



## ***A Note from our Director***

Hello Adult Education & MPS Staff,  
Welcome Back!! Welcome to the year of Cultivating Community through Adult Education. I hope you had a restful summer. I trust that you are all completely rejuvenated. I went to Europe, England, my birthplace, France, Switzerland, and Italy. It is bucket list worthy. I learned so much and I would go back tomorrow if I could.

I am Diane Clare-Kearney and I am the director of Adult Education and Equity, and I love my jobs, and they are very similar because they involve lifting up the most disenfranchised and the most marginalized communities. They are about understanding your role and knowing yourself to ensure that you make the right connections with those in front of you. They are both all heart.



We are all about getting our students' hearts right so they can keep their head in the game. We are ready for this school year and about all of the opportunities we have to offer to our students, so please take the time to read through and enjoy our brand new newsletter that we are so excited to share with you all. Get to know who we are, what we do, and the community we serve here at Adult Education. Thank you in advance for your support. I wish you a healthy, happy, and successful year!

Dr. Diane D. Clare-Kearney

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***Meet MA&CE***

**Meet Cooper!** Cooper has been our MA&CE Mascot for the last five years. He shows up on our flyers, brochures, and has even made guests appearances at our annual events! He represents who we are as a program and puts a smile on everyones face who meets him!



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## ***Teacher's Take***

### **Mr. Naidorf's take on how to be a successful student at MA&CE**

"Often students who enter or are about to enter MA&CE spend too much of their energy on what they didn't do that got them here, things long out of their control, instead of what they can do, what they can control, to be successful. I call this paralysis. They need to learn to stop focusing on the past and not miss what is in front of them; their future. It's my goal to help them realize that. "

- Mr. Naidorf, CDP Teacher

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## ***Counselor's and Case Manager's Corner***

### **Meet our Support Staff**

Here at MA&CE, we pride ourselves on meeting our students' needs. Each program has a counselor and case manager to help navigate this next phase of all. Aside from obtaining a high school diploma or learning English as a Second Language, they have the opportunity to leave us with a polished resume, internships, a variety of certifications, and skills that will give them the confidence as they continue on their journey of life long learning.





**Erika Kelley, Head  
Counselor**

Daytime ESL  
Alliance ESL  
Daytime ABE/GED  
National External Diploma  
Program (NEDP)

**Ana Rodriguez Ayala,  
Counselor**

Evening ESL  
Citizenship

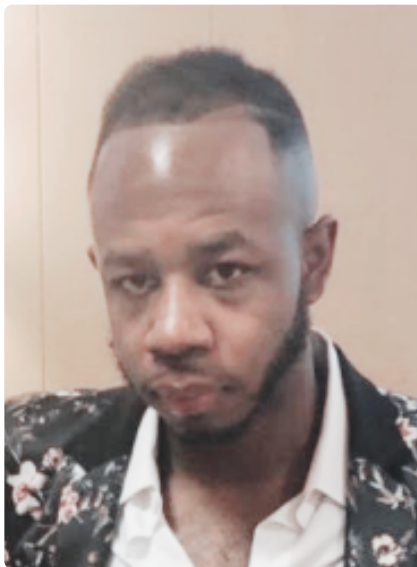
**Jane Gardner, Counselor**

Evening ABE/GED  
High End ABE



**Kristen Phoenix-Fromme,  
Counselor**

Credit Diploma Program



**Brushawn Williams, Case  
Manager**

Daytime ESL  
Alliance ESL  
Daytime ABE/GED



**Kassandra Agosto**

Evening ESL  
Citizenship



**Harold Blanchard, Jr.,  
Case Manager**

Evening ABE/GED  
High End ABE



**Teighlor Clare-Kearney,  
Case Manager**

Credit Diploma Program



**Takaya Owens, Case  
Manager**

CNA  
National External Diploma  
Program (NEDP)

## 10 Questions with...

### 10 Questions with Tracy



## Field Trip Fridays



### Hartford State Capitol Visit

Last week, our students were granted to opportunity to visit the State Capitol. It was great to see them representing MA&CE. They left feeling inspired and ready to make a difference. Enjoy some photos from the event below!



