



HAGERSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADULT EDUCATION

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Summer Session 2011

GRADUATION 2011



Thirty-four graduates of the GED and External Diploma Program chose to participate in the Adult Education Commencement Ceremony held May 15, 2011. The featured graduate speaker was Samantha Ford, (pictured above, far right).



Dates to Remember

Labor Day
Sept. 5, 2011

Autumn Begins
Sept. 23, 2011

National Boss Day
Oct. 16, 2011

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



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 five 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 seven hours to complete, and is usually given as a two-day test.

Adult Education Staff Changes

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, several staff changes were taking place in the Adult Education office.

Nancy Louia has taken the Instructional Specialist position formerly held by Nettie Schubel.

Molly Brandenburg has taken the Management Information Specialist position formerly held by Cassie Taylor.

We'd like to wish all the best to June Kendall, office associate for Adult Education, whose last day was June 30.

Wes Hoover's Advanced ESL

Wes's class wrote about a variety of topics.

Rong Z.

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the lunar calendar... On New Year's Eve, we have a big family dinner. After dinner, all the families stay up late to welcome the New Year. On the first day of the New Year, we put on our new clothes and go to visit our relatives or friends. We say "Good luck" to each other.

At the celebration, people wear red clothes, and give children "lucky money" in red envelopes. Red symbolizes fire, which according to legend can drive away bad luck.

Jean P.

I really enjoy Thanksgiving Day... That day I always meet together with my wife's family. We told some history to youngest children.

Brenda B.

I feel like the best cook in the world. I enjoy whatever plate can I make. It is a honor for me to cook for my family, they are the most important judge when they taste my food.

My specialties include pastas, rice, salads, and delicious seafood. I love my hobby and I spend a lot of time in my kitchen.

Marie-Jasmide J.

Originally, I come from Haiti...I like the temperature because it is most of the time sunny and I love going to the beaches, enjoy tropical fruits such as mangos, papayas, coconuts, and I also love Haitian cooking.

Alzira S.

Fishing is one of my favorite things to do. In the summer, Francisco and I practically go fishing once a week. It's so fun that I prefer fishing over going shopping for clothes. If I could, I would go fishing every day.

Laura R.

My favorite vacation was an island called Baru Island. I spend all of my time with family doing snorkel, camping, and enjoying nature.

David H.

I like to live in the United States, is a good place to live. It has a lot to offer, and is big enough to never get bored. From the desert, to ski resorts, the Grand Canyon, monuments, it has a lot to offer...Also have people from different parts of the world.



Parenting, Dream Jobs, & Music

Kim Lane & Cathy Walberg M/W class @ The Family Center

Nina D.

The role of being a good parent is to make sure the children have everything they need, such as food, clothing, education, and health care. There are responsibilities to make sure the children are healthy like taking them to the doctor. We parents should always make sure our place is clean and consider child safety. Having children is worth it and when they get older they become great people.

Michael M.

I think rock and rap music influences young children in a lot of ways... good and bad. The performers give children images for themselves to become a cop or doctor, to pursue their dream. The bad part of music is that they talk about shooting and killing and drugs.

Rhonda O.

The role of being a good parent is taking a lot of responsibility and time. I get my children ready every weekday for school. Then I walk them to school. Overall I love to be a mother because I enjoy taking care of my children. It is a wonderful life.

Stephanie J.

My dream job would be taking care of senior citizens. When I was young I was taught to have respect for the elderly because we can learn so much from them. My grandfather and I used to love spending time together. He used to tell me a lot of stories... I really believe working in a nursing home would make me really happy because I have a lot of love to give and I also have a lot to learn.



Felicia J.

Being a good parent is something that you have to learn... Raising a child is very difficult depending on that child's behavior... We try to raise our children the best we can, but they are going to develop a mind of their own. All we can do is just be there for them.

Penny J.

To be a good parent entails a lot of responsibilities and challenges. We provide them food, clothing, and shelter. We get them ready for school. We help with their homework when needed. Then we watch television together and then get the kids to bed. We love our five children very much.



Latisha T.

There are a lot of responsibilities becoming a mother.

First, when you're pregnant you have to think about things you need for the baby, so when it's time for labor you will have everything.

Secondly, you have to go to every baby appointment. The good part is you get to watch your baby grow.

Thirdly, sometimes children need the extra attention to let someone know they're being noticed and loved. Love plays a big part in a child's life.

Lastly, everything you do reflects on your child's life, so being a good role model helps a lot in your child's future.

Consuela K.

Being a parent is really hard work. You have to clean up after them, cook for them, play with them, and talk to them. Most importantly give them hugs and kisses. But from time to time, they can give you a hard time. Overall, children are a joy to have. Just keep in mind that if you tried your best, that's what matters. Things should work out fine.

Joyce N.

We the parents have to understand our children to make sure they get the help they need later in life. We have to teach them the right ways. The parents have to love their children and guide them, so they won't get into trouble.

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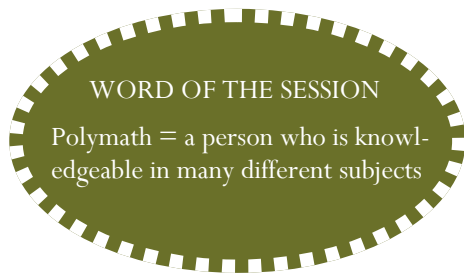
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WORD OF THE SESSION

Polymath = a person who is knowledgeable in many different subjects

Passport to Success!

The Adult Education Office has created a small student booklet called the Passport to Success. The Passport contains step by step directions that lead each student on a quick tour of the campus, including the Student Center, the Student Success Center, the library, and the ARCC. At each stop, the student has to gather information, such as a handout or hours of operation. When the Passport is completed, the student can present it to the Adult Education office and be entered into a monthly drawing for a surprise prize bag of goodies. Our winner for July was **Sonia Moore!**

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following words:

1)

NMGIWSMI

2)

SNIIPCC

3)

SBCUKNOL

4)

TVNAAICO

Answers below.

Adult Education Word Search

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

Pool

Sun

Sand

Ocean

Mosquitoes

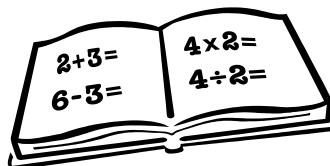
Umbrella

Towel

Swimsuit

Flip flops

Seashell



Why did the math book cry?

Because it had too many problems.