ESL Students Enjoy Learning

Below: Jill DiLandro's Low Intermediate ESL class.



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Above: Jill DiLandro (seated) and four students from her High Intermediate ESL morning class.

Right: Jill DiLandro's High Intermediate evening class and volunteer tutor Karen Mattscheck (seated left, third seat back).

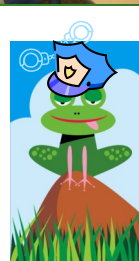


### DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Begins  
March 20, 2011

Earth Day  
April 22, 2011

Mother's Day  
May 8, 2011



What happens when frogs park illegally?  
-They get toad.



## GED TEST BASIC INFORMATION

Here are a few bits of basic information for those who are planning on taking the GED test:

- The GED test is made up of 5 sections: Writing, Reading, Social Studies, Science, and Math.
- The fee for the GED test is currently \$45 each time you take the test.
- HCC is one of the GED test sites.
- The test must be scheduled a month in advance. You must send your application to the GED office by the 15th of the month before your desired testing month.
- The GED test takes about 7 hours to complete, and is usually given as a 2 day test.

## ESL STUDENTS ENJOY LEARNING (CONTINUED)

**Instructor Jill DiLandro compiled samples for the newsletter from her ESL students.**

*The High Intermediate evening class is a fun-loving group! I thought the personal glimpses of countries recently in turmoil would remind us of the homes many ESL students left behind:*

In January 2011 I went to Haiti with a group to help rebuild houses that collapsed in the earth quake. Between three hundred thousand, and five hundred thousand people are dead and one million homeless. From January 2010 to January 2011 the people are still in the tents rain or sun they are still in tents, it is very difficult for that people.

—Jean/Haiti

Tunisia is a Muslim country in northern Africa, it lies immediately to the south of Italy and Malta, and Libya borders it to the south-east. The official language is Arabic, the second language is French. The summers

are hot and dry and winters tend to be cold and rainy. Tunisia has a rich cultural history. Couscous (semolina wheat prepared with a stew of meat and vegetables) is the national dish. For wedding and other happy occasions, sweets are added to the couscous. The country normally operated as a republic under the authoritarian regime of President Zine El Abidine BenAli who governed from 1987 to 2011 before fleeing following wide ranging protests.

—Miriam/Tunisia

*As part of our unit on food in Low Intermediate, each student shared a recipe with the rest of the class. Here are two:*

Here is my recipe for **Garapiñada**. This dish is very popular in the Argentine. Ingredients:

- 1 cup peanuts
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water

Mix all the ingredients together and put in a pan

on the stove. Mix well, and when the mix becomes dry, it's ready!

—Liliana Kahl

### Chicken Salad

3 cups cubed cooked chicken

1 1/2 cups diced celery

3 hard boiled eggs, chopped

1 teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients. Moisten to taste with salad dressing. Serve chilled on lettuce leaves.

—Carmen R. Guerrero/Peru

*A big THANK YOU to Rita and Karen, who do such a great job tutoring ESL students.*

—Jill



**Above: ESL volunteer tutor Karen Mattscheck works with student Khalima Badirova.**

## ESL CLASS WRITES ABOUT HOME COUNTRIES

**Wes Hoover's Advanced ESL class wrote about their home countries. Here are some excerpts:**

Colombia has so many places to visit; their people are friendly, cheerful and optimistic, the weather are incredible because is different in each city.

—Laura R.

Puerto Rico is a beautiful country. I like food, beach, and weather.

—Minnie D.

El Salvador is the smallest and most densely populated country in Central America... The most important things from my country are the customs.

—Dania J.

Brazil is a country divided by 26 estates and 1 districto... What I most admire in the Brazil is the way happy and friendly of the Brazilian people.

—Sandra P.

Mexico has a very interesting historic past based on pre-Hispanic roots. Caribbean beaches area a paradise for any visitor as an example the Mayan Riviera. —Erika A.

The South Korea is so beautiful. Have four seasons, the mountains,



and surrounded by three sides ocean. The Korea has a mild climate just like Pennsylvania and Maryland.

—Jung S.

The thing I love most about my country is the people. The way they look at you like kind of saying welcome or thank you. I consider people in Mexico is really honest, funny and thankful and its not just to say it.

—Maria G.

Ecuador has four regions: coast, mountain, rain forest or jungle... Every city has differents place that you enjoy that includes fun people and wonderful landscape. —Rita F.

(Ecuador's) weather and temperature is very regular in each region cause it has just two seasons, winter and summer. It has lots of different species of animals and vegetation, especially in the island region... Galapagos Islands that is visited by thousands of people every year.—Alfredo F.

Dominican Republic is a small island located in the Caribbean area. It has about 10 million people who work very hard to improve the quality of life.

—Porfirio H.

Colombia is a little country, but it has really beautiful views. Something else really nice about Colombia is its coffee (I think is the best one).

—Lorena H.

I love my hometown in China. There are a lot of fresh fruits in summer like sweet pear, grape, especially melon is very delicious. But there are

long time winter. Almost half a year. There often snow. I love the snow in my hometown.

—Rong Z.

One thing I love about Ethiopia is the coffee. In

Ethiopia people use coffee to chat... I love Ethiopian coffee and enjoy with family and friend.

—Husniya S.

I'm from El Salvador... The Capital city is San Salvador it have zoo with different animals. On the west we have Pacific Ocean and many restaurants around there with delicious dishes with different fish and lobsters.

—Elsi Gamez.



El Salvador photo submitted by Elsi Gamez





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**WORD OF THE SESSION:**

**DELTIOLOGY-  
THE STUDY AND COLLECTION OF  
PICTURE POSTCARDS.**

**STAFF CHANGES IN ADULT EDUCATION**

All of us in Adult Ed. were sad to say farewell to Instructional Specialist *Nettie Schubel*, as she accepted a position as the External Diploma Program (EDP) Coordinator at the South Baltimore Learning Center. We wish Nettie the best of luck and the greatest of success in her new job.

We also experienced the departure of our Management Information Specialist, *Cassie Taylor*. She accepted a position as Administrative Office Associate for Director *Dawn Schoenenberger*. Cassie's new position was formerly held by *Louise Bird*, who has since moved on to become the new Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. We also wish Cassie and Louise all the best in their new jobs.

In the next issue, we hope to introduce you to two new staff members in the Adult Education office.

**Adult Education Crossword**

contributed by Molly Brandenburg, student worker

M A O I Q E S G Z A R G W E E  
W I Z R L W O C E O N X N M G  
B O Z G I B O J G I C R P A A  
U L F J O E D M T A O M X T U  
S S N A K F N S D L Q L R H G  
T C Q P Q O E T L R I R I E N  
I N P D G T O M A Y E G K M A  
U L K O Z C E B C T D E Q A L  
D Y W V T N Q N T L I D S T P  
V B F F T A R C L X A O R I U  
R O T C U R T S N I E S N C V  
L R E A D I N G O X I T S S P  
H A G G F Z N B I L X X W E R  
B H Q Z Q K Z D W Z V E D B S  
Z M B H V W N C X H I N H N U

Find the following words often heard in the Adult Education office:

- Classes
- Instructor
- Orientation
- Textbook
- Enrollment
- Language
- Reading
- GED
- Mathematics
- Testing

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Unscramble the following words:

- 1) mobol  
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- 2) arnndgegi  
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- 3) leuarmlb  
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- 4) nhsnueis  
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Answers below.

Answers: 1) bloom 2) gardening 3) umbrella 4) sunshine