

LVWC Student & Tutor News

Fall 2024

Read all about it...

Office Hours, p. 1

Summer Fun, p. 2-3

Tutor Tips, by Barbara Heuer, p. 4

Spotlight, pp. 5-6

Announcements and Events, p. 7

Current Classes, p. 8

Office Hours

The LVWC office will be open Monday through Friday from 9am-2pm.

We do follow the Westerly Public Schools' calendar. [Click here to see the calendar.](#)



Literacy Volunteers of Washington County

7 Elm Street

P.O. Box 245

Westerly, RI 02891

401-596-9411

www.literacywashingtoncounty.org

Join us!



Contact Information

Literacy Specialist

Barbara Heuer

Monday-Tuesday

9:30am-12:30pm

lvwcbhstaff@gmail.com

Program Director

Theresa Gregal

Monday-Friday

9:00am-2:00pm

lvwctgstaff@gmail.com

401-596-9411

Executive Director

Mary Carol Kendzia

lvwcexedir@gmail.com

Marketing Associate

Jess Wick

lvwcmarketingassociate@gmail.com

Summer Fun

Students and tutors enjoying the summer.

Luiz enjoyed his last few months here in the United States before he went home to Brazil. Here he is at the beach, on a bike ride, and with his tutor Lynn.



“Hello LVWC, I appreciate your work and feel grateful to my English tutor Mary. I improved my spoken English a lot because of her help.

I visited New York, Boston, and Washington DC, Niagara Falls, and Yellowstone before leaving the United States. I really enjoyed my summer trip. Here are my summer pictures.

I hope you and your families all enjoy the summer time!”

Tina An



Raydeen's summer was spent going to a conference in Pittsburgh, visiting Stillman Mansion, and watching her grandson play basketball.

Maggie and her family were busy this summer visiting the Hindu temple in New Jersey and posing for some wonderful photos. Maggie is becoming quite the photographer!



Tutor Tips

By Barbara Heuer

“Teaching literacy isn’t just about giving people an important skill. It’s about breaking down racial, cultural and educational barriers. It’s like dropping a pebble in a pond. Once you do it, the ripples go on and on.”

-Ruth Colvin

Welcome to the fall, 2024, newsletter! This column is for you. In Tutor Tips, we highlight strategies and musings to make your tutoring more effective and rewarding for you and your students. Please let us know if there are topics you would like to see addressed here. We’re here to support you!

You may have seen the recent obituary of Ruth Colvin, the founder of Literacy Volunteers of America, who lived to age 107. She started tutoring adults in reading in her Syracuse, New York basement in 1962, after noticing the great need for literacy training in her community. She founded and expanded Literacy Volunteers of America. By the 1990s there were 450 chapters of LVA in the United States. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006.

I thought I’d connect this brief historical note to your tutoring. Not only is it an example of the difference an individual can make, but it also points up the notion that all adults have a context. This relates to an important, probably obvious to you, characteristic of ADULT learners. They have rich experiences that we can

and should hook onto new learning. (We can talk about synapses and how our brains work another time!) Adult learners have developed attitudes and coping mechanisms and learning styles. They bring these to new challenges. Discovering, accommodating, and building on your adult student’s background is crucial to successful tutoring.

Colvin was an early advocate for using materials that were relevant to adults rather than children. As you know, we have many resources, both on our website and on our shelves, to reinforce your tutoring sessions. We’re happy to direct you to appropriate materials specifically tailored to adults.


In future Tutor Tips, we’ll focus on strategies for supporting speaking, reading and writing skills ... and any other topic you suggest.

Happy Fall!

