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LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Vanessa



We invite you to meet Vanessa, our featured student this month in our Learner Spotlight.

Vanessa was among the first group of hospitality associates who took part in the Workplace English classes. She is employed by [Plamondon Hospitality Partners](#), who began partnering with the Literacy Council in January 2020 to support their employees.

Vanessa also participated in the pilot workplace class that incorporated new cleaning and sanitizing procedures and protocols. She was able to transition to using Zoom on short notice immediately following COVID restrictions in 2020, enabling the classes to continue throughout the pandemic.

[Read More Here](#)

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Meet Brent

As the Literacy Council celebrates our 60th anniversary of providing the Frederick County community with essential adult literacy programs, our volunteers have been the driving force behind six decades of impact.

This month we honor Brent Gross, one of those passionate volunteers who has contributed over 180 volunteer hours. As part of our strategic plan to expand programs to meet higher demands, satellite class locations are being explored at targeted library branches. Brent graciously stepped up to help pilot our first satellite ESL Beginner Conversation Class at Walkersville Branch Library.



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In Memory of Ekoue Fabrice Gbadoe



We are greatly saddened by the tragic death of one of our students, **Ekoue Fabrice Gbadoe**, on February 15, 2023. Ekoue recently began learning with the Literacy Council during Workplace English classes at [Bimbo Bakeries USA](#).

His coworkers shared this information with us: Ekoue was a kind, loving, and selfless person who touched the lives of so many. He came to the USA 10 years ago from Togo. He was a hardworking man dedicated to his job and family. Ekoue and his wife Henrietta have five children. Ekoue provided the family's only income since Henrietta takes care of their oldest son that has a disability.

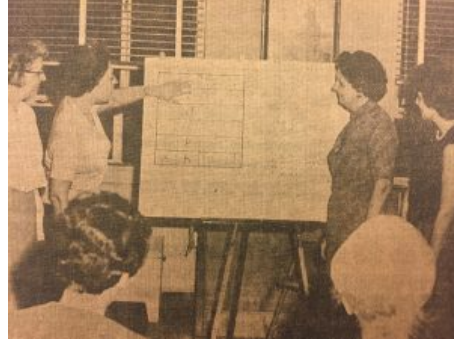
Bimbo Bakeries has set up a [GoFundMe Page](#) to help the family, and his sister has set up a second [GoFundMe Page](#) as well.

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Literacy Council History

In October of 1963, a representative

from the Koinonia Foundation came to Frederick to train 19 volunteer tutors, and Frederick County Laubach Literacy later renamed Literacy Council of Frederick County, was officially established. Its founding mothers were Kay Mackley and Dolly Engle. It was the second Literacy Council in Maryland.



[Learn More Here](#)

UPCOMING Events

Unity Campaign - March 8 - 19

The Literacy Council is one of 30 nonprofits in the [Unity Campaign for Frederick County](#), led by the [United Way of Frederick County](#). 100% of individual contributions go to the designated nonprofit and every gift will be matched by the Incentive Match Fund!



The campaign is now accepting donations! To donate online, please visit the [Team Literacy Council Unity Campaign page](#). The Literacy Council is one of several organizations featured in this new Unity Campaign [video on Education programs](#), many thanks to [88Visual!](#)



You may also donate by texting **Unity202340 to 71777** or download the [mail-in donation form](#) to send a check.

Many thanks to the Campaign's Incentive Match Sponsors!

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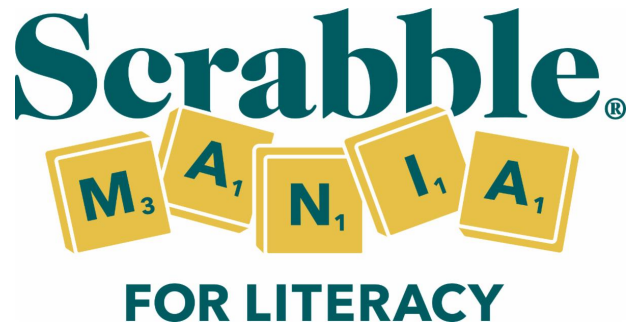
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Scrabble Mania - SAVE THE DATE: May 3

We are excited to partner again with Chris Sparks from [Surelocked In Escape Games](#) as our Game Master at [Steinhardt Brewing Company](#), in Downtown Frederick. Team/Player registration opens later in March. Details coming soon!



Sponsorship opportunities are now available! Check out our sponsor levels and benefits [HERE](#).

We are also seeking donations for our auction, including gift certificates for family entertainment, restaurants, tastings and tours at local breweries and wineries. Contact Laurie Fisher at lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org or Maggie Clingman at mclingman@frederickliteracy.org for more information.

[Learn More Here](#)

Recruiting Workplace Literacy ESL Instructors



The Literacy Council of Frederick County is now accepting applicants for experienced ESOL instructors. We are looking to build a collaborative team of people who display professionalism, intercultural sensitivity, a belief in lifelong learning, and a commitment to adult learners.

Instructors will teach workplace classes using a curriculum concentrating on English language literacy and life skills. Each class will be made up of adult English language learners who work for local businesses participating in our Workplace Literacy Program.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

[Learn More Here](#)

Recruiting Volunteer Tutors and Community Class Instructors

Join the Literacy Council to help adults in our community gain literacy skills! We are recruiting **volunteer tutors** to work with adults one-to-one or in small groups. You do not need to have previous experience, we will give you the training and teaching materials you need! We are also seeking **volunteer class instructors** with ESL teaching experience for our growing community

class program. Tutoring and classes are conducted in person as well as remote formats.

Congratulations to our February Tutor Training Workshop Graduates!



For upcoming **Volunteer Information Sessions** and **Tutor Training Workshops**, check out our Winter/Spring [Volunteer Training Schedule](#). Please register [HERE](#) or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org.

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

Wednesday, March 8 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 4 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attendance of a Volunteer Information Session (via Zoom) is required prior to registering for our Tutor Training Workshop.

Attend a Training Workshop for Tutors

**Tuesday, March 28, Thursday, March 30
& Tuesday, April 4 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ***

OR

**Tuesday, May 9, Thursday, May 11
& Tuesday, May 16 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ***

**Attendance at all three sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

Attend an Orientation for Class Instructors

If you are interested in more information about teaching a class, following attendance at a Volunteer Information Session, contact the Literacy Council at info@frederickliteracy.org. Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.

Register for a Volunteer Info Session Today

Student Class Schedule

View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's class instruction program. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced-level classes. [Winter classes](#) will wrap up the end of this month. Spring classes begin the week of April 17th. Students will receive registration information in advance. Many thanks to our amazing volunteer instructors!

Volunteer tutors and instructors, please get in touch with us if you have ESL classroom experience and are interested in teaching a class!

For registration information,
contact our office at info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066.

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The Gift of Literacy: Ways to Give

Thank you for considering a gift to the Literacy Council! Your financial contribution supports critical adult literacy programs in our community!

- Gifts can be made in [cash](#) or online with a [credit card](#).
- Become an [event sponsor](#).
- Gifts of [Appreciated Securities](#) can provide tax advantages.
- [Retirement Plan Giving](#) for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
- Consider a [Planned Gift](#) to the Literacy Council.
- Contribute to [The Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund](#).
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Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org



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