IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Adult Ed is excited to introduce two new full-time employees:

Congratulations are in order for Kaitlyn Barrell, who has been promoted to a Full-Time Program Performance Technician effective August 1, 2020. Kaitlyn has been working part-time at GTCC since December of 2018. Her employment at GTCC began as a writing tutor and later an ESOL Program Assistant in Adult Education. Kaitlyn has a B.A. in History and English from the University of Mary Washington. Kaitlyn handles student registration, LEIS, and data analysis for the High Point Campus. Her office is located in Building H3, Room 130.

Effective November 20, 2020, Tina Vann began working as an Administrative Assistant in Adult Education. She holds an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from John Tyler Community College. Tina brings a ton of payroll, auditing, and bookkeeping experience to the position. Her office is located in Building H3, Room 126 on the High Point campus. Welcome, Tina!

Student Incentive Program: Earn a $50.00 Walmart Gift Card

From January through June of 2021, the Adult Education Department will be awarding one student per month a $50.00 Walmart gift card. Students can qualify by 1) earning a gain on a post-test or 2) Attending class 80% of the time (10-12 hours weekly for online students). All eligible students will be entered into the monthly drawing funded by donations to our GTCC Foundation Adult Ed account.

Pictured above is our first winner of the year, Kathy Pearson, with her instructor, Gracie Pauling. Congratulations to Kathy, a deserving student, for being the first winner to be awarded a $50 gift card from GTCC's Adult Education Program. Kathy received this award because she works hard in all her classes and has outstanding attendance! She is proud of herself for having good work habits and perseverance.

One of Kathy’s favorite quotes is from Michelle Obama; "Success isn’t how much money you make; it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives." Kathy's goal is to get her GED and become a motivational speaker, letting others know that if you set your mind to do something, you can achieve it. She wants to teach them to set goals and stay focused on fulfilling them.

Chromebooks and Hotspots Available for Students

Thanks to a grant from the United Way of Greater Greensboro, we were able to purchase 33 Chromebooks and 25 hotspots with wifi. These devices will be available for our High School Equivalency and Adult High School students to check out from the Library in the Adult Education Center on the Greensboro Campus for 8 weeks at a time beginning in April 2021. Students must be referred by an Adult Ed instructor or staff member. More details coming soon about this exciting opportunity!
This is a story of persistence and determination. Najma Yousafzai is from Pakistan. She came to the United States in 1997. She started working on her GED in 2010. This is her story in her own words.

“My name is Najma. Since childhood I have loved attending school. I left my education when I got married. I came to the United States and could not focus on school because of starting my new journey of being a mother. My children kept me super busy. I had five children so there was no time for me to think about my personal goals. When my kids grew up and started their journey I finally started to think about mine. I started GTCC as a beginner. Being a foreigner and picking up English from the beginning and learning the basics and rules of grammar was a struggle. GTCC has been a wonderful journey with great teachers who supported me through my education. Not being fluent in English made it difficult to get my GED but still I could not let that get in the way of reaching my goal. This is one accomplishment down with many more to go! I thank all the wonderful teachers that have so much patience and faith in their students in achieving their goals.”

We are so proud of Najma! She would like to take courses to help her get a job, possibly in child development. We know that with her strong work ethic, she’ll be successful in whatever she undertakes.

Bannout Aoun inspires all of us as she shoots for the stars! Aoun is from Lebanon. She is a former ESOL Student that attended Jame’ Kinney-SanGeorge’s English for Speakers of Other Languages class (ESOL) at Craft Recreation Center in 2015. As a wife and mother of three, her life was very busy. However, she made time to attend English three hours a day for three days a week while her toddler attended the class next door offered by Learning Together / Guilford Child Development that partners with GTCC’s ESOL classes. She needed to refresh her English skills and practice speaking. After gaining confidence practicing and studying English, she began to study Pharmacy Tech at GTCC and then earned an Associate of Science at GTCC. She then went on to UNCG studying Chemistry/Pre-Pharmacy. Aoun gained working experience as a Pharmacy Technician at Moses Cone and Novant Health. Her latest employment is at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital Cancer Center as a Chemotherapy Pharmacy Technician. Bannout shared this amazing achievement in her own words.

“This is so exciting! What I have been working hard for is one step closer to become reality. A lot of hard work, stress, and tears were put in for this. With all the doubts, obstacles, and challenges that I have faced during this journey, I am excited to announce that I will be accepting an admission offer to the Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2025 from HPU School of Pharmacy. Huge thanks to those who supported and encouraged me every step of the way, you are part of this achievement!!”

Upcoming Dates for Adult Education

- March 19—Professional Development from 1:00-4:00 pm on Zoom
- April 9—Last day for new students to enroll before July
- May 12—Spring Semester Ends
- May 17—Summer I Semester Begins
- May 31—GTCC Closed for Memorial Day
- June 17—Adult Ed Graduation at 6:30 pm
- June 30—Summer I Semester Ends/End of Program Year 20-21
- July 5—GTCC Closed for Independence Day
- July 6—Summer II & new student enrollment begins