

## GED NEWS

### December 2022

ABE/GED Classrooms  
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*A newsletter for GED students, families and Community.*

## I WILL ACHIEVE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### December

**2:** First Friday Chat with Higher Education (virtual), 10AM

**2:** Opioid Awareness & Prevention Presentation, ALA Lecture Hall, 5:30-7PM

**5:** SRS Education Board Mtg, 5:15PM

**6:** Reading All the Way event (Nightmare Before Christmas theme), ALA Gym, 6-8PM

**15:** Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Presentation, ALA Lecture Hall, 5:30-7PM

**Dec. 19-Jan. 3:** Winter Break

**23 & 26:** Christmas Holiday, SRS CLOSED

#### January 2023

**Jan. 2:** New Year Holiday, SRS Closed

**Jan. 3:** Staff Development, NO SCHOOL

**Jan. 4:** Third Quarter/2nd Semester begins

ABE/GED class instruction continues to be remote, hybrid, and in person by appointment.

We provide digital and print-based instructional service and support. We believe adults can achieve their educational goals through self-paced learning and endure and strive through what hardships they face. Education is in an adult students' control. Education can give hope and affirm an adult learner's tremendous perseverance through today's challenges.

#### NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH: ANTONIO PASOS

Antonio is a hardworking father who started working on his GED in September. He wakes up early to go to his full-time job in landscaping, then he comes home to study for his GED. If he fell short on a test, he would turn around and take it again the same evening.

Antonio is determined to earn his GED for the security of his family and his own future. He has passed four of the five subjects he needs to graduate and is determined to pass the final test soon. Antonio's determination and grit come from the motivation he gets from his family. Antonio shared the following message:

*It's been my goal for the last couple of years to obtain my GED. I doubted myself, but had my family's support to motivate me and help me make it happen. I'm grateful for the support of my GED instructor for guiding me in the right direction of what I was supposed to do to reach my goals. This is the beginning of a better journey for me. It has made me realize that anything is possible if you really want it. Having a family to support and a full-time job was not easy in the process of dedicating myself to the journey of getting my GED; however, I am making it happen with the support of my family and GED supporter.*



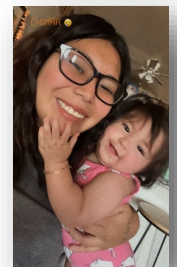
#### OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH AYLA LAUGHINGWATER LORING

Ayla pushed herself hard, including enrolling in the SCC ENG217 course. With her mother's support, Ayla completed the college admissions and registration process while also working to pass each GED subject test. She did this through many unforeseen complications and challenges. On Sept. 29, 2022, Ayla earned her GED! Ayla shared the following message: *I did it! I encourage anyone to push and work hard to get their GED because it's 100% worth it. I want to thank my family and others around me for the support. It really helped me stay motivated and have that extra piece of faith I needed. I am very proud of myself, and I'm excited to explore what I can do in the future!*



#### SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH ANESA BAREHAND

Anesa is a hardworking mother. She studied remotely around the demands of a job and raising a child. Anesa pushed herself after work and on days off, one subject at a time, until she met her goal: Anesa graduated on Sept. 12, 2022. Anesa shared the following message: *I want to thank you and everyone that supported me through this journey. I'm so excited to start a new chapter in my life.*





“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.” *Chief Seattle*

**Şapai masma?**  
(How are you?)

### Registration is remote.

To register, email  
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### Official GED

#### Transcript Requests

To get your transcript from  
the Arizona Dept. of  
Education, contact Erica  
Maria Litz at  
erica.litz@saltriverschools.org.

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## Congratulations to our most recent GED grads of the 2022-23SY. We've had 10 graduate so far!

Anesa Barehand | Steven Antone, Jr. | Gary Ray, Jr. | Ayla LaughingWater  
Loring | Alfonso Emerson | Stephanie Thomas | Liliana Arteaga

### Recent GED Graduate Alfonso Emerson

"My Mother would be  
proud of me that I did  
the next best thing."



### GED/DOC Students Receiving Instructional Services with Yolanda Ruiz

September: 22  
October: 28  
November: 30

### CURRENT ENROLLMENT

111

### Underfill Tribal Employee Testing Progress

4: Underfill tribal employees ABE/GED students  
1: Recent graduate is an underfill

## STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

I recently enrolled in ABE/GED classes. I am determined to achieve this big goal of mine. I feel very blessed every time I step into the GED site. I give 5 stars to the designers, construction, and personnel who were all involved in the design and building of this site and all who were involved. Thanks for thinking of the adult GED students while constructing this awesome space. I am thankful to the teacher, Erica Maria Litz, for being patient and making it easier for me to understand. When I get my GED, I would like to dedicate it to the SRPMIC Council, my teacher, and those who helped make this learning place as a thank you. My Community is the best. It can be paradise if you let it. *Luis Bejarano, Oct. 2022*

### O'odham Piipaash Phrase of the Month

S'he:kig Jioş 'alidag  
ma:sig taş!  
O'odham

Yoos xumay  
nyshnyaash xotk!  
Piipassh

Merry Christmas!  
English



Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.

