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"Happiness is smiling when the sun's out. Joy is dancing in the downpour."

Newsletter for the Clearview Adult Education Center Students

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2025-26 Clearview Adult Education Center Student Calendar

6/2/25 New Term Starts – Students must fill out 4-page registration form and pay \$45 tuition

6/2/25 - 7/25/25

4-Day School Week – School and Office Closed on Fridays – No Classes on Fridays

7/21/25 - 8/8/25

District Shutdown – Schools Closed – No Classes

8/11/25 Schools and Office Reopen – Classes Resume

May gives us many opportunities to celebrate or remember those who help us most. In May we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, International Nurses Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. The point of having commemoration days or celebration days is so we remember to appreciate groups of individuals. While we always want to let these folks know how important they are in our lives, it gives us a chance once a year to give them special recognition. It was so much fun to see all the stars on the teacher's doors and I know they enjoyed the special messages many of you wrote on them. Your teachers, and our entire Clearview community, care for you every day and want the absolute best for you in your life. If you have ever had a medical issue, you know how important nurses are to reassure us and help us through any health situation. Our mothers mean the world to us, they raised us, cared for us, worried about us, and sacrificed for us. We are always grateful for their love. Memorial Day reminds us there are those who are willing to die for our rights and liberties. We take time to celebrate and commemorate their dedication to our country. We hope you take some time on these special days to enjoy family, friends, and all the others who care about you even when you aren't aware.





May GED Student of the Month from Clearview

RAE CORRAL

"I'm proud to name Rae Corral as our GED Student of the Month for May. From day one, Rae has expressed her commitment and determination in earning her diploma here at Clearview. She takes on all her assignments with 100% effort and always asks for more work to practice and study at home. Rae has overcome some serious challenges in her life to get where she is and I know once she earns her diploma, big things lie ahead. She is eager to move on to the next stage of her educational travels and see what the future holds. We know with time and patience Rae will be a GED Grad soon!" Submitted by CVAEC ABE/GED/AHS Teacher Ms. Jet.

May ESOL Student of the Month from Clearview

LAITY NDIAYE

"Laity is a dedicated and enthusiastic student in the Clearview ESOL Program. From the moment he joined the class, Laity has brought a consistently positive attitude and a genuine eagerness to learn. His warm smile and cheerful disposition create an encouraging environment that makes learning enjoyable for both peers and teachers alike. Laity demonstrates a strong work ethic, particularly in his approach to reading assignments. He persistently practices his pronunciation, showing determination and focus until he masters each word. This diligence has already yielded impressive results. In a short period of time, Laity has shown noticeable growth in his speaking, listening, and reading abilities. Laity's commitment to his studies and his steady progress reflect his potential to achieve fluency in English. He is not only a hardworking and motivated learner, but also a valued member of our school community. I am confident he will continue to excel in any academic environment and make meaningful contributions wherever he goes." Submitted by CVAEC ESOL Teacher Ms. Michelle.



May Online ESOL Student of the Month from Clearview

ROLA SAMIR ELZEIN

"I am nominating Rola Samir Elzein as our Online ESOL Student of the Month for May. Rola demonstrates outstanding progress and dedication in English language learning. Through perseverance and willingness to take risks she has shown growth in communication, comprehension, and cultural understanding. Whether actively engaging in class discussions, supporting peers, or excelling in coursework, Rola embodies the spirit of a passionate learner. Her commitment to mastering a new language is truly inspiring." Submitted by CVAEC Online ESOL Teacher Ms. Patricia.



Every year, the Florida Literacy Coalition publishes a book of essays written by Florida Adult Learners. The Clearview Adult Education Center ESOL Students love to write so each year we submit some of their essays. Reading the student stories is a truly emotional experience. A few of them put a smile on my face and all of them make me think and help me understand the writer's lives much more deeply. Several of the most emotional and heartfelt essays bring tears to my eyes. We will feature those essays in our Clearview Newsletters each month. Please enjoy!!



My Weekends by Natalija Kasirkina

"On Saturday, I spent time with friends and family. My grandchildren were playing chess while I was watching them play. We then played Uno together. My granddaughter, Yaroslava, won but I win sometimes. I love playing with my grandchildren. On Sunday, I cooked banana crepes and cottage cheese crepes. My family likes the cottage cheese crepes better. I prefer the banana crepes. Crepes are very popular in my country of Latvia. After lunch I watched a movie called Harry Potter for the first time. I watched the first part of the movie and did not like it too much. I did not understand much of the movie. My grandchildren watch it all the time and they still love it. This coming weekend my granddaughter will be raising money for her Future Business Leaders of America Club. They will stand outside of Publix and ask for donations. The money will help the students go to their state competition. They have raised a lot of money so far. She is in the Largo Middle School Band. She plays two instruments, violin, and clarinet. I hope the band can continue to be successful. I'm very close and very proud of my grandchildren."



