

# The East Side Voice

East Side University Village Community Learning Center

OUR FOCUS THIS EDITION: **One in five adult Houstonians cannot read this newsletter.**



## The E. D.'s Corner

**DIGITAL EDUCATION IS HERE TO HELP YOU LIVE BETTER IN THE 21 CENTURY**

Manson B. Johnson, II, E.D.

Aging people are catching on to the technology age in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century just as young techies. Older age groups like me and my wife are getting more and more into the use of technology to solve our daily consumer needs. Both aging and young people are looking to improve their living standards by living smart and saving mental and physical energy. The technology “**app**” world has introduced a new education platform for every age group to benefit from. There is an app for everything these days: an app for cooking recipes, travel apps, medical apps, filing income taxes, airline apps, tutoring apps, photo apps, ebooks apps, shopping apps, etc...the list of available digital teaching and training apps literally is endless in today's world. Technology apps can get you in touch with learning just around the corner locally or across the world in seconds. Distance is no longer a block to anyone accessing information on any given subject.

In some school districts laptops have already replaced paper textbooks. Soon all grade school students will be armed with course chips and laptops to do their learning. Just think a child can cross reference different course information from the same technology source. If they have a science or chemistry project that they are working on they can integrate problem resolution methods within the same computer device without changing to a separate one. The student will not need to put one book down and pick up another one and then get pencil and paper to set up problem solving methods that can be done between two separate disciplines. WOW! That is the power of smart technology. In the very near future some of these same possibilities will be done from a “smart phone” for classroom applications.

This summer parents should load up the children's smart phones with educational technology apps. Ebooks will make a world of difference in returning students' reading abilities.

Parents can find programs that will help to improve children's reading comprehension if they are falling behind. Math apps can help students to improve their math skills over the summer. Spelling apps can help improve students spelling and reading over the summer. Parents can load their own smart phone with the same learning apps of their children and lead them in their learning for the summer. What a great partnership that would make between a parent and a student. This works not only for grade school students but it can make for great partnerships with college students that need to brush up on certain subjects over the summer. WOW!

One of the things that I really like about apps and smart phones is the GPS function. This is so handy and exciting! For just pennies an adult can download a direction app that talks and give out directions anywhere. Very good for driving at night and locating the right address of a house, apartment or even a shopping place. WOW! Just think how simple it would be to find your daughter or son's new home without having to get them to explain the directions to you as a parent. WOW!

As with everything all apps are not good. Both young and aging groups must be careful with selecting apps for their computer or phone devices. Privacy is precious and one must be careful not to over expose important information. You do not want to put your life out on the internet for the world to see. They should only see what you want them to see. NO ONE SHOULD EXPERIMENT WITH THE INTERNET OR WITH APPS. Call East Side University Village Community Learning Center if you need help. That is what we do. Come and learn with us safely. Call 713-747-9577



**School's Mission:**  
*Providing educational assistance and job skills development through information, computer technology, and existing community resources.*



**School Motto:**  
*A Gathering Place for Knowledge for All People of All Ages*



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## Site Manager's Message



Manson Bracy Johnson, III

### **Congratulations East Side University Village Community Learning Center!**

Special Thanks to:

Manson B. Johnson, Executive Director

Jackie Aguilera, Literacy Coordinator  
Jimmie Green, Registrar and Volunteer Coordinator  
Mery Morales, Spanish Instructor  
Rebecca Miller, Computer Instructor  
Mariza Arko, Computer Instructor  
Adrian Brown, Computer Instructor

Lameka Edwards, Volunteer-Administrative Helper  
Pamela Gibson, Volunteer-Administrative Helper  
James Williams, Volunteer-Math Tutor

All **East Side Students** past, present, and future!

East Side University Village Community Learning Center is headed toward 2025 and beyond.....

### **East Side University: Stand Up to Rise Up!**



Your Future Is Calling –  
Enroll for GED classes in June!  
This is the last year for the current edition of the GED exam.

## GED Academy & ESL

Congratulations to the following students progressing one or more levels. It normally takes a year to progress a grade level in school. These students progressed one level or more in a semester!

### **Reading**

Andrew Pierson, Raymond Vallery, Reginald Reese, Latisia Bonier

### **Math**

Claine Thornton, Andrew Pierson, Raymond Vallery, Reginald Reese, Madra Brown, Latisia Bonier

### **Language**

Kevin President, Madra Brown, Lynelle Ishman, Wanda Jefferey

### **Reading, Math & Lang**

Linda Mays, Freda Hamilton, Gregory Johnson, Maribel Woodard

### **ABE Literacy**

Lynelle Ishman, Linda Mays

### **Workforce ESL**

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### **GED Exam (passed 3+ parts this semester)**

Shanna Aniekwu, Wanda Jefferey, Claine Thornton

## Spotlight

**Wanda Jefferey:** our first student to take the computerized GED exam. Wanda passed 4 of 5 subject areas. She says ESU's digital learning model prepared her for the exam format. "It was easy," Wanda exclaimed, "Everything you see and do on our practices is just what you do at the real exam."

