

LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

WITH ONE YEAR UNDER MY BELT

By Dr. Harriet Davis

With one year under my belt, I have been blessed to work with an amazing group of staff and students. My goal once was to broaden our base and make connections with our surrounding communities. Lakewood Community School has grown, my goal is continue on that trajectory. I added another goal this year, to help build our auxiliary sites to capacity.

I am proud of the work we are doing at West Care with our GED programs and especially our women's program which has grown two-fold. Our Adult HS diploma program in its 1st year graduated 7 students and our goal this year is 10 students. We are extremely proud of the warm reception from the community regarding the re-opening of our ESOL program. Our goal this year is to continue on our

current path of growth.

Over the summer we had over 123 students attend credit recovery from the various high schools and all successfully finished and removed bad grades from their transcripts. Many of these students were able to make up two classes.

Finally, we have been partnering with our surrounding schools in our areas during back to school nights, open house, meet and greet and football nights by passing out information around our different programs to families. We have attended community fairs, programs and other social activities to let the community know about our



Dr. Davis promoting the various programs offered through Lakewood Community

GED/High school diploma and ESOL programs.

It has been an exciting and busy year of building and outreaching to the community and I look forward to our continued success.

CONGRATULATIONS,, GRADUATES!

BY MARIA WALLEN

One of Lakewood's satellite sites is WestCare. Lakewood Community School provides ABE/GED services to the clients residing at West-Care. Our teachers work with clients that need to earn their high school

diploma, as well as clients who wish to brush up on academic skills to re-enter the job market, technical college, or college. Additionally, Lakewood's GED teachers collaborate with West-Care's employment de-

partment to arrange quarterly tours to PTC and SPC to help transition clients into post-secondary education. We find that participating in the Pinellas County Countywide Graduation Ceremony is a once in a
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THE DOORS

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NEW ESOL TEACHER AT LCS

I have been working in education for over 13 years. My career began as a Library Media Technology Specialist and I transitioned into the classroom 5 years ago as a language arts and reading teacher. While I have enjoyed the years teaching in middle school, I have longed to work with adult students, either teaching college or adult education. In May 2017, I became the evening ESOL teacher at Lakewood Community School. Since joining, I have thoroughly enjoyed teach adult students.



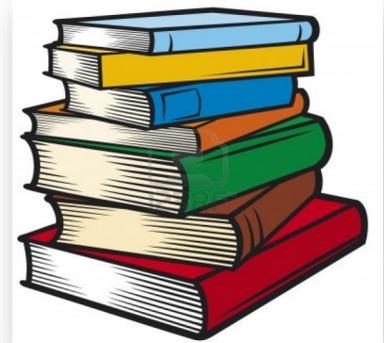
Tondra Kelly, in the LCS ESOL classroom, with her nighttime students

INTENSIVE READING CLASS

By Ron Schnell

Lakewood Community School now offers an Intensive Reading class designed to support students in need of completing a reading assessment to fulfill their graduation requirements. For many students FCAT, FSA, SAT, or ACT reading scores will set the student on that successful course provided by a High School diploma. Instructors provide support on increasing vocabulary strength and the elements necessary

to focus on for each of the reading assessments. Students can earn concordant scores for successfully passing the ACT or SAT. Another option is successfully passing the FCAT or FSA Reading assessment based on their completion year. Classes meet in the evenings, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8:00. Registration required. Call 727-893-2955 for more information.



GED AND ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

BY SHARYN JACOB

Lakewood Community School offers two exciting ways for young adult students to earn their diplomas. These programs are the ABE/GED and High School program and are open to students from 16 to 25 years of age. The program hours are M-F from 7:30-3:00PM.

The ABE program has three areas of study: language, math and reading. In this program, students are working to bring up their levels of learning in order to gain entry into

the GED program.