Barbara Heuer 🍁

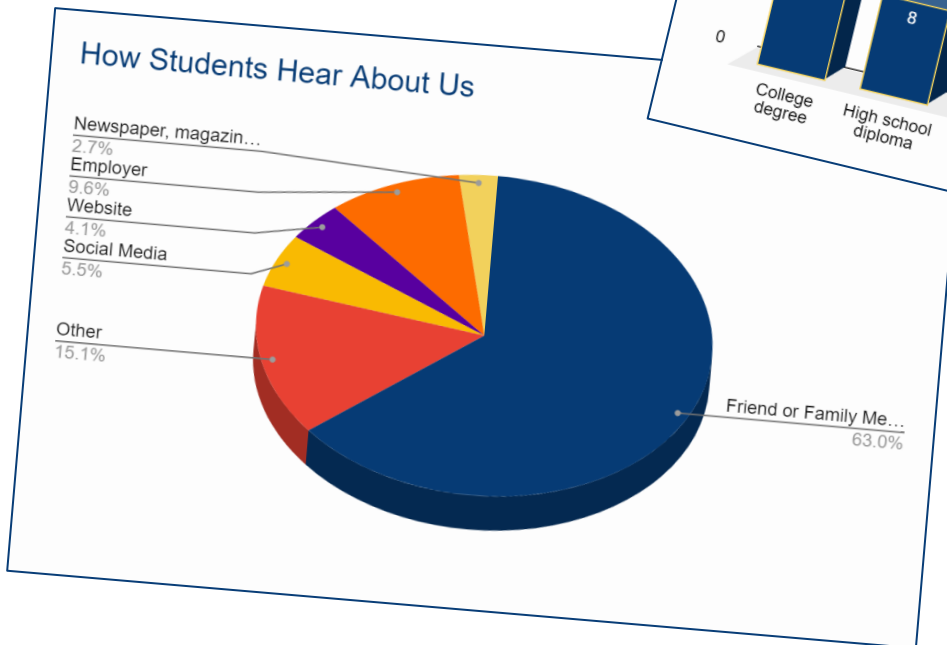
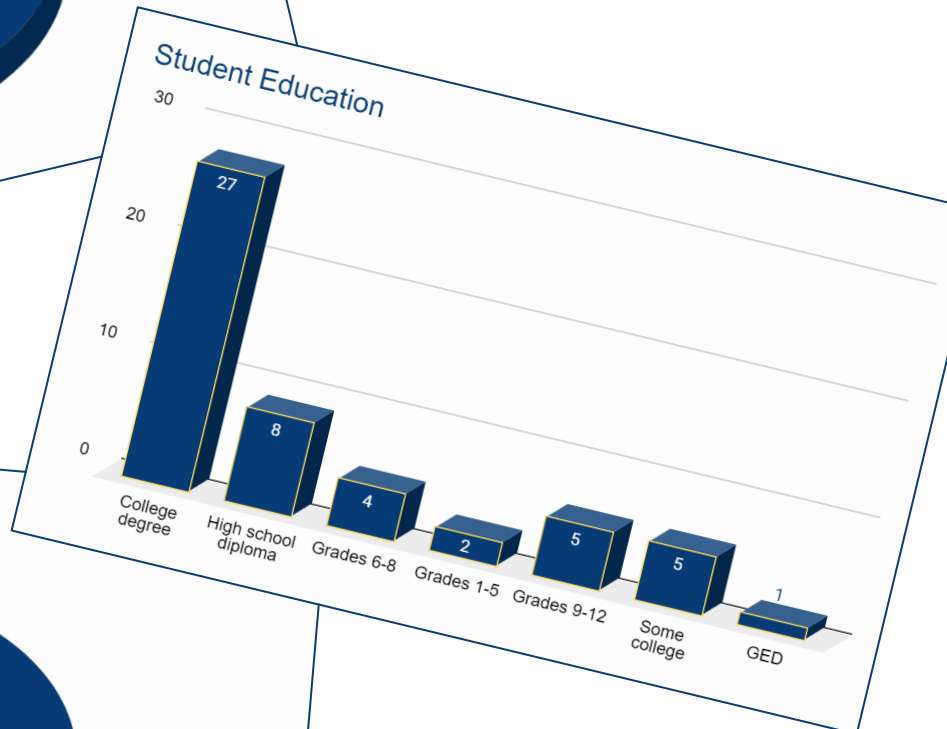
