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Please Note the June GED testing dates

Bristol Public Library

June

5 (Wed)

22 (Sat)

25 (Tues)

Galax/Crossroad

June

6 (Thu)

15 (Sat)

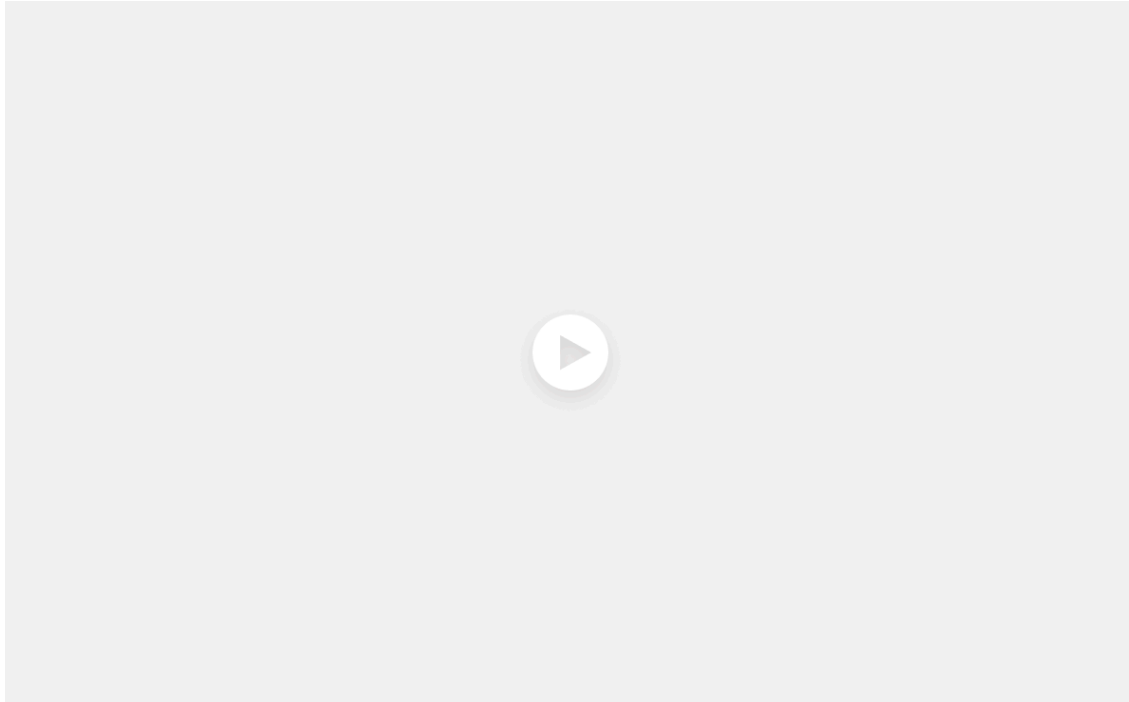
24 (Mon)



GED® Grad Day was created to celebrate the accomplishments of recent Grads.

We were so proud to participate with our students and celebrate the great accomplishment of graduating from educational programs that will enhance their lives and provide a brighter future. The ceremony took place on the GED Facebook Graduates Community Group on May 17th. Our Students and Instructors had the opportunity to have a written message displayed on “The Wall of Love” and/or post a short video.

Williams, shared this video with us. *Video will open in another window after pressing arrow.*



Student Shout Out!

Chelsey Rugar

~Hannah Ingram

Meet MRRAEP IET Student CHELSEY RUGAR ... We're Very Proud!

(Chelsey Rugar pictured outside Bristol's Harbor Freight with her earned Diesel Mechanic tools!)

"I first enrolled in VHCC's Diesel Mechanic program in the Fall of 2023 and I'm set to graduate this coming Spring 2024. I enrolled in the MRRAEP "Tools For Success" IET program because it seemed like a great opportunity to expand my knowledge on valuable workplace skills at no cost to me.

Since becoming a student, my confidence has increased. I especially needed a confidence boost in my Math skills and this program helped a lot with improving my math and graphic literacy skills. I even scored a top-level score in the Applied Math section for my National Career Readiness Credential. I also found the lessons on job-finding skills very valuable.

I give a special shout-out to Hannah Ingram (IET coordinator) – she was super helpful and encouraging the whole time. The whole MRRAEP staff went above and beyond and provided a great amount of contact throughout this past year.

I would definitely recommend this program to future students. I am especially motivated to apply what I learned this semester about financial planning as I move forward to my next steps. I'm ready to take the next steps in my life by finding a job that pays a livable wage."

Thanks to Chelsey's hard work with the MRRAEP "Tools For Success" scholarship program, she earned a Gold level National Career Readiness Credential, passed a total of (10) Northstar assessments, and received certificates for Money Essentials and Work Essentials (which covers Job Seeking, Job Readiness, and Job Keeping skills). She also earned stackable Diesel Mechanic credentials through Snap-On Meter and Mobile Air Climate Systems (MACS) Association.

Staff Spotlight!

Ed Conley



Ed Conley had already had a long career in education when he retired from administration in Wise County. After a couple of years, he found himself with idle hands and felt “There was no better place than Mount Rogers Regional Adult Program (MRRRAEP) to utilize my free time by doing what I could to help adults improve or reach their educational goals.”

Ed strongly recommends MRRRAEP to anyone who has the knowledge, skills, and compassion to help adult adults, not only to obtain their GED but to assist them in any educational pursuit. He believes “In many circumstances a GED for adult students can be a life-charger.”