**MA&CE students and staff representing with signs about Adult Education**





**Ms. Tamara Speaks and  
Mr. Roland Axelson  
striking a pose**

**Our 3 students who were  
able to stand at the  
Speakers Podium**

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## ***Continuing Education Classes***

### Event Information

#### **Basketball: Drills & Skills**

Basketball: Drills and Skills will begin on October 2, 2023 and end October 30, 2023. Students can register at any time and we will pro rate for classes missed!

When?

**Monday, Oct 2, 2023, 06:15 PM**

Where?

**Highland Park Elementary, Porter Street, Manchester, CT, USA**

### Event Information

#### **Pottery**

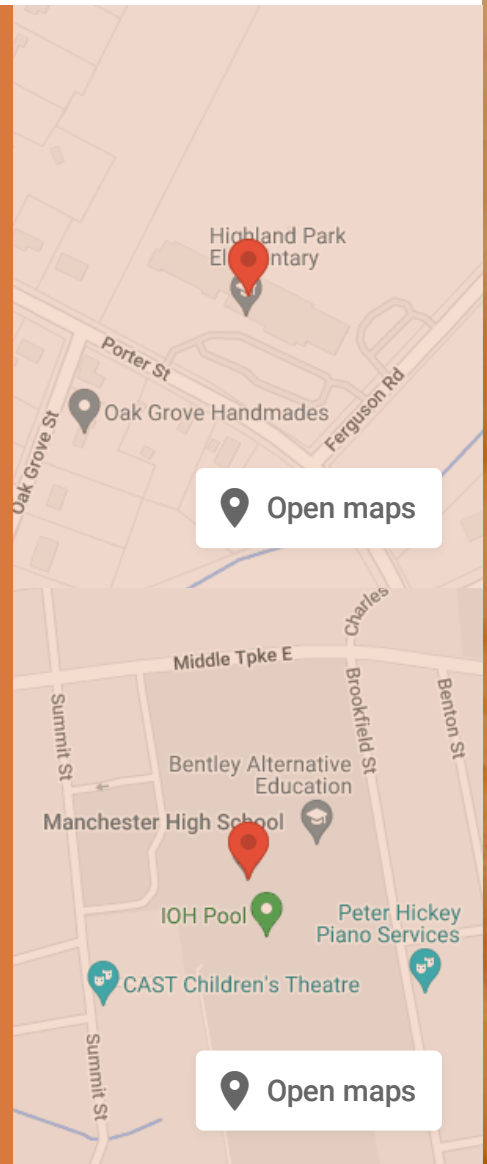
There are a limited number of spots left in our Pottery class taught by Virginia Dominguez. Call the MA&CE office to register before it's too late!

When?

**Thursday, Oct 5, 2023, 06:00 PM**

Where?

**Manchester High School, Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT, USA**



## **Interested in Teaching a Continuing Education Class?**

Here at Manchester Adult & Continuing Education, we recognize that teachers are the most valuable asset to our organization. In this spirit, we support teachers in their professional growth while giving them the opportunity to flex their creativity by designing their own courses. We cannot wait to see what you have to offer! These proposals are being considered for our 23-24 Winter/Spring Catalog. Classes will run in the evenings Monday through Thursday. We do make exceptions for Saturday classes if it deems fit. Fill out [this form](#) if you are interested in teaching a class with us! Get your side hustle on!

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# GOT BOOKS?



Are you unsure what to do with books you've read? Have your children outgrown Goodnight Moon? Are you a kindle girlie?

We'll take them off your hands !

We have a free book library for our students in our PCs at Manchester High School. You can bring your gently used books to our office at 555 Main Street for us to distribute!

Contact Tamara at [tamaras@mpspride.org](mailto:tamaras@mpspride.org) with any questions!

**"You are not done with a book until you pass it to another reader." - Donalyn Miller**

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## *Department of Race & Equity*

### **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, today and everyday!**

This slideshow was put together by Ryan Parker and the DRE team to help us gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the importance of celebrating this month.

