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Introducing the Student Outreach Committee

Sunny Lee Student Committee



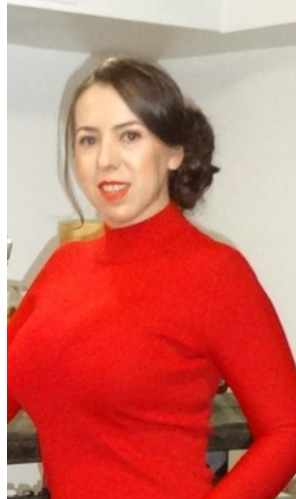
Hi Everyone!

My name is Sunny Lee and I'm from S. Korea. I have a 13-year-old daughter who loves reading, drawing, and swimming.

My family moved to Indianapolis from Korea in 2008, because my husband got a job in the U.S. After a few moves, we settled in Bridgewater in 2015.

In 2016, I came across LVSC on the internet and since then, my life has changed and continues to do so. I was fortunate to have a tutor, Kristen Sokol, for one year through LVSC. She also teaches many students passionately every Thursday at Somerville library. Now I attend a few classes in Somerset County. In those classes, I don't only learn English, but also about humanity from the teachers who are all sweet-hearted volunteers. I'm pretty sure that a lot of immigrants struggle with English and feelings of isolation. It's not just you. I'm still learning English and I think that I have a long way to go. When I attend ESL classes at the libraries, I can meet many students from various countries, and we have many things in common about living the U.S. We share a lot of information and special energy with each other. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the classes and activities that are supported by LVSC.

Yorlenny Fuentes Student Committee



Hello to All,

My name is Yorlenny, I'm from Costa Rica.

I came to this country on vacation with my husband and my son. Once I saw the USA, I fell in love with it. Even though I couldn't speak any English, we decided to live here.

I'm a caregiver. I love working with elderly people, I feel so humble in front of them. I'm also an animal lover. I work as a volunteer in different places. During my leisure time I enjoy reading.

I learned English at home with Google and by attending LVSC conversations groups. It wasn't easy, because I had to learn it from scratch, but my tenacity persistence and patience have been the keys to success. It was a commitment. I got into English since I first began to study. I'm totally wrapped up with it. English is my favor language, idioms, and phrasal verbs are my cup of tea. I'm giving it my best shot to achieve my goal. My English is still basic, but I'm so proud of all the hard work and innumerable things I've done over these two years. I'm so ecstatic that all my efforts have produced results. From the bottom of my heart thank you so very much, I'm truly grateful to all these people who have been supporting me during this arduous, challenging and exhausting journey of a thousand miles that began with a simple step. Thank you so very much.

Maria Novoa Besteiro

Student Committee



My name is Maria. I was born and raised in Barcelona, Spain, but moved here five years ago with my family. I am currently working as a Nurse Assistant, waiting to get my nursing license certified here. My experience in Healthcare here has taught me a great deal about dealing with the differences between being a nurse here and being a nurse in Europe. I am incredibly grateful to my one-to-one LVSC English tutor Meinske de Bie, who helped me to update my resume and with whom I practiced the job interview over and over again until I felt confident.

I would also like to thank the LVSC staff, who are always helping foreigners to find opportunities to improve language learning. It is always a pleasure to participate in their activities, with such dedicated people.

Kathy England Tutor Advisor



Hello,

I am Kathy England and I'd like to introduce myself to you. I have been a tutor with LVSC for ten years now, and for the past three years I have led the Thursday afternoon conversation group at the Manville Library.

It has been such a pleasure to meet so many people who are eager to learn. I admire them a lot because it's not easy, and people join in with such enthusiasm and kindness. It's been a great joy to me to participate in this.

In my spare time I do a lot of reading and my husband and I like to bicycle, to hike, to ski and to travel. At last count we have visited 74 countries and all seven continents. Last year we visited Scotland, Peru and China. We took a ski trip to Colorado this past February just before things shut down. But there are still many more places I'd like to see, including some places that I've learned about from my students. I've always lived in New Jersey and we have a lot of family in the area, so I'm also lucky enough to get to spend lots of time with family members. Now I have the chance to serve as an advisor to the Student Outreach Committee. I'm looking forward to meeting more of you as we move forward with the committee.