Once a student has gained sufficient scores to move into the GED program, the students will study in four areas: Reading/Language, Science, Math, and Social Studies. The GED test covers all four areas of study and the tests are taken at PTEC in St. Petersburg or in Clearwater. Students take the GED test one at a time, and a passing score of 145 is

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Ms. Jacob's Classroom

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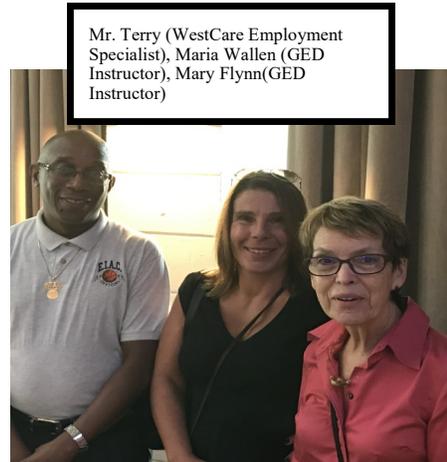
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<p>Sanderlin Center 2335 22nd Ave South Day and Evening Classes</p>	<p>Salvation Army Site 1400 4th St. South Day Classes</p>
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2017 Countywide Graduation @ Ruth Eckerd Hall
 Brooke, William, Ashley, and Bethany (l to r)



Mr. Terry (WestCare Employment Specialist), Maria Wallen (GED Instructor), Mary Flynn (GED Instructor)

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required for each test. The Lakewood Adult High School Diploma Program offers students an opportunity to earn a high school diploma by taking online courses. This program is good for students who have earned high school credits, and want to complete their diploma by making up missing credits. The students will make up the credits using the online program called

Apex. Students in this program must also pass all the required EOCs' such as the FSA and Algebra 1 EOC. Both the GED and Adult Diploma Program offer students the opportunity to get their diploma through different routes. Potential students should call the school and make an appointment to meet with the Principal, Dr. Davis to determine which route will work best for them.

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Lifetime event for our GED graduates and their loved ones, as most of our students have endured diverse struggles preventing them to finish high school the conventional way. Consequently, each year, we encourage our GED graduates to walk the graduation. This year, ten of the 20 WestCare GED graduates for the 2016-2017 school year participated in the ceremony along with their families. It took place on September 7th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. It was a memorable event with a lot of cheering and clapping. Moreover, this year we were able to celebrate our graduates and motivated GED students with a pizza party later in

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WEST CARE GRADUATES

Pizza party in celebration of the graduates and motivated students

Back (from left to right): Chad, Spensir, Chris, Miquel, Ryan, Tyree, Laura, Ashley, William, Bethany, Maria Wallen (Instructor)

Front: Trevor, Terry, James



“IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE” BY JASON SMITH

The value of education means something different to different people. It means something different to different cultures. Some may see an education as a way to earn more money or as a way out of their environment. It may be a source of pride that has been instilled in children by their parents. It is often drilled into the minds of students by their teachers to illustrate how a great education can affect their lives positively if they work hard. It is almost universally accepted that most people’s lives, and the opportunities afforded to them, will be better with a good education.

But what happens when someone does not complete their education like all their friends and family do? What happens when life deals them an unforeseen obstacle that makes them

stop their educational process? Some people do what they can to get by. They do what they can to support themselves and their families knowing that they are possibly being held back in life because they didn’t get the high school diploma that they need to get a better job. The diploma that they need to earn a better wage or have an opportunity to advance at their job. The same job that they have had for years while staying at the same level because they don’t have a diploma. They see people that are less experienced, less knowledgeable and less talented move ahead of them solely because they have a high school diploma or a GED. People become ashamed of themselves because they did not finish school, so they continue to work just to get by. They may decide to

deal with the stigma associated with their lack of education. They may not like it, but they deal with it only because they feel that they have no options. This is not the case. There are options for them. They may not have been aware of them.

One of the main goals of Lakewood Community School is to show the community that there are local options for those that want to continue their education without judgment. The focus of the school is to help students achieve their educational goals while maintaining their lives and jobs. Whatever hours they work, family or life obligations that they have, Lakewood Community School has a solution to accommodate their schedule and a program that will fit their needs.

