

# CONNECTED TEXT



A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF CAMDEN  
COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## STUDENT SHOUTOUTS!

At LVCC we want to celebrate the success and achievements of our students. These past few months our students have achieved goals such as citizenship, high school diploma, and much more! The students and their tutors have worked so hard and deserve their moment of celebration.



In the ESL program, two members of the ESL family received their citizenship in the past months. Congratulations to both!

Nayna has been working with her tutor, Linda, to go over the materials on the test these past few months. Both have worked so hard to make sure she was prepared. We couldn't be happier for Nayna.

Former students Jin and Song received their citizenship in October. Jin's tutor Bill have continued to work together over the years and Bill is so proud of everything that he has achieved!

# STUDENT SHOUTOUTS (CONT.)

Over at the One Stop students have been improving test scores and gaining employment!

Jean passed her TABE! She has exited our program because she was hired immediately after a recruitment organization interviewed her and saw her test scores. She is working in a field she enjoys and reports that she is well liked at her new job. HUGE thanks to all her tutors, especially Anne who worked with her frequently. Amazing work!!

Esther passed her TABE! She scored high enough to begin HiSet preparation through Learning Link. Many, many thanks to Sevena who has worked so diligently with Esther over the past several months. Such a great success story!

Catherine passed her TABE and is moving on to a technical school! HUGE thanks to Johanna who tutored Cathy in both reading and math. You are a superstar!

Congratulations to all of those who have achieved their goals!

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## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

### ●●● BUILDING TRUST ●●●

Some students may experience varying degrees of trauma in their lives. This may cause them to exhibit defensive or avoidance behaviors which impede progress.

These behaviors can include inconsistent attendance, rushing ahead during instructional time, masking their confusion by saying they understand the material when they actually don't, having very low confidence and avoiding content they find difficult. It is crucial that we create a safe environment for our learners and build trusting relationships.

Here are some ideas to consider that I have tried or have observed you doing already:

1. Thank the students for being here- Even the seemingly reluctant learner has still made the choice to attend tutoring.

### *Important Dates*

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#### **Tutor Training**

*The Winter session will be six weeks from January 8th through February 12th.*

*Meets Tuesdays from 10 am-12 pm at the Voorhees Library.*

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*The Spring session will be five consecutive weeks from April 23rd through May 21st.*

*Meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Voorhees Library. LVCC is excited to meet the new classes of Tutors!*



2. Point out their strengths-Every student comes to us with their own Funds of Knowledge, but their gifts and talents may never have found a place in the traditional academic setting. They know they struggle academically, but they may not see as easily where their strengths lie.

3. Be honest with them. Acknowledge their weaknesses and be upfront with a realistic timeline for their goals

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## NEW ONLINE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

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The Literacy Department is excited to announce new resources available for students. These online programs allow students to be able to practice their skills outside of their tutoring sessions. The programs include lessons, quizzes, and skill development skills. Interested students will be given a log-in and can access the lessons from any computer - at whatever time is convenient for them. These self guided programs are available for students learning English, math, and reading skills. Each program is briefly described below.

Contact the department about getting your student registered today!

### AZTEC

This programs can help students to prepare for their Hiset through lessons geared toward math and reading.



### NEW READERS PRESS

Another great resource for our students that are preparing to take their high school equivalency exam!



### READINGHORIZONS ELEVATE

This resource has pronunciation activities and reading exercises that are perfect for a new English language learner.



## Announcements



### LVCC Goes to Facebook

LVCC has a private Facebook group for tutors to connect with one another and share tips with one another.

If you haven't joined yet contact Charlotte Perez for more information!

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### New Games and Flashcards

We have purchased new Flashcards and Games that can be borrowed for use during tutoring sessions. They can be used to assist in developing reading skills, understanding money, prepositions, and much more.

Look for them in the black box marked "ESL Resources" on the shelf outside our office in Voorhees!

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### Buddy Tutoring Sessions

If you are a tutor that is interested in holding periodic joint tutoring sessions for conversation practice please let us know the day and location you usually meet so we can help facilitate a peer contact.



# FROM THE DESK OF...



## Introducing...

...the new Student Study Center. Earlier this year we received a mini-grant to create an additional study space for students and tutors to use. We purchased two tables and partitions that combined with the existing table create three spaces where students and tutors can meet. In the coming months we plan to add two computers to the space so that students can come on their own time to practice their English, reading, and math. They will be able to access the online resources outlined in the previous page (Reading Horizons, Aztec, and New Readers Press) in addition to other digital apps. We are excited to be able to expand the opportunities and resources available to our LVCC family.

~ Victoria Chisholm

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