

Success with English as a Second Language



Lorena Adams has advanced from a Vocational Rehabilitation Plan for ESL classes to a new plan to obtain a GED diploma. She has attended classes regularly at the Cargill Learning Center in Schuyler, Nebraska and has benefited from ESL classes offered through Central Community College and Platte Valley Literacy Council held at the Columbus Public Library and Schuyler Public Library. Below is an excerpt from the April edition of the Adult Education Newsletter.

“Cargill Community Learning Center is partnering closely with the Schuyler Sertoma Club to recognize outstanding English as a Second Language students. Each session, two honorees will be selected and invited to a Sertoma Club meeting where they will be introduced to and paired with a Sertoma Club member. The honorees will attend the meeting and be given the chance to practice English in a community setting. The main goals of this project are to connect our students with community members and to provide our students with a comfortable setting in which to practice their English outside of the classroom.

Lorena Adams and Vilma Escobar were the CCLC Sertoma students for March 2010. The ladies attended the Sertoma Club meeting on March 30 at Last Chance in Schuyler. They listened to the meeting, and near the conclusion of the meeting Lorena and Vilma were asked questions about their home countries, the ESL classroom, and food, among other things. The girls also had a chance to ask members questions. The meeting and partnership was a success, and we will look forward to our next ‘Community Connection.’ Pictured are Lorena Adams, Mary Kay Bailey (former Sertoma President), and Vilma Escobar.”

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