



New United States Citizens

Congratulations!!

Virginija passed the Naturalization test to become a United States Citizen on January 15, 2020 and on February 24, 2020 Virginija was confirmed at the Naturalization Ceremony.



Her tutor, Jan, also was able to attend the ceremony. Virginia is a student at our Brookfield PM site. Her tutor, Jan, also was able to attend the ceremony. Virginija is a student at our Brookfield PM site.

Congratulations!!

To Ula for passing the Naturalization Test to become a U.S. Citizen on March 3! She was supposed to take the Oath on March 27th, but it was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We wish her well and hope everything settles down soon so she can attend the Oath Ceremony and become an official U.S. citizen. Ula is a student at our Summit PM site.



Congratulations! to all the tutors who completed our most recent New Tutor Training sessions in January and February 2020. We are ecstatic to have you on the TEACH team!



January 13 and 14 at the Berwyn Public Library:
Pictured from left to right: Walter, Jay, Aisha, Rick, Jim, Emilia, John, Mark, Lisa, Amber, Sr. Leyla



February 28 and 29 at St. Barbara's Parish Center
Pictured from right to left : Greg, Cathie, Becky, Susana, Elizabeth, Nancy, James

Here is a great online FREE website your student can use to practice and prepare for the Citizenship Exam and Interview. USA Learns is available anywhere there is internet access: <https://www.usalearns.org>

Registration is free!

After you are registered, click on:

About this Course

Then click on:

U.S. Citizenship ▾



and, follow the lessons!

Please check your student's email address to make sure that it is active. If your student (s) does not have an active email, please encourage them to open a free [Gmail account](#). We would like to be able to communicate with students via email.



Dear Friends,

Constantine's Corner

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

During this period of shelter-in-place, we all risk feeling isolated and out of touch with the world around us. Connection to our communities is strained, but does not need to be cut; we are fortunate to live in an era of real-time, interactive communication capabilities. I am certain that all of you have found ways to stay connected to your family and friends that you may not have otherwise used.

If there is any good coming out of this time, it may be that we will all have realized how dependent we are on each other, how vital it is for each of us to feel part of a greater community. I think about how isolated many of our students must feel, perhaps not having all of the information and access to the resources they need for themselves and their families to stay safe and healthy, both in body and in spirit.

As we do all we can to keep in touch with those important to us, I encourage you to reach out to your students as well. If you would like to do so, please contact Susana, Cathy and Amy—they are incredible resources dedicated to helping us all stay connected.

Now more than ever is the time for us to build bridges across cultures and recognize we are all part of a larger family.

Constantine





COVID-19 News:

It's important that you stay connected with your student. Why? It is only when we connect with our students that we are available to them: to learn about their problems, to give advice, to be a friend, to empower them in their daily lives. In times of stress, our students need us more!

We would like each of you to reach out to your student at least once a week, if possible. It doesn't need to take a lot of time. A simple text message, a phone call, a note-card sent to their home are all small ways that help to keep a strong connection between tutor and student.

We would like you to encourage your student to keep learning and practicing English and to make sure they know you are there for them if they need you.



Do you or your student have special needs during this time?

Check our [website](#) for available community resources.



Virtual Professional Development:

We are working hard to put together a virtual Professional Development meeting soon. In the meantime, **please join us for an Informal Chat on "Staying Connected" on April 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom!** We will send a reminder email to you next week. This will be a great way to connect and try out a virtual meeting!

TESTING UPDATE!

We were making very good progress with our yearly testing, but we have come to a screeching halt because of the Covid-19 shut down. We plan to resume testing students as soon as we have the all-clear. We will be contacting each of our tutors at that time to reschedule testing times.



TUTOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Cindy Moriarity and her students Erica and Maria

We recently received this email from one of our tutors and wanted to share it with all of you. We appreciate all that you are doing to keep up with tutoring your students in these unusual circumstances. Thank you for sharing, Cindy!

"This morning I had my tutoring sessions online with Erica and Maria and I think we were all pleased with the way it went. At my suggestion we used the video-calling app Google Duo. Many smartphones come with Duo already loaded, and on a computer it is easily accessible with a Gmail or a YouTube account. Otherwise, the download is really easy (my husband has an iPhone and he uses it, too), and the app is simple and works well. Erica used her phone and Maria used her son's laptop. The rhythm of the conversation was a little different, and there were different distractions than we're used to, but once we got going we did pretty well. I'll be sending each student a follow-up note via email this afternoon. We can keep going like this as long as we have to."

SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENTS!
We now have online access to New for You simplified English newspaper until further notice.
For free access, go to: www.newsforyouonline.com
Use the password **22667F** to sign in.

New Workstations!

To comply with social distancing, the TEACH team is busy working away at home to support students and tutors during these unprecedented times. Check out their awesome, new work stations!



Amy Smetana



Susana Aguilar

Photo Challenge!

Send a picture of yourself to tele-tutoring or preparing for a tele-tutoring session to your Program Manager!