Wanda's advice: "You have to really study, not just here, but you have to take notes and you have to study at home, all the time. Get on the internet and do every practice you can."

Wanda will take math in the summer and expects to enroll at HCC in the fall.

- Community Partners & Supporters
- AARP of Texas
  - Alliance for Economic Inclusion
  - Alliance Financial Ministries
  - AVANCE
  - Beyond Careers
  - Capital One Bank
  - The City of Houston
  - City of Houston Controller's Office
  - Dispute Resolution Center
  - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - FDIC – Dallas
  - Federal Reserve – Houston Branch
  - First Convenience Bank
  - Gulf Coast Community Service Association
  - Harris County Houston Sports Authority
  - Hewlett Packard
  - Holman Street Baptist Church
  - Houston Independent School District
  - Houston Housing Authority
  - Houston Public Libraries
  - Houston Community College
  - Houston Astros
  - Houston Center for Literacy
  - IRS-SPEC
  - KCOH Radio 1430 AM
  - KTSU (TSU Radio Station) 90.0 FM
  - Literacy Texas
  - Manson B. Johnson Ministries
  - McGraw Hill Companies
  - Merrill Lynch
  - Money Management International
  - Houston Money Week
  - NAACP
  - Red & Black Books
  - Rice University
  - Shell Oil
  - Skills For Living
  - SE Houston Community Development Corp.
  - Sterling Bank
  - Tech Soup
  - Technology For All
  - Texas A&M Extension Service
  - Texas Credit Union Foundation
  - Texas Southern University
  - Texas State Securities Board
  - Texas Veterans Land Board
  - The Women's Resource of Greater Houston
  - Third Ward Community Cloth
  - United Way of Houston
  - University of Houston
  - University of Houston Downtown





### ESUVCLC IS "SACS" ACCREDITED!!!

East Side University is not just a name. ESUVCLC is an accredited school by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – the same organization that licenses independent school districts, community colleges, and post-secondary institutions like the University of Houston and Texas Southern University.



We are very proud to announce that after the SACS evaluation team visit in April, East Side University received accreditation for another five years! We are 1 of only 14 schools that are not a part of an ISD or post-secondary education system in the city of Houston to receive SACS accreditation.



ESU thanks the students, volunteers, staff, donors, community partners, friends, and families that helped make this great achievement possible.

### HOUSTON MONEY WEEK 2013

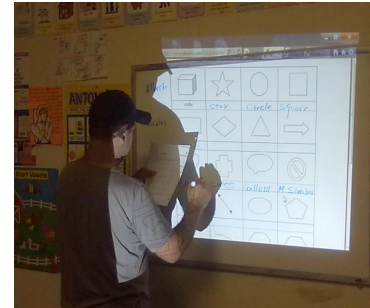
Education is the passport to economics. Each year in April, ESU participates in "Houston Money Week," a weeklong series of city-wide financial education events. In addition to the financial literacy classes offered every term by The Women's Resource, ESU hosts "Financial Education Day" for students and the community. This year's theme was "Financial Tune-Ups & Check-ups."



Ben Franklin opened the event. In kind presentations by Red & Black, authors of "What I Learned About Life When I Was Fired!" and Johnny Deas, founder of "Financial Literacy Music" motivated students to take charge of their financial lives, make positive life choices, and build wealth regardless of income. Skills 4 Living wrapped the day up with "What You Don't Know Will Hurt You."



In a survey given, 66% of attendees reported they would change the way they manage their money because of what they learned.



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**Give today or via our website:**  
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### East Side Voice Notifications



Articles are welcomed from students and community stakeholders. Articles submitted will be featured in the next available edition. Information for the newsletter should be emailed to [esuvclc@esuvclc.org](mailto:esuvclc@esuvclc.org) by the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Use the drop box at 3614 Holman Street or P.O. Box 3301 Houston, TX 77253 for newsletter inserts.

GED Academy (ASE)	Mon. – Thurs. Mon. - Thurs. Mon. – Thurs.	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ABE Literacy 1 ABE Literacy 2 ASE Language Arts ABE Math	Mon. & Wed. Mon & Wed. Thursdays Thursdays	10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon 12 Noon – 2:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Basic Computer Skills	Mon. – Thurs. Mon. – Thurs. Mon. – Thurs.	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Conversational Spanish	Mon. & Wed. Mon. & Wed. Sat.	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Intermediate Spanish	Tues. – Thurs. Tues. – Thurs. Sat.	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Microsoft Office Suite	Mon. – Thurs. Mon. – Thurs. Mon. – Thurs.	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Workforce ESL: Level s1-4 EL Civics -Citizenship: Levels 5-8	Mon. & Wed.. Thurs.	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Financial Education (series starts June 11 <sup>th</sup> )	Tuesdays	10:30 a.m.-12 :00 p.m.

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