

# THE ACHIEVERS

"CHANGING LIVES"



For Adult Learners

GED/HiSET Preparation & Skills Building Courses (TABE)

...paving the way to achievement!

**Happy New Year (2020):  
What are your  
resolutions?**

It's another new year and here's what's exciting about new resolutions. We get to reflect on all that we have accomplished in the previous year and be proud of all the goals that we have fulfilled such as earning our high Equivalent diploma. An example of such an

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accomplishment was seen in our first graduate from the program, Ms. Rina's (CA) performance. Ms. Rina passed her GED exam in November 2019. She worked hard while enrolled in the program, oftentimes, exceeding study hours and grade expectations, which oftentimes is necessary when pursuing a goal.

Ms. Rina remains a prime example of what it means to set

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a goal and stand firm on that goal until it is reached.

What's also exciting about New Year resolutions is that we can set our goals and revisit them all year long, which means that we have the entire 12 months out of the year to "Make It Happen!" So, let's take a few moments to give some real thought about our 2020 New Year resolutions.

**Who will be our graduates in 2020?**

**Happy New Year  
2020!**

**What's a resolution?**

**A firm decision to do or not to do something e.g.**

- I will pass my GED exam and earn my diploma.*
- I will pass my HiSET exam and earn my diploma.*
- I will eat healthy.*
- I will exercise more.*
- I will NOT indulge in poor habits.*

**Welcome New Students!**

We welcome our new student enrollees in 2020 and look forward to working with them and partaking in their success. Welcome **Ms. Alejandra** (GA) who is enrolled on the HiSET track; **Ms. Carolyn** (LA) who is enrolled on the HiSET track; **Ms. Shamocka** (GA) who is enrolled on the HiSET track; **Ms. Candice** (MD) who is enrolled on the GED track and **Ms. Tracie** (FL) who is enrolled on the GED track. Again, Welcome! We are excited to have you and look forward to accomplishments!

## STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

We have been fortunate to witness substantial student achievements in 2019. We are proud of our student successes and the work that they have invested to reap these outcomes:

Congratulations to: **Ms. Rina (CA)** on passing your GED & earning your H.S. Diploma! **Ms. Chhaya (PA)** on passing your HiSET LA reading, social studies and LA essay writing exams! **Mrs. Billi (MO)** on passing your HiSET science exam! **Mr. Fitzroy (GA)** on passing your GED social studies exam! **Ms. Lynda (PA)** on passing your LA Writing exam! We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to you earning your high school credential!



## Our New Curriculum Courses

Since our conception, YOURpath has been committed to making sure that our students are successful in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for them to pass their GED or HiSET exam and earn their high school (H.S.) equivalency diploma. We focus on making sure that all students enter in the program with a concrete plan of action in terms of testing, passing and earning their H.S. credential. We ensure that students are committed to meeting expectations (minimum study hours and grades of 80% or better) and passing their official exam at or near the college readiness level. In support of our latter efforts, we have recently implemented our "New Curriculum Courses" which are designed to take students deeper into each subject area as they develop stronger content knowledge about various topics and concepts. Students are exposed to a variety of text-sets and are able to demonstrate their knowledge and skill-sets through a variety of platforms and useful tools. Over the past year, we have been able to identify where our students struggle mostly (e.g. the scientific method, interpreting data, essay writing and word problems) and design courses that will address these collective areas of weaknesses for our students. We know that these courses will help us to achieve our goals, especially our aim to get students passing scores at or near the college readiness level.

## Opportunities at YOURpath:

- **New Board Committee Members:** Recently, YOURpath filed for its 501c3 status. This is a major goal accomplishment for our organization. As we continue moving forward with accomplishing the vision and mission of our organization, we are seeking a few talented individuals to help with our efforts. If you are interested in becoming a member of our board's advisory committee or would like to nominate someone, please feel free to [contact us](#).
- **Volunteers:** YOURpath is currently seeking volunteers to help with our instructional program. If you have a passion for education and helping others achieve their goals and aspirations, we encourage you to [contact us](#). All volunteer positions have the potential to advance into future employment opportunities if interested.
- **Donations:** There are tons of ways to help support the vision and mission of YOURpath. Please visit [our website](#) to see how you can give and support!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Students! 🎂 🎂 🎂

*Ms. Chhaya (PA) 1/19*

*Ms. Candice (MD) 1/31*

*We are wishing you a joyous birthday & hoping that desires are fulfilled!*

Holiday/Spring Break! 🐰 🍷 🧑‍🎄

*Easter Spring break will begin on April 9-18. Regular operations resume on April 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*Test YOUR Knowledge:  
“Fun Brain Riddles”*

Only one color, but not one size,  
Stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies.

Present in sun, but not in rain,  
Doing no harm, and feeling no pain.

What am I?

Who is that with a neck and no head,  
two arms and no hands?

What is it?

What is it that if given one,  
you'll have either two or none?

**Answers can be found on the last page.**

## HOLIDAY REMINDERS!

Happy Birthday to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr!  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

### Excerpt from "The Purpose of Education"

"It seems to me that function to perform in society: the one is utility Education must enable a efficient, to achieve with legitimate goals of his

Education must also train and effective thinking. think for one's self is prone to let our mental legions of half truths, propaganda. At this point, or not education is great majority of the so-not think logically and press, the classroom, the in many instances do not unbiased truths. To save propaganda, in my opinion, is one of the chief aims of education. Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction.

The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals.

We must remember that intelligence is not enough. *Intelligence plus character--that is the goal of true education."*



education has a two-fold the life of man and in and the other is culture. man to become more increasing facility the life.

one for quick, resolute To think incisively and to very difficult. We are life become invaded by prejudices, and I often wonder whether fulfilling its purpose. A called educated people do scientifically. Even the platform, and the pulpit give us objective and man from the morass of

# Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>



## *“Thoughts of Easter”* by Deborah Winger

*I awoke before dawn this Easter morn,  
Laid very still and just thought  
Not of the eggs and bunnies that Easter brings,  
But of the gift of life that it brought,  
I thought of that cross he carried,  
That crown of thorns on his head,  
The nails into his body they buried,  
Betrayed by even those that he led,  
Up that road to Calvary,  
Totally sinless too,  
he paid the ultimate out of love,  
He died for me, for you,  
Love keeps no records of right or wrong,  
Love doesn't keep a score,  
To our Father in heaven we all belong,  
Just as on that day long before,  
I looked in the room at my sleeping sons,  
Tears slipped from my eyes,  
God had done more than I could have done,  
To just watch as my son suffered and died,  
My Easter held such meaning then,  
As I watched the dawn breaking through,  
Just thinking of that day so long ago,  
When God did what I could not do.*

# Memorial Day!

## Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>



Except from *"The Stranger"* by Callie Crofts

*"I stood before a wall of names  
Two hundred and fifty-one  
Engraved upon a monument  
That pierced the shining sun!*

*It may have been a moment  
Or an hour, or a year  
I walked up to the name  
And leaned in close so I could hear*

*I closed my eyes and listened  
To the pure and priceless truth  
And came to understand the love  
Of which, this wall is proof*

*I search through all my memories  
Of the noble and the grand  
The courage and the truth  
That I've been taught to understand*

*Of all the stories that are told  
This shall be told of you  
Dear Soldier, How you gave your life  
For those you never knew. "*

\*\*\*Answers to Riddles: a shadow, a Shirt and a choice.