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Jamaica Plain Community Centers Adult Learning Program

End of Year Newsletter

A Message to All of Our Students

Hello Students,

Congratulations on completing another year towards reaching your goals. You have accomplished something truly amazing and I am so proud of each of you. I want to take this opportunity to celebrate with you and thank you for your hard work. You have made an important decision in your life and I commend you on your ability to reach this point. I encourage you to continually learn, and I know that the staff at ALP will continue to make classes and services exciting and interesting. Your accomplishments are a testament to your hard work and dedication and you should be proud of yourselves.

It has been my honor to be a part of your journey and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for you! Thank you for allowing me and the Jamaica Plain Community Centers Adult Learning Program staff to be a part of your life-changing experience and success.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future and I hope that you will continue to achieve great things.

Best wishes,
Dr. Joyce E. Henderson
Director

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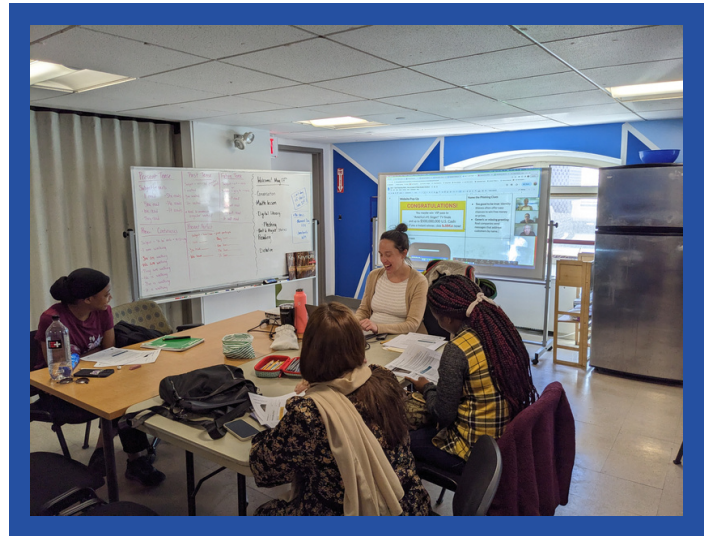


Teacher Spotlight: Valerie Thomas

Valerie has been teaching ESOL 1 in the evening for the past two years but took her first trip to visit Boston this April. Valerie, who typically teaches her evening class remotely from Georgia, got to meet her students in person for the first time and go on a full-day adventure with them, touring around Boston to visit places like the Commons and the Boston Library. At the end of her trip, after having an in-person class or two at Curtis Hall, Valerie and her students went out to dinner to practice their English in a restaurant. Thank you, Valerie, for your dedication to your students and our program!

Teacher Spotlight: Gwen Teutsch

Gwen joined ALP last year as our ESOL 3 teacher in both the evenings and mornings. This year she branched out and taught not only level 3, but a new advanced English class called “The English Connection: Promoting Resiliency of Self, Community, and Planet” and at an ALP satellite at the Hernandez School as well. Though she is taking the rest of the school year and summer to spend time with her new son, Gwen has assured us that she will be back at ALP in the fall to continue teaching as many students as she can. Thank you, Gwen, for all the time you give to each of your classes.



Thank You for Another Great Year

Dear Staff,

On behalf of Jamaica Plain Community Centers Adult Learning Program and Curtis Hall Community Center, I want to express my appreciation for the incredible difference you make in the lives of adult students! Your efforts and achievements deserve recognition all year long!

I cannot thank you enough for the amazing work you do and we are grateful for the difference you make in adult education!

Wishing you a happy summer!
Dr. Joyce E. Henderson



To our wonderful volunteers...

... You have our heartfelt thanks

From all of us at ALP, we would like to sincerely thank the volunteers that have made such an impact on the program. Without your assistance, ALP would not be able to provide one-on-one instruction and continue to assist the teachers.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the volunteers in the coming years and strengthening our collaboration. We welcome your diversity, skills, and commitment to the Adult Learning Program.

Thank you,
Mark Henderson
Volunteer Coordinator



Thanks to our Fantastic Students!

"Have a great summer to my HiSET 1 and 2 students! I enjoyed having each one of you in my class!" - Mary

"When I joined the program I was not expecting to have such a hard-working group of students. They all made a major impression on me by demonstrating how much they are capable of doing. The effort they put in pushes me farther to help them reach their goals, that is a special thing for a teacher." - Eddie

"Wow! What a great year we have had together! I have really enjoyed teaching you and I am so proud of all of you! You have worked very hard and made so much progress! (And now you won't have to listen to my bad singing for a few months.) I hope you have a great summer and get a lot of chances to practice your English. Don't be afraid to keep speaking even if you're not quite sure of the right word. See you in September!" - Susie

"I am so proud of the level 1 am students! They have committed to attending class often and learning lots of new vocabulary. They work very hard on using their new knowledge in conversational English. I am excited to see them continue to improve!" - Jessi

"Dear ESL PM 1 Students, it was an honor to have you in my class this year. I can proudly say this has been one of the most memorable years in my teaching career. You all are such dedicated students and my wish for you is to make use of your talent. Your contributions to the class have been amazing. You all have helped each other with life problems and that makes me so happy. Outside of learning, you all have built an amazing community. Please remember to believe in yourselves and keep doing what you love most. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need help, guidance, or just a listening ear. I look forward to seeing you succeed in life." - Valerie

"To all my AM and PM Level 2 students, I have been honored to be your teacher this year. You have worked so hard and have made much progress and I am very proud of you all! Continue on your path in learning English and towards success in all that you do and want to do. I will miss you all but I am happy that you are moving forward on your journey." - Sarah

"To the students in ESOL Level 3, you have shown dedication and positivity throughout the year. It has brought me such joy to see friendships develop in both the classroom and on Zoom - I feel so lucky to work with you each day. Wishing you endless success in achieving your goals." - Gwen

"Thank you to all of my Level 4 students for making this school year wonderful. Your motivation, enthusiasm, and hard work inspired me every single day, and the time has flown. Keep going and accomplishing your goals. You've made so much progress this year and I know you will continue to do so!" - Meghan

"Dear ESL Level 5 Students, I am so proud of your hard work mastering English this year. You embraced challenges and made impressive progress. Your dedication and efforts will continue shaping your future and filling it with endless possibilities. Thank you for your commitment to personal growth, along with your commitment to each other's growth. You brought joy and inspiration to our class community every day. I look forward to seeing all you accomplish moving forward!" - Ingrid

"To the students in ESOL Level 6 - thank you for making this class a reality this year! Your creativity and ideas have helped this class to grow and build in amazing ways. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors!" - Gwen

Finally, Thank you to our Partners

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
NEXT YEAR!

