

The East Side Voice

East Side University Village Community Learning Center

OUR FOCUS THIS MONTH: TRANSITIONS

Taking the “pipeline” approach to achieving your goals.



The E. D.'s Corner

“10 TIPS FOR PROTECTING THE ELDER FROM TECHNOLOGY CRIME”

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Almost everyone will agree that the use of computers has made life much simpler for all, children and adults. Access to the internet has become even a more useful tool in the daily lives of everyone. In real-time we can zip across the world in just seconds. We can access, locate and compile information with the simple touch of a button in a matter of seconds. Friends, family and workers all enjoy this fresh rush of being able to reach out and touch others and communicate their wishes between each other. However, the invention of the computer and the simple but powerful access to the World Wide Web can also a negative barrier for the elderly. Being faced with a very high-tech modern learning curve and a highly sophisticated new cyber culture senior adults are an unusually high risk to cyber crime. Many of these baby boomers were raised in a trusting human culture and neighborly friendly environment. The world today is not as friendly anymore, especially to senior adults. Many of the customary values that boomers learned as a child are quickly being replaced with a different type of new value system that is less thoughtful. Senior adults are being taken advantage of because of their newly learned skill of surfing the internet. Below are some tips that senior adults may use to avoid becoming cyber crime victims.

1. Make sure the computer that is being used is equipped with a current anti-virus control program. They are cheaper than the trouble of using computers without one.
2. Do not give out personal information to strangers on the internet that send you email. Items such as your driver's license, credit cards, banking information and social security numbers should be kept safe and given out wisely with keen discernment.
3. Do not fill out forms that strangers send to you requesting personal information.
4. Do not share your pass words or pin numbers with anyone, family members or friends. Write them down and keep them in a safe place that only you will visit from time to time.
5. **Do not participate in dating online.**
6. Do not open or respond to email from people you don't know. Criminals use phishing (pronounced fishing) to lure you into traps. This is very dangerous and costly. **DO NOT TRUST STRANGERS!**
7. **ONLY MAKE PURCHASES ON TRUSTED SITES.** Call East Side University Village Community Learning Center if you do not know trusted sites (713 747 9255).
8. **DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN PRIZE GIVEAWAYS OR FREE TRIPS WEBSITES.**
9. **DO NOT GAMBLE ONLINE!**
10. Use multiple passwords for different accounts; do not store valuable personal information on non-secure websites.



“A Light in the Community”



*A Gathering Place for Knowledge
for All People of All Ages*



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Student Success Stories

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 The Women's Resource of Greater Houston
 Third Ward Community Cloth
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 University of Houston Downtown

GED Academy

Congratulations to the following students who gained employment over the summer: Dewanda Brown, Corey Howard, Luther Lee, and George Richardson!

Congratulations to the following students making one or more grade level gains this summer!

Reading

Dewanda Brown, Deresa Ballard

Math

Desiree Adamson, Deresa Ballard, Freda Hamilton, Linda Josso, Corey Howard, Janice Lemons,

Language

Lynell Ishman, Freda Hamilton, Corey Howard, Janice Lemons,

Reading, Math & Lang

Nelson Aniche, Luther Lee, Linda Mays, Jocelyn Donato

GED Academy students also receive career skills building classes focusing on "Dreams" as presented by our partner Skills For Living. Students learn how to set realistic goals, make plans to achieve those goals, and practice job search, resume and interviewing skills.



Through our partnership with the Texas A&M Extension Service, GED Academy students also receive parenting and nutrition classes. Students are challenged to implement new skills into their daily lives to help their families.



GED Academy Life Skills

All GED Academy students attend a minimum of 8 hours of financial education each term. Thanks to our partnership with The Women's Resource, our students learn personal finance basics such as budgeting, saving, future planning, and responsible credit use.



Students completing all the units receive certificates of completion provided by Prairie View A&M and the Extension Service.





Astros Show Love to East Side!
 Thanks to the generosity of the Houston Astros, ESUVCLC was chosen as a grant recipient for baseball game tickets this summer. Students, their families, and friends attended four games together. We appreciate the Astros Organization for helping us take a break with our families!

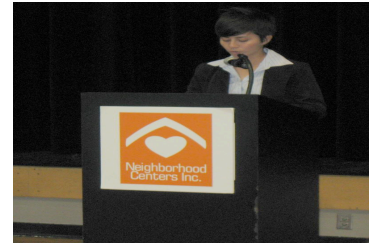


ESUVCLC Alum Speaks at Houston Center for Literacy Teacher Conf
 ESUVCLC Alum Cindy Estrada was asked to share her success story with teachers from all over the city attending the READ, White & Blue Teacher Conference hosted by Neighborhood Centers. Cindy thanked East Side and HCL for all their support and excellent staff and classes. Cindy mastered ESL, GED, and then enrolled at Houston Community College. She is currently earning a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in accounting.



Q&A session with authors Red & Black at Financial Book Club

Tina "Red" & Mandy "Black" authors of "What I Learned About Life When My Husband Got Fired" visited the financial book club. An interactive and entertaining Q&A session brought the reading 'alive' and made us eager for more. Red & Black autographed books and visited with our students. We thank Red & Black for generously providing books as a fundraiser for ESUVCLC!



Site Manager M. Bracy Johnson at CM Wanda Adams Back to School Bash
 M. Bracy Johnson represented HCL and East Side at the 2nd Annual Back to School event held at Sunny Side Park. He networked on our behalf and introduced the community to adult literacy opportunities in Houston.



SPECIAL THANK YOU'S
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS, AND GENEROUS DONORS.
TO OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS AND OFFICE STAFF.
TO ALL OF OUR COMMITTED STUDENTS AND THEIR SUPPORTIVE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.



BLESSINGS TO YOU ALWAYS!

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 by the 8th 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	Mon. & Wed.	12:00 Noon -2:30 p.m.
ASE Language Arts	Thursdays	12:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
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
Financial Book Club	Tuesdays	12:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.
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/EL Civics	Tues. & Thurs.	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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