



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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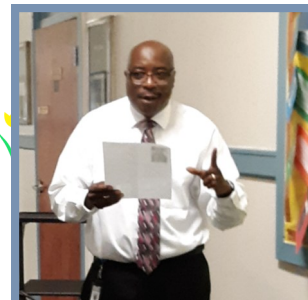
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Above: Mr. Watson treats the group to his oral interpretation of "I am Telling You, Discouraged One, We Will Win" by Alice Walker.

Left: KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. A powerful message for our Black History celebration and a perfect theme for our school.

Below: Students from all over the school gather in the front hallway during break to learn and be entertained by our volunteer speakers.



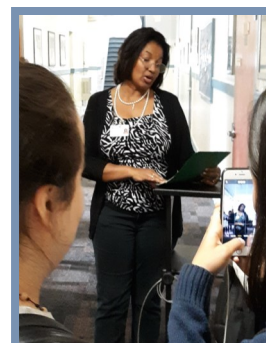
Tomlinson Celebrates Black History Month

February is designated as Black History Month and Tomlinson took the opportunity to give the students a fun way to learn about some important contributions of African American pioneers.

"We had a couple of guest speakers," said Ms. Marolyn Coleman, our Senior DMT and Hospitality member, who was the main contributor and creator of the bulletin board/event, "and one of our past ESOL students, Munyerenkana Apudo, sells African attire and jewelry, so she came and set up a table for our students, too, so they had more opportunities to learn."

Our principal was one of the speakers. "We were pleased to have Mr. Watson recite a poem for us," continued Ms. Coleman. "It was all about the different races and nations of the world and how we are 'all one.' That's really what Tomlinson is all about—treating everyone we serve with respect and dignity, no matter their situation or circumstance."

The other guest speaker was also a "guest singer" and she was a student from Ms. Helen Brown-Keys' Business Technology class, Ms. Denise Smith. "What a beautiful voice she has," said some of the students surrounding her as she sang. Several ESOL students recorded the presentations on their phones so they could share it with their friends and families "back home."



Above: Denise Smith sings The Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."



Above: Munyerenkana Apudo started learning English at Tomlinson several years ago. Now, she is proud to have her own business.

Annual Springtime PACTE Student CELEBRATION



Pinellas Adult Career & Technical Education Association held their Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 11th, at Pinellas Park High School at 7 pm. Seven Adult Centers were represented; Tomlinson had 12 proud recipients, as well as one PTC scholarship winner, Eric Franchino. **Pictured left:** Tomas Ortega, Zavior McKenzie, Gloris Higuera, Claudia Salgado, and Terry Slaughter.



Top: Teacher Nancy Fox never misses an awards assembly.

Above: Teachers Anni Mallory and AnnMarie Kokash volunteer to help all go smoothly.

Right: Anne Morgan speaks to the PTC Scholarship recipients.

Not Everyone Could Make it to the Ceremony. GED Recipients are Pictured Right: Juan Echeverria, Sr., stands with Ms. Donna Lawless, our Online GED teacher, and his son, Juan Echeverria, Jr. We are so proud.



Left: A Full House. Family members and friends listen to the guest speakers for the evening, including Joanne Lentino from the school board. The Awards Presentations are next.



Right: Zachary Musgrave is proud of his accomplishment in earning his GED. "Just don't give up," is his sage advice to others.



Above: Teacher Holly Heintz congratulates Minnie Perez on getting her GED. She started online and finished in school.



Above: Ann-Marie Clarke, PACTE President, addresses the audience and begins the program for the anxious recipients.

Interesting Facts from around Tomlinson **BET** you didn't know...

New Promotion for incoming students: Bring a friend to school to register & you will be entered into a monthly drawing. **SOMEONE** will win each month—**FREE** tuition for a term, is the **GRAND PRIZE**. Gift cards and other prizes will also be awarded. Drawings held the last day of each month, front hallway at 2:30pm.



Tell Us What YOU Think

Tomlinson has a new "Suggestion Box" in the Guidance Office for students to give us comments about what they like, as well as what they'd like to see changed around the school. Stop by and give us your input. We always need ideas.