There are significant differences in working with adults compared to high school students. Ed notes that “the adult student attends classes on his or her

more committed and determined individual.”

Ed’s role varies from day to day and goes beyond the designated instructional hours. When asked to describe his role as an instructor with MRRAEP, he had this to say:

“I try to stay in contact with all my students, especially the ones who don’t attend class regularly to give them encouragement and to assist them in any way possible with their educational goals. The students can call me or leave a message anytime if they have a question or need help. It is very important for the student to know that I sincerely care for them and want what is best for them.

As a MRRAEP instructor, actually I become more of a friend than just an instructor, there are so many things to like/love about my job. I get to help students who want/need help, I see the students’ progress and build confidence and to share time just to talk about things the students want to talk about. Of course, the pinnacle is to acquire a GED.

Just knowing, even thinking that I can help a student to reach his/her educational goals, to becoming successful in the world of work or help them in any way is all the motivation I need.”

“Ed has a real desire to see his students succeed. He greets everyone with a friendly smile making them feel welcome and appreciated. Adult education is ever changing, and Ed takes on each new challenge with such a positive attitude.” Benda Otey

Believe it or not, Ed makes time for things he enjoys like water skiing, snow skiing, hiking, basketball, ping pong, ATV, hunting and many other outdoor activities, especially when a score is kept. And yes, he plays pickleball on occasions. For now, Ed describes himself as “more of a participant than a spectator.” At present, much of his time is consumed intraining their white lab puppy.

The next event on his bucket list is to skydive from 15,000 feet. Ed says, “I recommend doing these things before your youthfulness, health and desire abandon you.” Growing up as a child Ed often daydreamed of becoming a

Lastly, when asked for the best piece of advice he ever received, Ed gave an answer that is helpful to anyone! He said, “A couple bits of knowledge that stuck with me is to know yourself, understand your strength, weaknesses, values and passions; to take responsibility, and own your actions and decisions.”

FROM THE DESK OF..

SHANNON MUTTER

PROGRAM MANAGER



I guess I am showing my age but summertime brings back so many memories for me....

- Playing outside until the street lights came on
- Running around without shoes
- The movie Grease

- Catching lightning bugs
- NO SCHOOL!!!!

Times sure have changed...so much simpler back then. Now we have to be grown-ups! *I challenge you to do something to bring out a fun childhood memory this summer. I would love to hear about it!*



June Reminders:

- NO CLASS JULY 1-14
- Be on the lookout for the new ASPD. Hopefully it will be coming soon.
- Try to get those posttests completed before June 30th!
- Get Chromebook loaners renewed or returned.
- Are you planning a graduation for your GED grads? I need to know ASAP!
- You can shred any student folders for the 2018-2019 program year.

Brenda Otey

Financial Manager



As much as I love this time of year, it's a very busy time for us all! Having said that, please be sure to submit your timesheets by the due date.

Kayla Hagy

Data Specialist

Happy June!

I'm going to continue to brag on just how awesome you all are at adding attendance weekly. Thank you so much!

All May attendance and ASPD's for any student on your attendance that hasn't been submitted are due by Wednesday the 5th.

(As always if I miss something wonderful, please let me know so we can have it added to the newsletter)

- **Rodney had a student post test and their scale score went up by 38 & 24 points!**
- **Tamara had a student post test and their scale score went up by 30 points!**
- **Sharon had a student post test and their scale score went up by 23 points!**
- **Kim had a student get a gain!**
- **Donna Musick had a student get a gain!**
- **Kaitlyn had a student get a gain!**
- **Sue had a GED completer!**
- **Mattie had a GED completer!**
- **Tamara had two GED completer! One student started on April 29th and completed his GED May 30th.**
- **Diana had a GED Completer, and that student also got a gain in both math & reading. The student started our program at the end of February.**

At the end of May in two days we had three GED completers.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

**LORRAINE HEDGEPEETH
CINDY CAMPBELL**

As advocates for our students, each one of us can make a profound difference in their lives.



A huge thank you to all of our instructors. Shannon and I saw some excellent lessons during the spring observation window. Thank you for adhering to the College and Career Readiness standards and for having your lesson plans ready for us. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful instructors.

Cindy



Unlocking the Potential of Adult Learners

I've been researching how to motivate adult learners, particularly why attendance drops during summer. It seems there's a science behind it, largely developed by Malcolm Knowles (1913-1997), an influential mid-20th-century educator. He introduced the concept of andragogy and identified five key assumptions about the characteristics of adult learners.

One crucial assumption is #5, Motivation to Learn: Adults are driven by internal factors rather than external pressures. This summer, I plan to focus on reminding students of their goals to obtain their GED to stay committed to completing their GED.

an informative article: Malcolm Knowles Theory on Adult Learning.

https://www.growthengineering.co.uk/adult-learning-theory/#elementor-toc_heading-anchor-8

Understanding these principles can unlock the potential of adult learners

Lorraine

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Please be aware that I will be renaming the test sessions in June. The change will switch to 24/25.

The tests will remain the same. Hopefully they will eventually remove the unused sessions.



Please remember that as our fiscal year ends, you need to take some time with your student folders.

*Any students who are lingering in your files that have not completed a new ASPD since 2018-2019, can be removed and the ASPD's shredded.

***Any paper 9/10 TABE tests can be shredded or sent to the office to be shredded.**

***Also take a look at your instructional materials, if you haven't used something in 2 years, it probably needs to be eliminated from your shelves.**

***If you share a space with another instructor, please consult with one another.**



June

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