Friday, Dec. 2  
from 10-11:30AM  
via Microsoft Teams.

Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register!

[ALA.SaltRiverSchools.org/services/GED](https://ALA.SaltRiverSchools.org/services/GED)





**Event Theme**  
**The Nightmare Before Christmas**  
 Wear your coziest (or ugliest!) holiday pajamas & you (individuals & families) could win prizes!

**READING ALL THE WAY**  
 GENERATION OF LEADERS  
 Community | Education & Literacy | Culture

**TUES | 12/6 | 6-8PM**  
 ALA GYMNASIUM (PARK IN LOT ALONG HIGHLAND AVENUE)

**SALT RIVER SCHOOLS**  
 SaltRiverSchools.org  
 480-362-2500



**ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
 STATE OF ARIZONA

**SALT RIVER**  
 SAFE SCHOOLS & SECURITY

# Soda with Security

**ALA Lecture Hall**  
 4827 N. Country Club Dr.

## OPIOIDS

This presentation addresses the opioid epidemic in Arizona. We will discuss numerous topics related to both the use of prescription opioids, as well as use of illegal opioids. Discussion will focus on prevalence, prevention, and support.

**Friday, Dec. 2**

**5:30-7PM**

A pizza dinner will be served while supplies last.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

As one of the largest and most profitable criminal enterprises in the world, it's imperative that the public and people who interact with children are aware of the dangers posed by traffickers. This presentation will provide steps adults can take to safeguard Arizona's youth.

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

**5:30-7PM**

A chicken dinner will be served while supplies last.

Questions? Contact Esteban Lopez at 480-362 2010 or email

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Presented by the Office of the Arizona Attorney General and Community Outreach and Education.



Do you want to pursue college or university  
and need English or composition credits?



**EARN ENGLISH**

**COLLEGE CREDIT**

**ONLINE, SPRING 2023**

**WAC101 Writing Across Curriculum**

**(Sec. # 25789) 3 credits**

On Your Own Time Canvas 01/30/2023 - 05/12/2023

Expressive, expository, and academic writing experiences to develop a foundation for student rhetoric and composition. Experience planning and drafting multi-paragraph essays through a writing process with emphasis on essay and paragraph structure and the elements of sentence structure. Participation in writing workshop, group work, reading to support writing tasks, and writing from sources. A minimum of three, multi-paragraph essays and a final reflection paper. **Class activities focus on Native American history, as well as issues and concerns for Native peoples today. For more information, contact the American Indian Program at [aip@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:aip@scottsdalecc.edu) or [erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu).** Prerequisites: None.

**ENG102 First-Year Composition**

**(Sec. # 25116) 3 credits**

On Your Own Time Canvas 01/17/2023 - 05/12/2023

Emphasis on rhetoric and composition with a focus on persuasive, research-based writing, and understanding writing as a process. Developing advanced college-level writing strategies through three or more writing projects comprising at least 4,000 words. **Class activities focus on Native American history, as well as issues and concerns for Native peoples today. For more information, contact the American Indian Program at [aip@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:aip@scottsdalecc.edu) or [erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu).**

Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in ENG101.

**CRW180 Intro to Writing Non-Fiction**

**(Sec. # 25520) 3 credits**

On Your Own Time Canvas 01/30/2023 - 05/12/2023

Practice in writing creative nonfiction, including autobiography and biography, the essay, reviews, and humor using a process of invention and discovery, writing, analysis, evaluation, and revision. Combines lecture, discussion, and workshop, leading to the production of marketable quality creative nonfiction. Prerequisites: None. CRW150 recommended but not required.

**CRW202 The Writer as Witness**

**(Sec. # 26224) 3 credits**

On Your Own Time Canvas 01/30/2023 - 05/12/2023

Studio course focusing on writing with the writer as witness of the world: pre-writing, writing, analysis, evaluation, and writing of monologue and dialogue in various formats. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in CRW150 or permission of Instructor.

**ENG217 Personal & Exploratory Writing**

**(Sec. # 25127) 3 credits**

On Your Own Time Canvas 01/30/2023 - 05/12/2023

Using writing to explore one's self and the world one lives in; emphasis on journal writing as a source and inspiration for public writing. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in ENG101, or ENG107, or equivalent.

**INTERESTED?**

**WRITING PLACEMENT**

Contact Professor Erica Maria  
Litz for guidance and  
preparation at 480-907-9440  
[erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu](mailto:erica.litz@scottsdalecc.edu)

**ENROLLMENT BENEFITS**

- Earn credit from Scottsdale Community College. All credit is transferable to any Maricopa Community College. WAC101, ENG & CRW Courses also transfer to ASU, U of A, & NAU. Enrollment assistance provided by instructor.
- Each class earns 3 SCC college credit hours upon successful completion.
- Classes are On Your Own Time asynchronous courses in the Canvas learning management system.
- All courses will have additional instructor support for students unfamiliar with Canvas.
- Great opportunity to become acclimated to college coursework and earn college credit!

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