



ADULT LEARNING CENTER

From the Director



Dear Friends of the Adult Learning Center,

Happy New Year!

It is a new year and we are settling into our new 'home'. While celebrating thirty years of lifelong learning and over 250 GED graduates in those years, we've been blessed to expand our services to more adult learners. As the economy has taken a decline and unemployment is on the rise, adults are turning to education to improve their employability. In moving to and renovating the former Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi the ALC will go from a facility of 3,200 square feet, two floor with no accessibility, no air conditioning, to close to 6,000 square feet, single floor totally ADA accessible, air conditioned space that will be able to accommodate over 100 adult learners, volunteers and staff. Further, we will continue to deliver the quality adult education, with the assistance of our phenomenal volunteers and dedicated staff, just as we have the past 30 years.

As I alluded to earlier, more adults are taking the time and returning to school to further their education and the ALC wants to be the provider, for both men and women, of their higher learning experience. We are poised to take another step in the direction of improving the lives of our students as they have academic success in our classrooms.

I'd like to thank our students, volunteers and staff for all of their efforts in making the Adult Learning Center the place it is today. Furthermore, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention my predecessor, Sister Ann Marie Palmisano, for it is through her leadership of 16+ years that we are the strong adult education organization we are now!

If you have not had a chance to visit our new 'home' please call and I'll arrange to give you a tour personally.

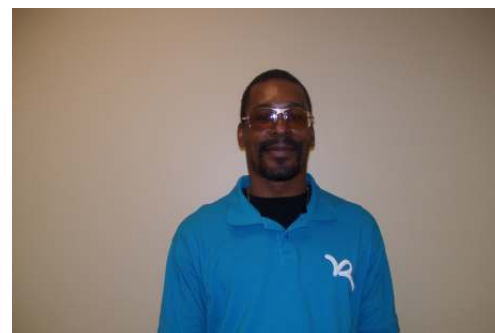
God bless you,

Herb Hayden
Executive Director



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From Our Graduates

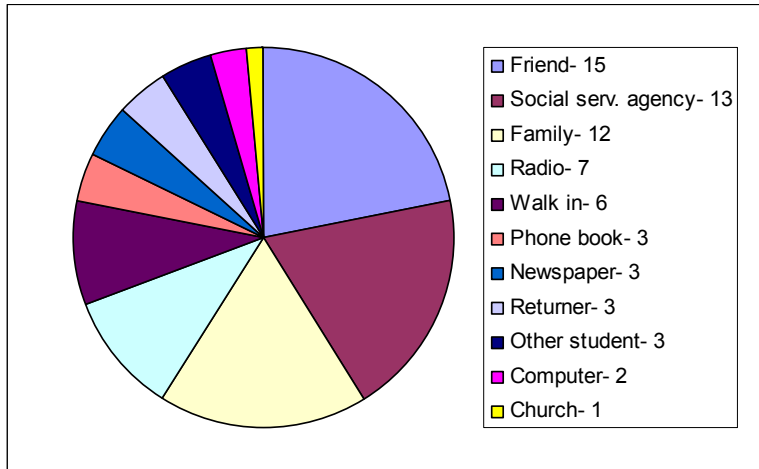
Masaalih Abduls-Salam Fudge graduated from the Adult Learning Center in May of 2006. In December 2009, he graduated with honors from MATC with an associate degree in real estate. Additionally, Masaalih is working on a second degree in marketing management and he anticipates graduating in December 2010.

After reflection on his time as a student at the ALC and MATC, Masaalih wants to share this advice with other students: "Don't put a ceiling on what you can do!"

Masaalih came to the ALC holiday party and joined in the fun of Bingo and snacks and he served as an inspiration to all of our current students.

How did you learn about the ALC?

