

Labor/Management Workplace Education News

Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center Celebrates 10 Years

The Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center celebrated its tenth anniversary on September 30. Started in 1999 by Lindy Whiton, and subsequently directed by Chris Spicer for the next nine years, the Center has been supported by an annual Block Grant through the towns of Hunting-

ton and Chester, and in more recent years with Russell and Middlefield. SHAEC offers an array of ABE and Next Steps courses and maintains a lab with ten computers. At the anniversary celebration, Huntington Selectman Bob Heath was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his many

years as social services liaison, and John Noble and Huntington Country Store co-owner Randy Butler for their volunteer service maintaining the computers.

The Center received citations from the Massachusetts State Senate and Representative Stephen Kulik.



GED graduates of the Southern Hilltowns Adult Education Center gather at the 10th Anniversary celebration and open house on Wednesday, September 30. Front row (l-r): Laurie Wehman, Middlefield (obtained GED in 2007); Derek Brown and Stephanie Griffin, Huntington

(2009); Phyllis Hamel Strobel, Huntington (2001). Back row: current student Ethan Stone, Russell, and graduate Diane Armitage, Chester (2008).



LEFT: Instructor Leslie Edwards (center) works with GED students (l-r) Sean Kenary, Katie Burgess, and Ethan Stone.

Educational Support Professionals Team Heading to Texas

LMWEP is playing a key role in meeting the workplace education needs of school nutrition workers. And now this work is being recognized nationally. The Educational Support Professionals (ESP) team, directed by Gloria A. Santa Anna, will present their work at the School Nutrition Association National Conference this July in Dallas, Texas. Gloria calls this recognition a “milestone” for LMWEP. “This is huge for us, because it gets our research out on a national scale – all states and federal agencies attend this conference,” she says. Congratulations to the ESP team, setting the standard for effective services across the country.

New Space and New Partnerships

As part of campus restructuring, LMWEP learned this summer that we’d be moving our computer and classroom space once again... this time into a renovated suite of rooms in South College. And in the midst of our move, we brainstormed, typed up, and mailed out the largest grant proposals in our history. At the close of 2009, we juggled twelve new funding streams and partnered with fourteen labor, management, education, and government programs on one grant alone! As we present our green trades pre-apprenticeship model to national audiences, we hope for greener futures for everyone.