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Summer Hours

Casper College ABE/GED Center

Werner Technical Center
Room 115 268-2230

Monday

8:00 am-5:00pm

Tuesday and Wednesday

8:00 am-8:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am- 2:00 pm

Mandatory New Student Orientation for GED Students:

Tuesday

8:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 6:00 pm

LVC Advisory Board

- Danielle Amedee
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- Bev Dye
- Laura Driscoll
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- Lisa Mixer
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That Time of the Year

The students and the tutors who make up Literacy Volunteers of Casper geared up to put their best foot forward at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. It was obvious by the sheer numbers of people who RSVP "yes" to our dinner invitation that the importance of this dinner wasn't lost on anyone. We thank the brave students who stood before an audience of over 100 to represent all the LVC student and the tutors who stood beside them to support them. It was another wonderful night!! (More photos on pg.3)



Queen Carolyn Herzfeld

Sue Sigler (right) presents Deb Starks (left) with the 2009 Community Recognition Award



2009 GED Graduation

Please join us at our annual Casper College GED graduation ceremony slated for Saturday, May 16 at 2 pm in the Swede Erickson Thunderbird Gymnasium. Casper College expects approximately 100 GED graduates to participate

in the traditional ceremony with a reception immediately following. The graduation speaker this year will be David B. Wheeler, MD, PhD with Wyoming Neuroscience and Spine Institute. Dr. Wheeler earned his GED as a young

adult and went on to become a Rhodes Scholar. Dr. Wheeler acquired special training in the diagnosis and treatment of seizures and epilepsy, and is one of the leading practitioners in the state.

It's Settled - Formula Funding

After months of negotiations and deliberations, the Wyoming Community College Commission, along with its taskforce of representatives from each community college's ABE programs and other stake-

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holders, have settled on a formula for funding ABE programs with a proposed

startup date of July, 2010. The process started with the development of a “philosophical framework” where members determined how federal and state funds should be distributed to counties. It was decided that 85% of current funds should flow to where the concentration is high in: target population (number of adults without a high school diploma or GED); number of individuals with Limited English Proficiency; and the number of those who are living in poverty. The balance of 15% is to be divided evenly between the number of GED completions

and the percentage of students meeting target educational level increases. With this proposed redistribution of funds, there will be three ABE centers in the state that will lose funding based on the formula. Casper College is one of those colleges even though they have always met or exceeded their program outcomes. The stark reality of losing funds with this formula, along with a 10% decrease in federal funding for 2009-2010, has put our program on alert and changes in service will be inevitable.

Four More Years

Literacy Volunteers of Casper is completing its last year of a four year accreditation with ProLiteracy America. The LVC board, the staff, and even the Casper College grant coordinator weighed in on the pros and cons of accreditation. LVC has been accredited by either Literacy Volunteers of America or ProLiteracy America for over a decade. Forcing yourself to “get

your ducks in row” is both a sobering activity, and an invigorating one, said tutor coordinator, Lisa Mixer, “Our program will have an opportunity to thoroughly look at our program in ways we don't necessarily see on an everyday basis.”



Gold, Silver, and Bronze

The Casper College ABE/GED Center program received a \$20,000 grant from the Department of Workforce Services to provide remediation to job-seekers who are attempting to earn the Career Readiness Certificate. The Career Readiness Certificate is a great tool for job-seekers to show employers which skills they possess in the critical areas of reading, math, and locating information. Long-term partner in education, Casper Re-Entry Center-Therapeutic Community and Assistant Director, Jim Piro, has allowed us to pilot the project in their facility. The developmental planning stages have been completed; we are now at the point of providing remediation to students who will eventually earn a gold, silver, or bronze certificate.

A “Taste” of Creativity

Never has Madam Bovary looked so good!! Dianne Dorsey's Edible Book version of Madam Bovary earned Literacy Volunteers of Casper yet another place in the Natrona County Public Library's Edible Book history. Madam Bovary was “endowed” with 2nd place in the adult category. Bill Mixer, Kelsee Miller, and Lisa Mixer also entered the contest and received LVC's deepest appreciation.



Chef: Dianne Dorsey

Can We Make A Toast?

Being honored by your co-workers is a humbling experience. It's even more so when in the same week, one of your community partners nominates you for an award, and you are chosen. Casper College's ABE/GED program co-director, Lisa Mixer, received the *Award of Excellence* at the regional Mountain Plains Adult Education Association for "her significant contributions to the advancement of adult education in the State of Wyoming". She also received the 2009 American Red Cross of Wyoming *Hometown Hero Educator Award* for "a person who inspires others to be a better person", nominated by Casper Re-Entry Center-Therapeutic Community Assistant Director, Jim Piro. Congratulations to Lisa for these outstanding awards!

More Photos from the Appreciation Dinner



Student speaker's cute kids.



Carolyn Buff and Bev Dye share a humorous moment.



Dan DeSersa, Nina Carlton, Don Whyde



Terry Brown and Jim Evans



Music provided by Rainer Schwartzkoph & Anne Rognstad



Valeria Cherniak, Alberta Giraldo, Margie Roberts



Lupe Urrustieta and Mark Owens



Pat Ward & Maria E. Garcia

Thanks ¡Gracias! Danke! Grazie! Merci! 及物动词

- 📖 Qwest Pioneers for their generous donation to the GED Scholarship Fund;
- 📖 Diane Dorsey for her creativity and generosity to LVC;
- 📖 Pat Tripeny, Jackie Warburton and Judy Wood for their donation of magazines; and
- 📖 Bob and Sue Moore for providing all the used books to our outreach sites.

**Tutor
Tips**

Seasoned United States Citizenship tutor, Mark Owens:
Go to <http://games.toast.net//independence> and find out what you do or do not know about the United States.

Bev Dye, seasoned ABE instructor believes she has located the best adult literacy reading series, Junkyard Dan. Check it out at www.NoxPress.com

**Happy
Spring**

