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Opening Remarks.

We want to open this issue by saying thank you to all who were able to join us at our 13th Annual Breakfast of Champions on April 24th.

Your presence is what made the event special for us, and all of the honorees. The support of our partners and colleagues is greatly appreciated.



Louvenia Alford proudly displays her Microsoft Specialist Certificate

Student Achievements

We are very proud of the students featured in this issue. They have worked very hard, and their accomplishments are a testimony to what a determined individual can achieve.

Several of our Learning Link, Adult Basic Education students increased their grade equivalency by more than two full grades. We extend our congratulations to: Mieczyslaw Bielen, Raymond Dryden, Barbara Frazier, Charles Montanye, and Calvin Smith for moving forward towards their goals. Mieczyslaw is now in the process of obtaining his Certified Drivers License (CDL), and Charles is now enrolled in an Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration program. We wish them both the best.

Not to be outdone, eleven of our Learning Link ESL students were recently retested and all of them improved their Basic English Skills Test (BEST) scores. Scores rose from a minimum of 37 points to a maximum of 179 points. We are very proud of both Sandra Ro-

man, and Tatiana Koleva who both improved their BEST scores by over 100 points, and have now moved on to job skills training programs.

We are also very pleased to report that three more of our students have passed the Microsoft Certified Application Specialist test. Congratulations are in order for Louvenia Alford, Ashley Catala, and Raul Martinez. They each set goals to receive their certification and their hard work has paid off.

In spite of the very tight job market, two of our students have successfully secured gainful employment. We extend best wishes to Rosemary Padilla, and Irena Pirchala. May they not only enjoy their work, we also wish them continued success in their life pursuits.

It's the successes of our students that makes this work worthwhile. We congratulate them all and remain committed to helping them reach their goals of self-sufficient and fulfilling lives.

Newsletter Blog

The President's Economic Stimulus package has passed, and funds are available, however, a word of caution is in order. Organizations need to keep in mind that stimulus funding is short term and resist

the temptation of going after funding just because there is "money out there."

If there is stimulus funding available for a service that is already a core strength of your organization and you were

providing these services before the stimulus package, and can continue to do so after it runs out, then go for it.

Planning for the short term is not wise. Let your strengths be your guide!

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