



Tomlinson Adult Learning Center Mission and Purpose:
To provide a quality learning environment which enables adults to become literate, economically self-sufficient, and productive members of society.

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A Quarterly Community Newsletter

The Tribute

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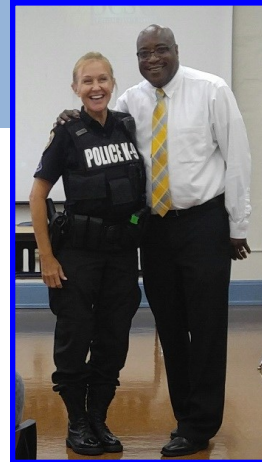
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Welcome Back to School

Well it's that time again! Welcome back to all our wonderful students and staff! We have a couple of changes, but all to the good! This year, we opened the year with "Crisis Awareness Training," where we focused on safety protocol and procedures. We learned the sequence necessary for all public schools to follow. One new face in an old classroom is that of Mr. Michael Samonek, who joins us as a full time ESOL teacher in room #310. He replaced Mr. Howard Riddle. Meanwhile, a familiar face, Mrs. Anni Mallory, has a new focus. She has shifted from GED to the Adult High School program, where she took over for retired Ms. Sue Foster. In her old position is Mr. Rudi Peseckas. Mr. Marion Neal now "heads up" the GED program at our St. Pete College campus. We also have another new face—Ms. Graciela Meilij is working at Job Corps and she reports that she likes it very much. Whew, sounds like *Where's Waldo* around here, huh? In other shifts, Ms. Franchon Dials will now be the Hospitality Coordinator Extraordinaire. Last, but not least, the newsletter will be in the hands of Ms. Nina Cornelius, our Media/Tech specialist who only hopes she can fill the text boxes as well as our past "Grand Dame" of the newsletter, Ms. Patty Brewer.



Above: Ready and Able. Officer Barbara Bauger and Mr. Godfrey Watson team up together to educate our staff about the benefits of planning ahead for emergencies.



Top: Attentive Audience. Faculty starts the year right. **Above: Welcome.** Mr. Mike Samonek is pleased to join us.

Tomlinson Congratulates our Recent Graduates

An Annual Event for all Adult Students in Pinellas County



Chynel LaVine

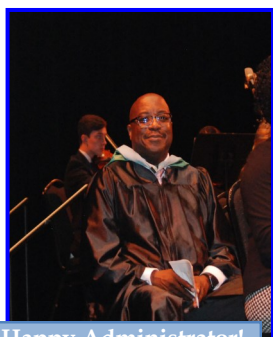


Kimmie Rodgers



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September 13th at 7pm over 130 graduates celebrated advancing their educational plans by walking across the stage at the Mahaffey Theater to receive their diplomas. They came from adult schools all over the county and were cheered on by friends, teachers, and family members, alike. Some of our students weren't able to make it to the ceremony, but we celebrated them, just the same. When a student completes his studies at Tomlinson, the teacher brings him downstairs so we can be sure to get a photo of them for commemoration.



Happy Administrator!



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Marie Corbett

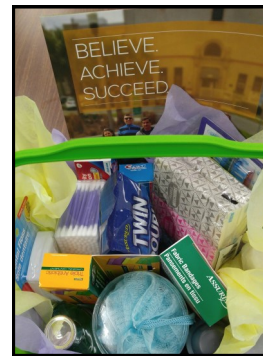
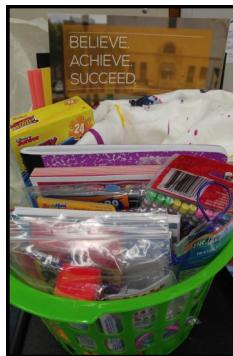


Mr. Watson with Chris and Toni Forster!

In Other News

PARTNERSHIPS

Tomlinson Helps Give Aid to Refugee Families



During the month of September, the Barbara S. Ponce Public Library in Pinellas Park teamed up with several agencies that focused on helping families of refugees as they adjusted to life in the United States. Tomlinson was quick to join this cause, as many of our ESOL students are refugees from other countries, and some of our students come from areas even farther away than Pinellas Park. A flyer went around, asking for “Welcoming Baskets” to be made, along with lists of much-



needed items, such as kitchen supplies, school supplies, clothing and diapers for babies, toddler toys, bath and personal hygiene items, as well as cleaning supplies for the home. A giant hug of gratitude to all who participated in this event: Vija Hazners, Patrick Jennings, Marion Neal, Barbara Riddle-Dvorak, Donna Lawless, Mike Samonek, Penka Pesev, Anni Mallory, Tanja Vurunic, Marolyn Coleman, and Nancy Fox. The recipients of the baskets were eternally grateful for the generosity of Tomlinson Adult.

Interesting Facts from around Tomlinson

I Bet you didn't know how far some students come just to be here with us! Meet, Ruth Neely, a student who came all the way from Osceola, Indiana to take Upholstery with our very own Joy Worley. Students reported that she heard about us from a friend in this area. While she wouldn't say she was a beginner, she is happy to say she has really added to her skills thanks to Mrs. Worley.