My Humble Catracha Story by Kenia Santos Gaitan

"My name is Kenia. I was born in Honduras. I'm 41 years old. People from Honduras are called *Catrachas*, and this is my story. At 14 years old, I decided to leave home chasing my dreams of studying, to prepare myself for the future, and to overcome my fears. I migrated from a small town to a big city. For 6 years I studied and worked at homes with very special people that helped me and supported me and my dreams. When I turned 20 years old, I made another important decision; it was to discover my vocation. I joined a religious congregation, and for 12 years I had a beautiful and wonderful time. I meet a lot of people of different cultures. I became a better person to face life. During this time, I also got two college degrees in theology. When I was 32 years old, I left the religious congregation. It was not an easy decision for me. I began a new journey and moved to the United States where I worked and studied. With every step of the way came a new learning experience. The most important one on all my journeys is with God. God has always been with me, and still with me on each decision that I make. I believe we should chase our dreams and never give up, as hard as it seems, give yourself a chance to try and if it does not work for you at least you know that you gave it a try."



I Found A Second Family by Daniel Bedoya

“When I was about to move to the United States, people in Colombia told me that loneliness there was overwhelming, and I started to feel scared because people in my country are very warm and caring. Even so, I made the decision to come to this country to be close to my wife, which is something I had wanted to do for a long time. When I arrived, I needed to adapt and learn the language. While searching online for English schools, I discovered that the Largo Library offered classes. I called the person I was directed to at the reception desk and got in touch with an incredible person named Naki. Thanks to her kindness, I was attending classes within a week. Life gave me a pleasant surprise when I arrived at the school. The feeling I get from coming to school and being able to share time with such wonderful people is indescribable. My classmates and the teachers couldn’t be more helpful to everyone. They pay attention to each person whether you’re missing something or dealing with a difficult situation. They always find a way to help you and make you feel supported. I never thought I would feel this way surrounded by so many different cultures, which is what I love the most, knowing that no matter where you come from, we are all the same. All it takes is giving love and serving others.”



The Mystery from the Library by Aurelia Neagu

“I like libraries. Libraries have always been seen as places of knowledge and tranquility. Rows-upon-rows of books hold the secrets of countless minds, and the hushed atmosphere invites reflection and discovery. A year ago, when I decided to open a new chapter in my life, I realized the first obstacle I had to overcome was the English language. The first place I went for help was the Largo Public Library. Unfortunately, they had no more seats in their adult English program, but a nice lady directed me to another place, the Clearview Adult Education Center. Here I began my first steps in breaking down the language barrier. Heartfelt teachers were by my side, and we worked together to open a new world. I met people from all over the world and I spent unforgettable moments together. From the lady at the front desk to the person who cleans the building, I met welcoming people ready to help you at any time. But my heart stayed at the library. A year later, I decided to try again to enroll at the library. My attempt was successful. I met three wonderful teachers here who are with us and encourage us to move forward, to follow our dreams, and to believe in ourselves. What a joy! I’m like Alice in Wonderland. It’s like I’m traveling through time. I walk through the library shelves, I smell the books, and the mystery surrounds me. A new world opens up.”



To all our student essay writers for
opening their hearts and sharing their
stories with us.





Florida Literacy Coalition invited Clearview Adult Education Center ESOL Student Inna Alfonso to read her essay at the Florida Literacy Conference on May 13th. Inna was one of only two students asked to attend the conference and read their essay to the conference attendees at the opening session. It was a great honor for Inna and Clearview Adult Education Center. Below is a short article from Inna reflecting on her time at the conference.



CVAEC GED/ESOL Teacher Mr. James, CVAEC ESOL Student Inna Alfonso and Janet Setzekorn from READ Pinellas.

"I'm just leaving from the Florida Literacy Conference event, and it was honestly such an incredible experience. Everything went perfectly! The atmosphere was really positive and supportive, and I was surrounded by so many passionate educators and fellow learners. One of the highlights was that I got to read my short story in front of teachers and students, and everyone laughed with my story all along! I was a bit nervous at first, but the energy in the room really helped me feel confident. Seeing their reactions and knowing they appreciated my story was such a rewarding feeling. Afterward, a few teachers even came up to me to share how much they enjoyed it. That meant a lot, especially since it's not every day that I get to share my writing with such a big audience. The whole event left me feeling really inspired and proud of myself for putting myself out there. I'm definitely more motivated now to keep learning and sharing my work!"