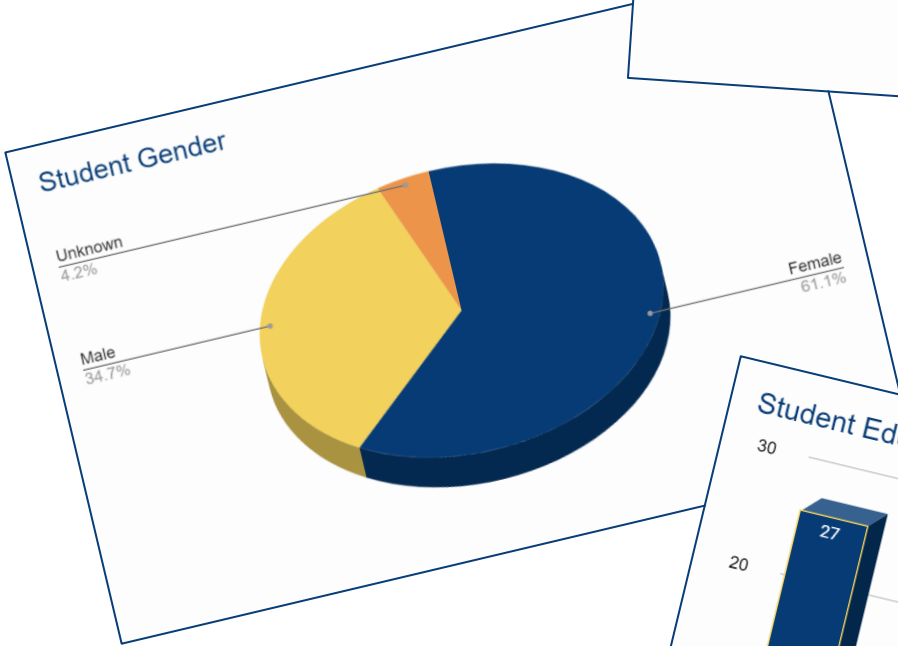
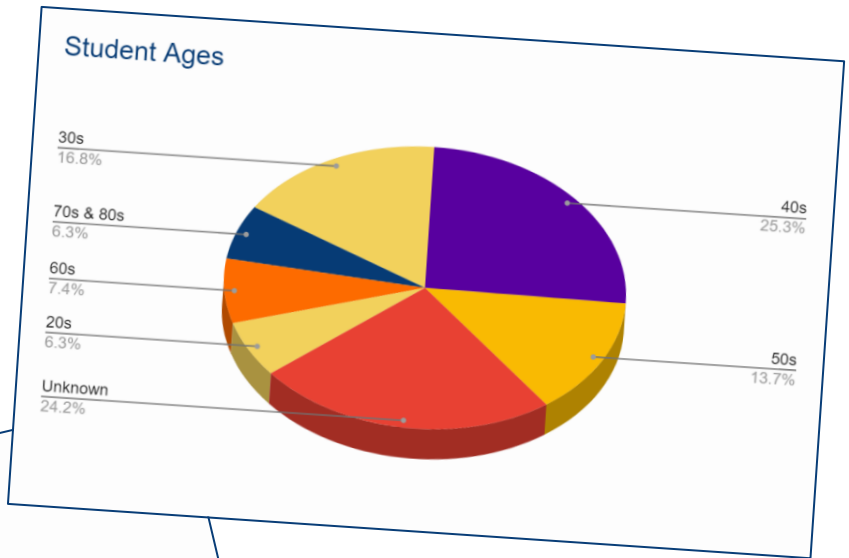


