

DOMINICAN LEARNING CENTER

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APRIL 2024

Culture Forum 2024

*Sunday, April 14th
at the Martin de
Porres Center.*

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear DLC Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and full of joy. Spring brings new beginnings, and that is true of the Dominican Learning Center as well. We recently welcomed another group of learners in the ABE/GED program and are encouraged by how eager they are to do their part in earning a GED. Make sure to connect with us on Facebook to see the updates when these and other students pass portions of the GED or move up a book level in one of the subjects.

Our ESL programs are also going smoothly. Not only are the students advancing through the books, but a few that have moved from ESL to ABE because they have surpassed what the ESL books have to offer. Tutors, please be sure to continue to share pictures as this happens so that we can be sure to celebrate the ESL learners' successes with everyone.

Please mark your calendars for the next Culture Forum which will take place on Sunday, April 14th from 3-5pm at the Martin de Porres Center. This is a great opportunity to hear from some of our learners about their experiences with education in their home country. After they have presented, there will also be an opportunity for Q&A as well as general conversation and sharing with fellow learners, tutors, and staff. I hope you are able to attend and participate. Please RSVP using the link or QR code on the front page of this newsletter.

Most of you know that I am not a Sister, but I fully embrace all that the Dominican Sisters stand for and strive to accomplish. Did you know that being a Sister is not the only way to be a part of the Dominican community? You can become an Associate, which "is an amazing opportunity for those seeking to delve more deeply in the Dominican charism and the life and mission of the Dominican Sisters of Peace." Please read the message about the Associate program on the bottom of page 3 of this newsletter.

The DLC is going to be closed for Spring Break the week after Easter. We will also close early on Monday, April 8th so that all who are interested are able to observe the eclipse. We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday, April 9th.

Usually we offer the Math tutor zoom on the second Monday of the month, but because of the eclipse, we will move the April one to the third Monday of the month. The Language Arts tutor zoom will be on the second Thursday as usual. Tutors can find the links to both of these zoom meetings in the accompanying email.

Once again, I want to thank you for all you do to make the DLC the special place it is. I hope you have a wonderful Holy Week and Easter!

Peace and blessings,
Denise Hilliard

Sr. Robin and Adrianna were able to attend the TESOL convention in Tampa last week thanks to the generous support from the Siemer Foundation and Shalom Fund. Here is what our ESL Program Managers had to say about their experience.

▶ Attending the TESOL Conference was an enriching experience that surpassed all expectations. As we navigated through the myriad of workshops, we found ourselves immersed in a world of innovative teaching strategies and cutting-edge research. Each session offered invaluable insights into the latest trends and methodologies in TESOL, leaving us inspired and eager to present many of these new ideas in our ESL Tutor Workshops. From exploring emerging technologies to delving into cross-cultural communication, every moment spent at the conference proved educational. As we reflect on our time at the TESOL Conference, we are filled with gratitude for the wealth of knowledge gained. It truly reaffirmed our passion for language education and equipped us with the tools to thrive in an ever-evolving field



God calling you to be a peacemaker?

As members of the worldwide Order of Preachers, the Dominican Sisters of Peace share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their words, actions, and lives. Dominican Associates accompany the Sisters on a journey toward a more peaceful, equitable and just tomorrow. They are Christian women and men, married and single, clergy members and laypersons who are drawn to and called to live out the Sisters' mission to praise, to bless and to preach. Associates do not take vows but make a commitment to be partners in mission with vowed members of the Congregation and embody the Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community, and preaching. If you are interested in more information, please contact our Associate Office at celeste.williams@oppeace.org or 330-835-5684.

Congratulations

Dora passed her Language Arts test for the GED



Liudmyla & Carol –
Liudmyla moved up
to Ventures 2



Dom & Lisa's class
moved up to
Ventures 3
(Lisa, Hugo, Dom,
Kossiwa)

Jorge, who joined the DLC's English as a Second Language program at St. Mary Magdalene in the fall, has his own business. His taco truck is located at 3090 Fisher Rd. and is open on Sundays and Mondays from 10:00am-5:00pm and on Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am-9:00pm. Make sure to visit him (and feel free to speak with him in English) if you are in the area!



ZOOM SESSIONS *for Tutors*

Topic: Math Tutor zoom rescheduled

Time: Apr 15, 2024 12:00 PM
<https://tinyurl.com/3e9mr9ej>
Meeting ID: 835 2353 0279
Passcode: 348061

Topic: Language Arts

Time: Apr 11, 2024 12:00 PM
<https://tinyurl.com/3pfjxm74>
Meeting ID: 893 1327 6188
Passcode: 721200