

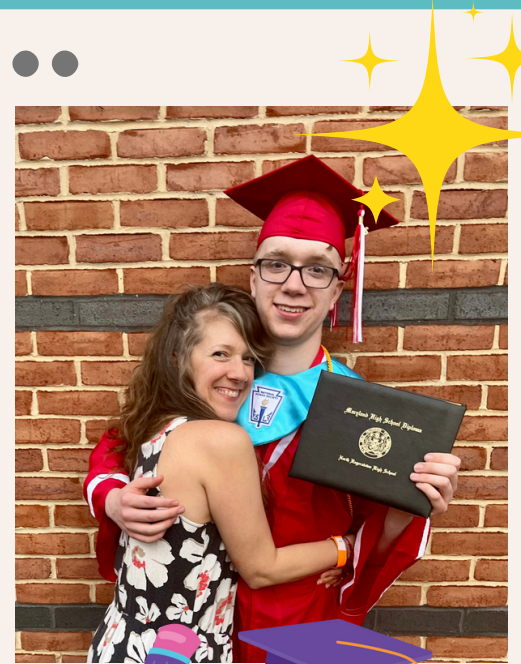
TUTOR TALK NEWSLETTER

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UPFRONT WITH LAURA GROSS ●●●●●●●●

My tiny baby boy graduated from high school last week. (Okay, he's neither tiny OR a baby anymore! 🥳) As anyone who has ever graduated from anywhere knows, the ceremony itself can never be fully representative of the work accomplished to arrive there. The successes, failures, strife, dedication, colorful language used in frustration, and everything in between. There's no way that one event could appropriately catalogue it all. But still, these commemorations stand as a moment in time -for graduate, teacher, and observer- to acknowledge the tremendous amount of effort required to achieve the goal.

Likewise, LCWC wants to use this newsletter space to honor tutors and students alike. This month you will see that, instead of a "Tutor Spotlight," we have a "Student Spotlight." Moving forward, we hope to share snippets of both tutor and student experiences here. If you have a student who is open to being featured, please feel free to email their stories to the office account. Thanks for helping us celebrate LCWC success stories together!



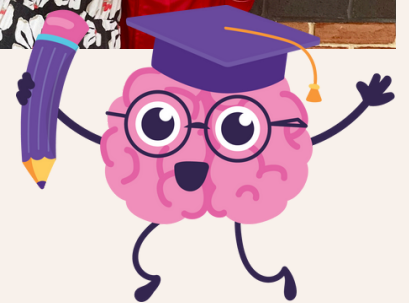
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT●●●●●●●●



Stanley, LCWC Student

Stanley has worked with tutor Becky Hein for over a year. After his work day at the Office of Consumer Advocates, they met at the library to help him prepare for GED tests. Stanley, who has been drug free for 2 1/2 years, will be moving back to Charles County where he grew up. He will be working for the JUDE Center, a 120 day drug rehab program for mainly inmates on a release program. This job change will be an increase in salary, more hours of work, and more responsibility. He's hoping to get into the External Diploma Program at Southern Maryland College to earn his High School Diploma in the next 2 years.

**Congratulations to Stanley on
the job promotion!**



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●●●●●●●●●● DEAR TUTOR TALK

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: Wow, there is so much going on at the Literacy Council these days! I love being a tutor, but now I'm ready to do more. Are there other ways for me to volunteer?

YOUR ANSWERS (THANKS):

- *Allan:* Dear Inquiring Tutor, I'm so glad that you are enjoying your tutoring experience. You are making a valuable difference in your student's life. Keep it up! You also inquired if there were other ways in which you could have input into what the Literacy Council is doing. So glad you asked. I have some suggestions:
 - Consider volunteering one morning or just a couple of hours a week helping our Executive Director who is in residence at the office M-T-W mornings. She always has more than she can do in her assigned hours.
 - Consider assisting in one of the group classes currently taking place at the main library. Our Executive Director can tell you when they meet.
 - Consider just attending one of the Literacy Council's Board meetings which occur once a month. You obviously have interest in what the Literacy Council does. And you have talents and a new perspective that is unique and valuable. The Board needs more people to invest their time and talent. Your presence would be welcome. Again, our Executive Director can tell you when and where they meet.
- *Judy:* But wait – there's more! Help put together our Tutor Talk newsletter; do intakes on new students to determine their level (training provided); join Laura as an ambassador at community events; help Laura plan our own events; keep our library organized. Or offer your own ideas for how LCWC can best use your talents, skills and energy.

NEW QUESTION: Some of my students won't ask me to repeat something or explain it another way, probably because I'm much older than them or because I'm "the teacher". I want to make them more comfortable while respecting cultural differences.

Help Tutor Talk answer this question!
Send us your suggestions and we'll publish them in our next newsletter.



IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS? EMAIL JUDY CHAMBERS AT JANDSCHAMBERS@OUTLOOK.COM
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RESOURCE CENTER ●●●●●●●●●●

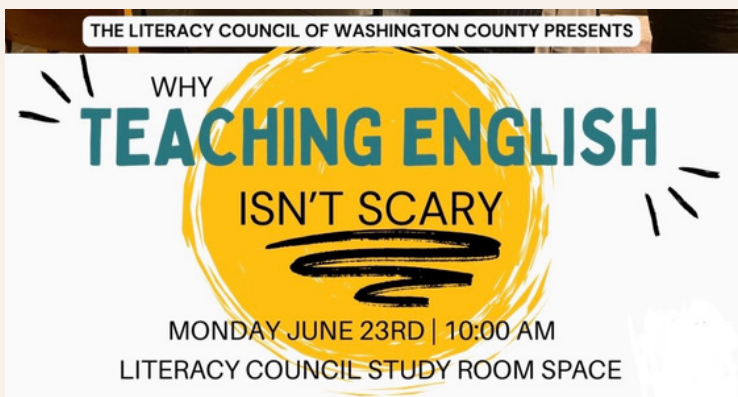


News in Levels

World News for Students of English

The website www.newsinlevels.com offers a free app with daily news stories. Each news story is presented on 3 levels and has accompanying audio and video. Your student can take a self-test to find the right level. A great way to use News In Levels is for duet reading – ask your student to read along with the audio recording of the story (just be sure to check in Settings for the American accent). Spend a little time exploring this resource – and let Tutor Talk know how you're using it.

LCWC CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE!



Join us Monday, June 23rd!
Follow the QR code
to register



PANEL DISCUSSION WORKSHOP

An interactive hour led by 3 LCWC teachers. These women run weekly English classes for native speakers of any language origin. This **FREE** workshop is intended for any person ready to reach beyond their comfort zone to serve our growing population of ELL adults.



GRANT NEWS ●●●●●●●●●●

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Richard N. Funkhouser Foundation for their generous grant of \$1,000! Support like this plays a vital role in sustaining the Literacy Council's programs and services.

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