“I read a story a year ago, while browsing through the Journal, about a young woman who had tried several times to return to school, but her schedule would not allow her to. This story reminded me of myself. I tried on several occasions, but something always came up. When I read this story, that’s when I really made up my mind to go back to school, to start fresh in January, but I lied to myself. I started four months earlier, and I do not have any regrets about it.



This time I am “in it to win it.” What I like most is the teachers and tutors who take time out and really work with you. They are patient, and they let you work at your own pace.”
- Tony Hayes, Level II

After surveying our current students, we found that they learn about us from many different sources, as the chart to the left demonstrates.

To enroll or to volunteer at the Adult Learning Center,
please call (414) 263-5874.

Fall Semester High Points

- The 30th anniversary celebration was a wonderful event complete with a buffet dinner, live band, wine fundraiser, and a basket auction. All who attended had a great time.
- The annual book sale raised \$4,047 for our programming. Many thanks to Bob Schweerz and Dave Dollak for their hard work!
- The Week of Lifelong Learning Campaign was a busy four days as tutors learned more about the ALC, longtime tutors gave testimonies, and a luncheon was shared by donors.
- M&I Community Education Representative Dan Sweeney presented important financial information regarding banking and savings .
- The UWM nurses held a health fair for ALC students in November. Students learned about topics such as men and women’s health and bone density and a nutritious lunch was enjoyed.

New Faces at the ALC



JoAnn Durrett is the new Program Assistant, joining us after thirty years at the telephone company . She has also run a successful nonprofit home health care agency at Interfaith Programs for Older Adults. JoAnn graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management from Alverno College. In her spare time, JoAnn is an

avid reader and golfer and is highly committed to literacy.

Eileen Thomasmeyer is a Trinity Fellow from Marquette University who is working as the Transition Specialist. She comes to Milwaukee from a nonprofit in Los Angeles and, at the ALC, she is presenting workshops on topics such as goal setting, resume writing, and interviewing. She is very excited to be a part of the ALC!



What's the Buzz on the New Building?

The wonderfully dedicated volunteers and students of the Adult Learning Center have lots to say about our new building:



"The building is bright, accessible, and welcoming."

"I like the new location, the freshly painted and carpeted classrooms, the extra space for the library and computer room, and the easy access from the freeway."

"The new space has a more professional look and feel and emphasizes the importance of the school's mission."

"There is so much light and airiness. It's much easier to meet people and exchange ideas."

"I like the clean appearance, parking, and spaciousness."

They also miss the old building:

"I miss the closeness of St. Vincent de Paul Center."

"I will never forget the smell of hot food wafting up through the hallways from the meal program."



Curious? Want to see for yourself? Call us for a tour today!

Support the ALC: Donate Today!

The ALC accepts donations of gently used:

- Books
- Cookbooks
- Children's books
- CDs
- DVDs
- VHS

for the Adult Learning Center's Fall Book Sale and Open House. Please call (414) 263-5874 **today** to schedule your donation appointment. We accept donations year round.

Student Writing

"My Mom"

By Rosemary Jackson,
Level 1

Hattie Jackson had ten children. She and my dad moved to Milwaukee.

She is my best friend. I like to see her smile.

She loves to take care of her garden, and enjoys going to church.

Hattie enjoys when we're all over. She loves to cook and we eat together.

I love her.

ALC Wish List

Coffeemate/Powder cream
Sugar
Paper towels/napkins
Paper/Foam cups
Paper plates (small & large)
Dish soap & Hand soap
13 gallon garbage bags
Kleenex
Pencils/Pens
Dictionaries
Toothbrushes/paste
Laundry soap
Razors
Soap/shower gel
Picks/combs
Lip balm
Hand lotion
Deodorant
Hotel amenities
Shaving cream/aftershave
Nail clippers
Socks
Dish cloths
Wash cloths
Nail polish



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The Adult Learning Center provides motivated adults with basic education, life-long learning opportunities and resources to transform their lives and contribute to their communities, in the spirit of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles of social justice.

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Holiday Fun at the ALC



New Technology

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