

IOSC Newsletter



Immigration Outreach Service Center **Volume 1 / Issue 6**

Loyola University Global Studies Students committed to the IOSC for their Capstone Project this spring. The amazing team of Erika Fajerman, Kaitlyn Mullen, and Kathryn Strang provided tutoring services and assistance with financial aid documents for college such as the FAFSA and CSS profile. At the end of their semester, they provided a comprehensive outline and presentation for navigating the FAFSA, financial aid, and the college process for future students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our middle school and high school students, as well as their parents, as they look forward to their higher education. We were delighted to work with Erika, Kaitlyn, and Kathryn and appreciate all they did to engage and prepare our students for their future.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

In April we completed our most recent semester of ESOL with more than 20 students participating. Our next semester will begin in August, and sign-ups will open in June. As before, we will have classes available for different levels of English language proficiency.

Computer Literacy

Our most recent semester of Computer Literacy ended in May with 10 women immigrants from 8 countries participating. Over the Summer, we are offering an advanced course to some of our previous students, and plan to resume basic level classes in the Fall.

Beyond the Borders Tutoring

We are wrapping up our school year tutoring and preparing for summer tutoring. During the school year we provide individual tutoring to students from Pre-K 3 through high school. We have adjusted to tutoring on Zoom since the Covid-19 pandemic began in March, 2020. Tutors and students meet via Zoom on Saturdays between 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm with each student receiving one hour with their tutor.

As we did last summer, we will have tutoring for one hour with each group of students entering grades 1-3, 4-6, and 7-12. Tutors for each grade group are planning sessions together, sharing stories, reading, and conversation as we continue to enhance learning. One of our tutors found the story Hidden Figures written for each age group. Each group will read and discuss their respective version of Hidden Figures. We will then close summer tutoring on August 28th by viewing the movie Hidden Figures.

At the time of viewing Hidden Figures, we hope to distribute school supplies to each student for coming school year. If you wish to contribute to the school supplies you may do so through Amazon Prime at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B8CW36UG3WBF?ref=wl_share. At this site you will find the "wish list" to fulfill the supplies needed by our students. For the shipping address please select "**Elaine Crawford, IOSC's Gift Registry Address**". Our students and families appreciate your kind donation(s).

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Savor the World: The IOSC: 20+ Years and Beyond

We did it! Our first in-person event since the Covid-19 shutdown in March, 2020 was held on May 17th at HighTopp's Backstage Grille in Timonium. We were graced with entertainment by the melodic sounds of Wasafiri Voices, the fancy footwork of the Egan's School of Irish Dance students, and the beautiful recitation of Amanda Gorman's Poem "The Hill We Climb" by Nnezem Ogbaekwe.

Thank you to Jimmie and Michelle Bell, owners of HighTopp's Backstage Grille, for so kindly providing the wonderful space on the lower deck, delicious appetizers, thirst quenching beer, wine, and soda, and fabulous carry-out meals for our guests. We thank all our guests for celebrating 20+ Years and Beyond with us and our sponsors for your generous contribution to the IOSC. Thank you to Christopher Gardner for your photographic memories of Savor the World. Thank you to Margaret Crowther for being such a gracious hostess and wonderful service. Thank you to Danyelle Charles for decorating the deck with her amazing balloon designs creating a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere. We thank the STW team for planning and coordinating a wonderful celebration.

And of course, a special thanks to God for blessing us with beautiful sunny weather for the gathering.

Our video, presented by Pat Shannon Jones and Fr. Joe Muth was streaming on a TV for guests to view during the evening. You may see the video here if you missed it or wish to see it again: https://www.dropbox.com/s/5l0nhzbnobggu3/STW_2021_video.mp4?dl=0.

We greatly appreciate our kind Sponsors who graciously contributed to Savor the World:

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Thank you all for your support and your presence to all we serve through the IOSC.