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We hope that you had a restful holiday season and are ready for all that the new year will bring! As the new semester begins, we as educators may soon begin to identify struggling students in our classrooms, or we may have students that are continuing to struggle from the previous semester.

For our January Fourth Friday Forum, we are pleased to have Joan Grigsby from The Learning Center of North Texas come to speak with us about how we can help our students in need. Join us for *Getting There: Exploring Resources for Struggling ABE and GED Students*. During this session, Joan will explain how to recognize when a student may need a referral for an assessment for a possible learning disability and how this could lead to formal accommodations on the GED exam. She will also be discussing how we as educators can shape our instruction to address the learning needs of students who may learn differently.

What: January Fourth Friday Forum

When: Friday, January 23 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am

(note the new end time)

in Review



Where: TCC Opportunity Center, 5901 Fitzhugh, Fort Worth 76119 **Why:** To understand learning disabilities in adults, how to get formal assessment and accommodations for students, and how to shape your instruction to meet the needs of different learners.

(Please note: This session is most applicable for GED and ABE instructors, rather than ESL instructors.)

Registration for this event is required by Wednesday, January 21. Click to register now!



2014 Holiday Gathering Award Recipients

At our annual Holiday Party on December 3rd, we drew for the third annual recipients of the Cash for Class prize money.

Many literacy instructors and volunteers have dedicated much of their time to attending our Fourth Friday seminars in an effort to give their students the best possible learning resources. To honor this dedication, we selected three individuals whose names had been



placed in the drawing as a result of their attendance at one or more of our 2014 Fourth Friday training events. We are pleased to announce that the winners were John Beverung (\$300, Weatherford ISD), Jill Page (\$200, Center of Hope), and Ernie Vande Weerd (\$100, Knowledge for Success).

To increase your chances to win Cash for *your* Class this year, be sure to attend as many Fourth Friday training events in 2015 as possible. Every time you attend, you have another chance to win one of the prizes given at the end of the year!

Congratulations to all of our award recipients and thank you all for working so hard to help your students!

Save the Date GED_{12/2} Professional Development Roadshow

Free training will be offered by the GED Testing Service 12 to Texas GED 12 educators at the end of this month. Training will be held in Fort Worth on **Wednesday**, **January 28th** at the **TCC South Campus**. Register now; this session will fill up fast!

Click here to get more information and to register.



The 2015 Metroplex Literacy Conference will be held on Saturday, February 28th, at Dallas Baptist University. Registration is NOW OPEN for those involved in community and faith-based programs. Registration for those in state and/or federally funded programs will open on February 1st.

Date: February 28, 2015

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (registration opens at 8:30 am)









Place: Dallas Baptist University, Pilgrim Chapel Cost: \$35 per person

Click here to register!





We want to feature \underline{YOU} in upcoming issues of the Coalition newsletter. You get to hear about our efforts and events all the time but we really want to hear from you! Please submit stories and articles to: Stacey Reno. Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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