[MPS Department of Race & Equity Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

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## *Weekly Poll*

**What is your favorite way to spend a Sunday?**

Football all day

Netflix & Chill

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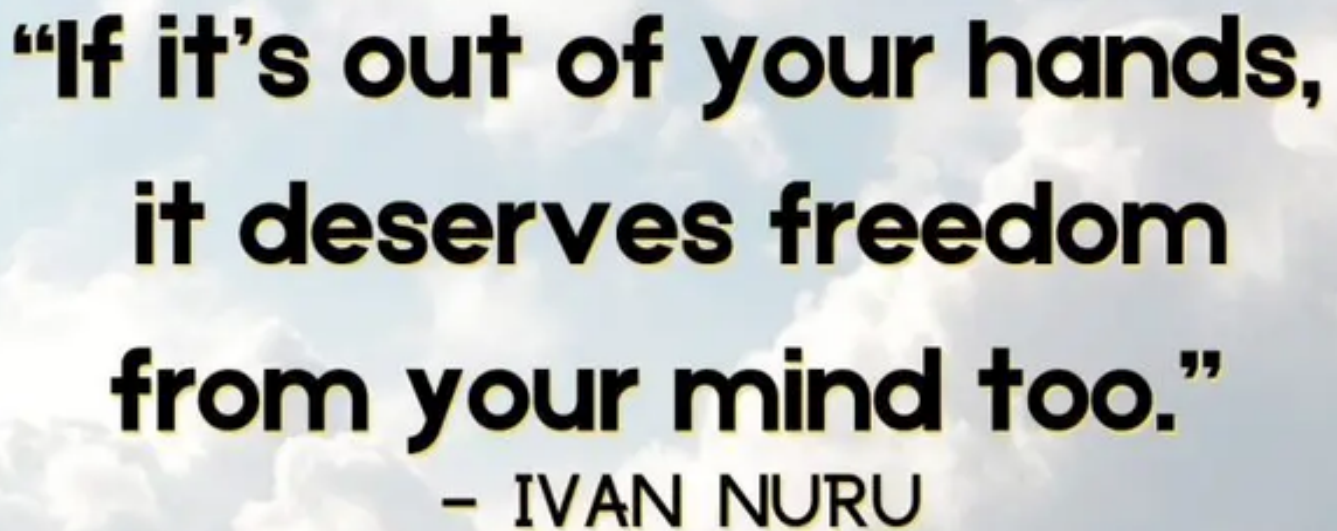
Errands for the week

📅 Voting ends in 12 days

👁️ Votes are anonymous but results are public

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## ***MA&CE Mindfulness***

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**“If it’s out of your hands,  
it deserves freedom  
from your mind too.”  
– IVAN NURU**

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## ***Current Events***

### **200 Years of Manchester**

This year marked Manchester's 200th Year! If you weren't able to attend the event at Northwest Park last Friday, check out this video below!

The Living History Project | Manchester, Connecticut

The logo for The Living History Project is displayed on a dark, textured background. The text is in a white, serif font, with horizontal lines separating the words.

THE ———  
LIVING HISTORY  
————— PROJECT

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Check out this infographic with information regarding Hispanic Heritage Month



## Fast Facts

- 41% of MA&CE students are Hispanic/Latino
- 8% of MA&CE staff are Hispanic/Latino
- 18.6% Manchester residents are Hispanic/Latino
- 16.9% CT residents are Hispanic/Latino

## Small Business Spotlight

### What's Bouncing?

This weeks small business feature is for the kids! Rent this white 10x10 luxury bounce house to elevate any birthday party, BBQ, or baby shower! Suitable for ages 1-6. Contact Teighlor using this [form](#) below!





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**PEOPLE IN  
MANCHESTER  
WITHOUT A HS  
DIPLOMA**

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**PHONE CALL  
TO START**

*Manchester*  
Adult and Continuing Education

daytime  
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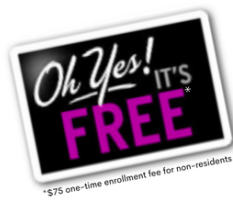
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**WAYS TO  
COMPLETE**

**Free\* Classes including CNA!**

**860-647-5075**

Classes are free for Manchester residents;  
\$75 non resident fee; Business Academy available  
to **qualified, enrolled** Adult Education students



**ENROLL TODAY!**

## Classes start **December 11!**

*Please register before December 1st!*

### High School Completion Programs



Credit Diploma Program



General Education Development



National External Diploma Program

### English as a Second Language



Basic/Beginner  
Intermediate  
Advanced

### Test Preparation for Citizenship

**To Register Visit:** [www.manchesteradulthood.org](http://www.manchesteradulthood.org)

Click on the "REGISTER" tab located on the side of the page!

You can even select your preferred language in the upper right hand corner!



Or call us at **860-647-5075** to make an appointment for an in-person registration!

## Keep up with us

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**MA&CE WEBSITE**

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