King of Peace
Metropolitan Community Church

6085 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY

What are your hours?

Our pantry is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It is in the small white building across the parking lot from King of Peace Sanctuary.

What Do I Need to Bring? If possible...

No photo ID or proof of residence is needed.

How Often May I Come?

Guests may come once a month. We recognize the extra strain many families and individuals are under, and are attempting to meet the need.

How do I donate or volunteer at the pantry?

We accept donations of all kinds of non-perishable food. Each month we have a specific need that we request, which you can see in the image below. If you would prefer to donate financially to the food pantry or if you would like to volunteer, please email mcclanice@churchstpetersburg.org or call the church office at 727.323.5857.



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727-522-4673, Clearviewumc.org
Rev. Erick Ashley, Pastor

Groups holding regular meetings on premises:

Amend, Pregnancy Loss Support Group
AA, multiple groups
Scouting America, Troop #334
Scouting America Skyway District
Order of the Arrow

Mission Partners:

Florida Dream Center
Zoe Empowers
(Rwanda-Helping Vulnerable Children and Youth-Led Families)
Residing Hope (formerly Florida United Methodist Children's Home)
Inglesia Metodista de Guareiras (Cuba sister church)

Programs:

FLDC Adopt-a-Block Food Distribution (held in west field pavilion)

New:

Ostomy Clinic (w/Angel's Closet)

Periodic Events:

Optimists' Fundraisers

Summers:

Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center Camp

Special Event Participation:

PAL/FLDC School Supply Drive
Adopt-a-Claus Christmas Toy Collection and on campus Holiday Give-Away

Clearview Programs:

Three Little Food Pantries on Property
Community Dinners (4th Sunday of the month)
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Pumpkin Patch

Call Clearview @ 727-522-4673 for additional information.

Clearview now offers district wide online programs for ABE/GED and ESOL for eligible students.


Online ESOL classes are:
Monday – Wednesday Nights
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Online GED classes are:
Monday and Wednesday Days
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday Nights
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Call 727-221-5395 for more information.



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DETAILS

- Real world skills-based program taught by industry experienced faculty
- Financial aid available for qualified students
- Small class sizes
- Learn to use the latest Windows, Mac OS X and Linux software
- Gain valuable skills in computer repair, configuration and trouble-shooting
- Opportunity to earn CompTIA Certifications in A+, Network+ and Security+
- This is an Integrated Education and Training (IET) program that simultaneously addresses Adult GED and ESOL along with Computer Systems & Information Technology standards
- Computer Network Support Specialists earn an average of \$29.38 per hour*

SCHEDULE

➤ **Clearview Adult Education Center Campus**
3815 43rd St. N
St. Petersburg, FL 33714
Mon – Fri | 7:00 am – 12:15 pm





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PHLEBOTOMY



- This program is an Integrated Education and Training Program which combines career training with ESOL and/or GED acquisition.
- Prepares students to perform duties of a professional Phlebotomist
- This blended online program is a combination of distance learning, live classroom/lab activities and clinical experiences
- Program content covers Theory & Application of Phlebotomy
- Core topics include: Basic Anatomy, Infection Control & Isolation Techniques, Principles/Methods of Specimen Collection (Capillary or Venipuncture), Labeling Specimens & Sample Distribution, Tool Preparation, Basic Health Care & Safety Procedures, Employability, Communications, Interpersonal Skills, Basic Mathematics, Science & Computer Literacy
- Graduates are qualified to sit for the American Medical Technologist's exam to become a Registered Phlebotomy Technician—a national certification
- Registered Phlebotomy Technicians earn an average of \$17.48 per hour*

DETAILS

- 165 HRS (120 hrs Theoretical Classroom, 45 hrs Clinical)
- TUITION - \$481.80
- BOOKS, SUPPLIES, FEES - \$564 (Estimated)

SCHEDULE

➤ **St. Petersburg Campus at Clearview Adult Education Center**
3815 43rd St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33714
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Clearview Adult Education Center Mission
The mission of Clearview Adult Education Center (CAEC) is to provide a learning environment for our diverse adult population which will empower them to reach personal, career and economic goals and become productive members of society.

