



TEACH
Tutoring English to Advance Change
That All May Be One

Summer 2018

Newsletter



- Meet once a week to improve listening and speaking skills.
- Talk about a different topic each week.
- Everyone is welcome!

Are you or your student interested in joining one of our weekly Conversation Circles? We use articles from News for You, a newspaper written for ESL students to begin our discussion, but conversations can branch off in any direction. Last week, a news story about Community Police Officers turned into a conversation about pets, social media, the five states that surround Lake Michigan, vacations, and strawberry picking in Michigan! In Conversation Circles, students improve both their speaking and listening skills. We have begun Conversation Circles at the Cicero Public Library, Brookfield pm, the Downers Grove Library, our new location in West Chicago. Interested in starting a Conversation Circle at your location? Let Susana, Nancy or Cathy know!

The **FNCB** has provided TEACH with a room for ESL classes on Thursday mornings. Classes started on July 5, 2018. At this time we have 3 three students. We have been meeting for at least two hours every week. During these two hours, we engage in conversation and study English as a Second Language.



Pictured: Nancy from FNCB teaching budgeting to students

Meet the **TEACH** Staff



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Constantine's
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Dear Tutors,

Fostering unity is at the heart of our mission - "That All May Be

One." You achieve this by helping your students build bridges across cultures through communication and cultural awareness.

As part of our mission of unity, we have also been:

- bringing our students together in conversation circles at several sites,
- bringing tutors together as mentors, and holding site-based trainings,
- collaborating with FNCB bank to use their branch as a tutoring site so that they can make money management support available to our students, and
- partnering with a shelter to tutor survivors of domestic violence with limited English proficiency so they may find a job and become self-reliant.

To promote unity, we need to continue finding ways to build bridges between students, tutors and the community. So, next time you meet with your student, please think about what we can do to make them feel more connected to the larger community. I would welcome your ideas and thoughts.

Thank you for dedicating your time to making a difference in the lives of your students and their families.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Constantine

New Announcements & Tutor Tips

New Tutor In Training

- Please let friends and neighbors know about our next New Tutor Training on August 18, 2018, and August 25, 2018. The training will take place at 100 6th, Ave, La Grange, IL 60525 from 9:00 pm - 3:00 pm. We need tutors for St. Frances of Rome in Cicero, Cicero Library Wednesdays in the morning and St. Blase Fridays in the mornings in Summit.

Kick off

- Don't forget to mark your calendar for our Kickoff celebration on September 8, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Important Dates

- Summer school ends August 17, 2018.
- Woodridge classes end on August 20, 2018.
- All classes resume on the week of September 10, 2018.



On-site Professional Development will take place

- On-site Professional Development will take place Our first on-site Professional Development will take place on September 25, 2018, at St. Barbara Parish Center (4009-15 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513) from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are welcome; please email Susana, Nancy or Cathy to let us know if you are coming.

Quick Tips:

Current news articles in plain English for speakers of other languages (ESOL).

These are some of the topics covered, Features, Health & Education, Immigration, law, Money & Work, New York, News of interest, Opinion, Politics, article tips for teachers to work with ESL students.

<http://www.thetimesinplainenglish.com/>

Helping ESL students understand written text

This article will give an insight on how tutors can help their ESL students to become more effective readers.

<http://esl.fis.edu/teachers/support/commun.htm>

