

# THE ACHIEVERS

"CHANGING LIVES"



For Adult Learners

GED/HiSET Preparation & Skills Building Courses (TABE)

...paving the way to achievement!

## Strengthening Students Content Knowledge

Our students have access to tons of resources, including the content resources page, which is located on our [website](#). By accessing this page, students can reinforce what they are learning in their online courses and build the

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content-knowledge that they will need to pass their official GED or HiSET exam. These materials allow students to access additional lessons in the various tested subject areas in order to increase their content knowledge and further enhance their skills in mathe-

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tics and reading content subject areas. Students have access to materials relating to all the tested topics in math, science, social studies, LA reading and writing. For instance, students can download the graphic organizer under the LA writing section to develop their essay



## New Students

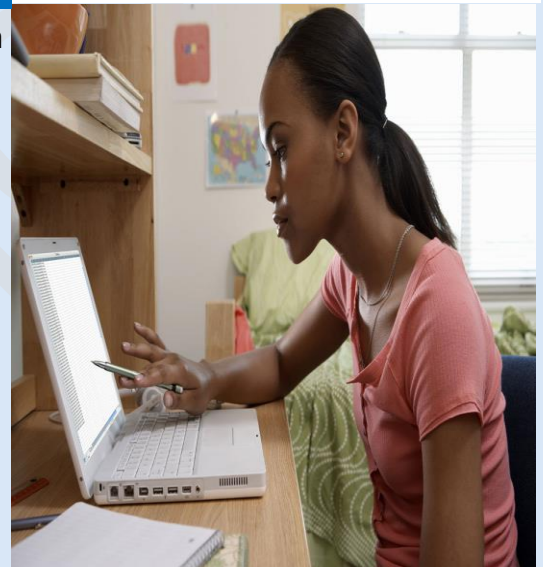
## Welcome New Students

This month we would like to welcome our new enrollees. Every month, we are fortunate to have new students enrolling in our program. Each student enroll in the program at different academic skill-levels. Some students have partially complete their official exam; while others are building their skills to begin testing. No matter what skillsets our students bring with them in program, our goal is to meet each student's individual learning needs *continue p.2*

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responses for their online course. The graphic organizer will enable students to construct a well organized draft for their essay and submit a well developed essay. Furthermore, Students also have access to additional practice tests for both the GED and HiSET exam on the content resources page, along with those that they receive through their online courses. Having access to these practice tests allow students to randomly practice for their official exam at their leisure, outside of their coursework. Students who take advantage of the content resources page will surely enhance their knowledge as it pertains to what they need to know in order to pass their official exam.

as they prepare to pass their official exam and earn their high school equivalency diploma. Students who are not quite ready for their GED or HiSET coursework can build their skills through our TABE Skills Building Courses, which will enable them to develop their skills to begin their actual test-prep coursework. Students who have already passed sections of the GED or HiSET exam or who are currently completing their GED or HiSET coursework have access to our content resources page, study guides, tons of practice tests and video reinforcement lessons to get them ready to pass their official exam. However, students must understand that it is their responsibility to complete their coursework and use the resources made available to them in order to be successful on their official exam.

**STRENGTHENING****KNOWLEDGE****What's happening at YOURpath?**

New and exciting things are continuing to take place at YOURpath. Here's how you can help our efforts:

- **INVITATION:** We are proud to announce that we have confirmed the appointment of two of our official board members. We have filled the positions of our Board Chairman and Secretary. We are currently seeking to fill the position of the Finance Officer. If you are someone who is passionate about education and support our vision and mission to serve on our **Board of Directors**, please feel free to [contact us](#) with your letter of interest. **Additionally**, we are seeking [volunteers](#) to serve as online tutors. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of someone else, please contact us.
- **SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM:** Currently, YOURpath for Adult Learners is working towards its 501c3 tax-exempt status. We are welcoming donations to help us move our vision and mission forward. While donations are not yet tax-deductible, they do help to make a difference by providing a pathway for adults who have left traditional education to earn their high school equivalency diploma in order to improve their socio-economic status and conditions. **Donors** are encouraged to [visit our website](#) to learn of the ways in which they can give.

## “Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem ~ Maya Angelou

Thunder rumbles in the mountain passes  
And lightning rattles the eaves of our houses.  
Flood waters await us in our avenues.

Snow falls upon snow, falls upon snow to avalanche  
Over unprotected villages.  
The sky slips low and grey and threatening.

We question ourselves.  
What have we done to so affront nature?  
We worry God.  
Are you there? Are you there really?  
Does the covenant you made with us still hold?

Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,  
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope  
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.  
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,  
Come the way of friendship.

### It is the Glad Season.

Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly in the corner.  
Flood waters recede into memory.  
Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us  
As we make our way to higher ground.

Hope is born again in the faces of children  
It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets.  
Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things,  
Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors.

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.  
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.  
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.  
We hear a sweetness.  
The word is Peace.  
It is loud now. It is louder.  
Louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.  
It is what we have hungered for.  
Not just the absence of war. But, true Peace.  
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.  
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.  
We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.  
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come.  
Peace...

### It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time...

We, Angels and Mortal's, Believers and Non-Believers,  
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.  
Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves  
And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.

**Peace, My Brother.**  
**Peace, My Sister.**  
**Peace, My Soul.**



*YOURpath for Adult Learners wish  
everyone a Happy Holiday Season filled  
with Love, Peace, Joy and Protection!*