

# Literacy of Northern New York Newsletter May 2022



## LNNY's New Program Assistant at Fort Drum

Along with spring, LNNY welcomes **Cortney Carter**, who is replacing Paige Konoza. Paige's husband is military and the family moved to a base in Florida.

Cortney is a special education teacher from Colorado. She arrived at Fort Drum in November. She has transitioned smoothly to teaching in an adult ESL environment. Her teaching skills such as friendliness, patience, organizational skills, and sociability make a good fit for her Fort Drum ESL classes. The beginning ESL class at Fort Drum is working on conversational skills while the intermediate class is working on interview skills.

## Thanks!

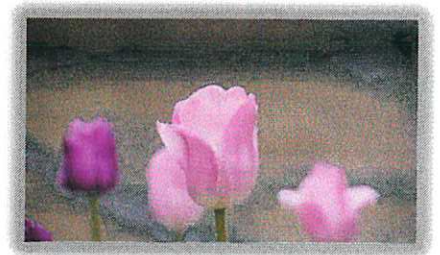
We want to thank all the tutors who have persevered through the pandemic and continued working in a safe way with their students. We always keep in mind that our tutors are the foundation of LNNY.

## What's Happening with Classes and One-to-One Tutoring?

Since the end of March, all classes and matches have been in-person with the exception of the Wednesday evening Pronunciation class and a couple of pairs that work on Zoom. New reading and math students have started to come in to get help. ESL students are also enrolling in classes in Watertown. Although the pandemic impacted our ability to offer services, we are back on track. Fort Drum classes are fortunate to have a constant flow of new students thanks to the outreach efforts provided to soldiers and families new to the area.

**We exceeded our enrollment benchmark this fiscal year!**

## Now to the best part of the newsletter, student success stories!



**Rosa** successfully completed her first semester at SUNY Empire where she is a Communications major. She begins a new course at the end of May.

**Delonzo** found employment at McDonalds. He is working with two tutors in math and reading.

**Mariely** has obtained a part-time job and has improved her English-speaking skills. Mariely works with tutor and Board member, Carla Haas.

**Adjaratou** obtained a part-time job at the Defac cafeteria at Fort Drum.

**Laetitia** obtained a job at the PX Café on Fort Drum.

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**Fady** improved her English skills and obtained a job at McDonalds.

**Esmailyn** has improved her English skills and is volunteering as a receptionist at USO on Fort Drum.

**Sheila** improved her literacy skills and obtained a job.

**Veronica** improved her English skills and also volunteered to help low-level ESL students at our Fort Drum classes. She is studying to pass the NCLEX (nursing exam).

**Avis** continues to work on computer skills and is using the Northstar Digital Literacy program.

**Erson** has resumed his studies to become a dentist.

**Eve** learned to navigate the Department of Labor's Job Zone website. She used the computer skills that she learned from the Northstar Digital Literacy program to help with the site. Eve completed a resume and attended a job fair. She works hard in class and on her own.

**Nabin** has moved to Texas to go into business with a partner.

**Juli**, a long-time tutor, took her student and a friend on a field trip to collect wild garlic. Juli's students have always appreciate her because she takes them all over the area to explore. In the past, she has taken students rafting, hiking and skiing,



*Searching for wild garlic*



*Juli (left) and her student, Brenda*

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*Deborah's  
Monday/Wednesday  
morning ESL class ~  
left to right, Govinda,  
Gita, Bertha, Angelica,  
and two Fort Drum  
students who joined  
the class for extra  
help, Jeannette and  
Sheila.*



*Susan*



*Miguel*



*Luzmery &  
Miguel*



*Rosa*

***A Collage of Some of the Zoom Pronunciation Class Students***