

In Our Words Newsletter



Introducing our student newsletter!

Each year we make a book, In Our Words, where the voices of our students and teachers can be heard. A student suggested that we have a more regular newsletter as a space for students to share their work, staff to share news about NALC, and teachers to share their stories, too.

In these newsletters you'll find all types of writing: poetry, essays, opinion pieces, memoir, and fiction work. We also accept works of visual art, videos, and any other creative expressions you might want to share.

Some students want to use their full names and some their intials. We respect your wishes.

Do you have something to share? Please let your teacher or a NALC worker know OR submit work using the button below. You can also email your work to mharding@nashvilleliteracy.org. We are here to help!

Learn More & Submit Work

Student Writings

We'll highlight some writing or other work from our current students in this section of the newsletter!

G. W., Literacy Student

- I come to Martha O'Bryan to get a better spiritual life. I come to several classes.
- I volunteer to pack up food boxes. I talk with other people and put the food boxes in their cars.
- I want to get better relationships in my life.

I put the church music on my radio and turn it up real loud.

I talk to God about my family that has passed away from me.

On Sunday,

It's a hard life without them. I miss them a lot.

Daniel Eubank's Essay Literacy student, Daniel Eubank, shares the before and after of an

essay he wrote when he first joined NALC in 2014. He and his tutor revised it together during their tutoring sessions. Daniel has made extraordinary progress in his years of study with NALC. **Daniel's First Essay**

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It wold halp beld kenfudens and selfustem. Win you can say I ded that all biy my salfe. That malks you file good. It halps you hold your head up hi no mater wut.

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it. The Osumnes of I urning. Bater job opurtunties wile com yo,ur way. It wile beld konfudons and selfustem. So ef you thank abowt it it cud chanj you fore aver. See all good thaings can hapen to you. **Daniel's First Essay after revision:**

If I could go back to school, I would. Because I want to learn things now. Also, it would let me get a better job. It would help me build

confidence and self-esteem about myself. Because I want to learn new things, and knowledge is a great thing to have. Having knowledge helps you all through your life. You can

do things other people cannot. Also it would let me get a better job. The better you are educated, the better job you can get. The better job you get, the better you

It would help build confidence and self-esteem. When you can say, I did that all by myself. That makes you feel good. It helps you hold your head up high no matter what.

get paid. The better you get paid, the better life you have.

If I could go back to school, I would. Only good things can come of it. The Awesomeness of learning. Better job opportunities come your way. It will build confidence and self-esteem. So if you think about it, it could change you forever - see all the good things that can happen to you.

NALC Announcements Find news from staff and other updates here!



Literacy Matters Invitation

Register for our free event, the Literacy Matters Virtual Breakfast, on May 24 at 7:30

a.m.

During this online event, we'll honor learners, volunteers, and staff members. Please share information about this event with your friends, family, and co-workers so they can learn about the great work of NALC and our learners. Our generous

sponsor, Amazon, will be matching donations up to \$15,000!



New Website

Check out our new website where you can find information about our programs, In Our Words, and more! www.nashvilleliteracy.org



Crystal Gimesh Congratulations to our Learner

& Volunteer Manager, Crystal

Gimesh, who was recently awarded the 2022 Adult Educator of the Year award at the NPL Adult Education Winter Summit!

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