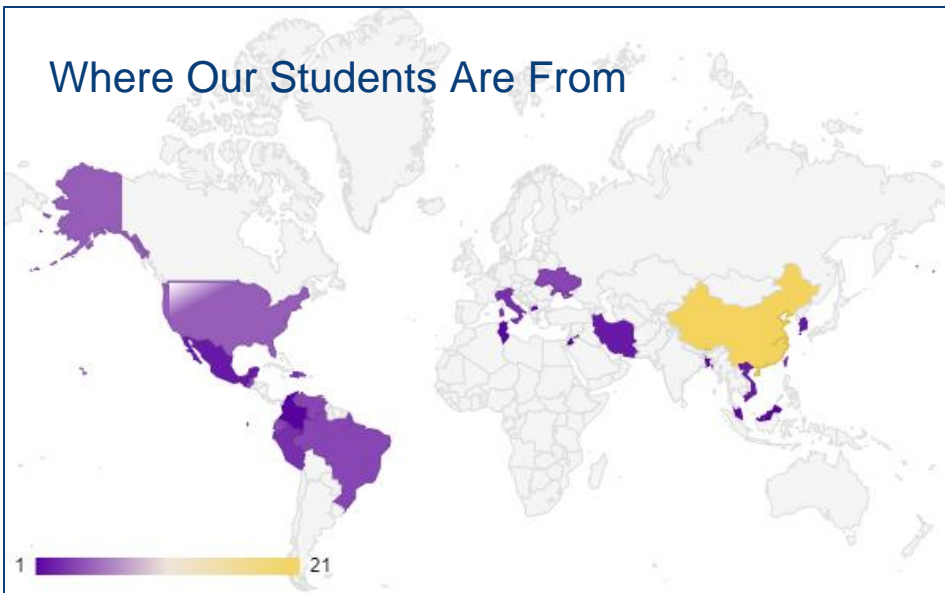
Spotlight



Demographics
[de-mə-'gra-fiks]

The study of a population-based on factors such as age, race, and sex.





- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Bangladesh | Macedonia |
| Brazil | Malaysia |
| China | Mexico |
| Colombia | Peru |
| Dominican Republic | South Korea |
| Ecuador | Taiwan |
| Guatemala | Tunisia |
| Haiti | Ukraine |
| Hong Kong | United States |
| Iran | Venezuela |
| Italy | Vietnam |
| Jordan | |

CONGRATULATIONS MARIE!

Marie worked hard to complete her CNA course and is now a CNA for a local rehab facility.

Marie came to the United States from Haiti with her family.

She is pictured here with her tutor Kate.

What is a CNA?

A CNA is a certified nursing assistant. They are part of a patient's healthcare team and provide basic care and support to patients and nurses.



Announcements & Events

Fall Tutor Gatherings:

- September 30 at LVWC
- October 28 at the Kingston Free Library
- November 25 at LVWC.

All gatherings are 11:30am-12:30pm hosted by Barbara.

October 14 LVWC is closed for the federal holiday.

October 31st is Halloween! (We are open.)

November 11 is closed for Veterans' Day.

November 27-29 the LVWC office is closed for Thanksgiving Break.



We are here to help!
Mary Carol, Theresa, Barbara and Jess

Tutors, don't forget to submit those hours.

7 Elm St.
P.O. Box 245
Westerly, RI 02891
(401) 596-9411

40 YEARS and growing!
LITERACY VOLUNTEERS
of Washington County

Donate

English

HOME ABOUT US STUDENTS **TUTORS** RESOURCES EVENTS CONTACT

Tutors

[Click here to become a tutor!](#)

Tutor Handbook
Browse through our Tutor Handbook to learn more about being a tutor for LVWC

Off-Site Tutor Reporting Form
Please report your hours with this online form if you do not meet at the literacy center in Westerly or if you do not use the LVWC Zoom account. This information is very important. Thanks you.

* Indicates required question

Email *
Your email

Tutor Name *
Your answer

If you and your student do not meet at the LVWC office and sign in, please remember to fill out the **Off-Site Tutor Reporting Form**.

You may have noticed it looks a little different as it is now a **Google Form**. This helps us collect better information, and it enables us to send you a copy of what you have submitted to help you keep track.

Current Classes

These classes are for adult English language learners.

Visit www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings for current offerings.

URI Graduate Village Conversation

Type: Conversation Class—HYBRID (in person and Zoom)

When: Mondays 5:30-7:00pm

During July: ZOOM only

No conversation classes in August.

Where: URI Graduate Village Community Center

2900 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Email: Barbara at oberlejj@verizon.net to register

LVWC Center

Type: Conversation Class—IN PERSON

When: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Where: 7 Elm Street (Christ Church) Westerly, RI
at the LVWC Center

All levels welcome—No registration required



Online Conversation Opportunities

Visit our website to learn about Zoom conversation classes from other literacy organizations that are open to all.

www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings