

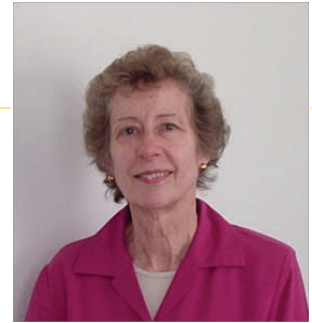
Education for Changing Lives

## Summer 2011 Newsletter

[www.vtadultlearning.org](http://www.vtadultlearning.org)

### Greetings!

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Windham VAL Center held a formal graduation ceremony for the adult learners who earned a Vermont high school diploma or GED in 2011. This year 56 learners earned their high school diplomas through the Act 176/High School Completion Program or Adult Diploma Program, or their GED certificates. Allyson Villars, Executive Director of Youth Services, gave the keynote address, encouraging VAL graduates to realize and build on their innate capabilities to create a meaningful and fulfilling life.



Mary Ide,  
Regional Manager

As we start our new academic and fiscal year on July 1st, I want you to know that our Center will be implementing a new schedule of instruction and adult learner expectations for the new academic year. These changes, incorporated under a Managed Engagement design, are intended to improve learner outcomes by:

- tightening attendance expectations
- increasing weekly time adult learners must work directly with their teachers
- improving learners' homework assignments
- providing more educational advising support for all adult learners
- tailoring individualized education plans with an eye to learners' career interests and goals

If you have any questions about our programs or the Managed Engagement components, please give me a call at 257-9449 x 104, or email [mide@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:mide@vtadultlearning.org). You will also find information on Managed Engagement @ [www.vtadultlearning.org](http://www.vtadultlearning.org).

Best wishes for a lovely, sunny summer.

*Mary Ide*

### ACCUPLACER PREP SUCCESS



Annah Hardin first came Vermont Adult Learning to prepare to take the Accuplacer entrance exam for CCV. "I had a major fear I just could not learn math," she said. Like many other people, Annah had avoided the subject and was not looking forward to having to study it again.

But she worked hard at VAL for three weeks, re-took the Accuplacer, and passed with flying colors. "I can't say enough in praise of Barb Cain and other teachers at VAL," Annah said. "Working with Barb, I actually learned to enjoy math. She erased my fear of it." Annah is now enrolled at CCV, where she will be taking courses in higher math and medical terminology to get her Associate's Degree; she plans to go on to earn a Bachelor's. Annah says that she could not have achieved her success without VAL.

**New!**

#### Six Week Session Schedule

Session 1 - 7/5 - 8/19

Session 2 - 8/22 - 9/30

Session 3 - 10/3 - 11/11

Session 4 - 11/14 - 12/23

## June 9th Graduation



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## Summer Sessions

### Essential Skills – Math and English

#### Monday

9-11:30

Reading for Understanding I

1-3:30

Reading for Understanding II

#### Tuesday

9-12

Computation and Applied Math

9-11:30

Math Review

1-3

Computation and Applied Math

5-7

Accuplacer Prep for Math and Language

#### Wednesday

9:30-12

Computation and Applied Math

1:30-3

Computation and Applied Math

#### Thursday

9-11:30

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#### VAL Hours

@ 90 Birge Street, Brattleboro

Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri. 8:30-5

Tuesday 8:30-7

#### VAL Hours

@ Parks Place, Bellows Falls

Monday 9-11

Thursday 8:30-2:30

#### English Language Learning

##### Monday – Thursday

9-10 Beginning

10:30-12 Intermediate

Advanced classes and English for special purposes as requested, e.g., English for TOFEL, Citizenship, English for Computers, and English for Driving. Please call Brian Dockery at 802-257-9449 x 103.

#### Computer Classes

Begin Using Word and Excel July 7, 12, 14, 21, from 9 to noon  
Navigate the Internet Aug. 11, 18, 23, 25, from 9 to noon  
Learn Computer Basics Sept. 13, 15, 20, 22, from 9 to noon

Classes are open to low-income residents only.

Please pre-register by calling Jay Callahan at 802-257-9449 x 108.

*Support provided by United Way.*

#### GED and WorkKeys

July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
August 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

GED testing begins at 10am and WorkKeys at 9:30am; pre-registration is required. Call 802-257-9449. Free GED practice tests also available.

#### How to enroll for services

Orientation and assessment testing are held weekly, Thursdays at 10am. To schedule an appointment, or for more information about any of our programs, please call Janice Baldwin at 802-257-9449 x 112.



**Congratulations  
Eddie for all your  
achievements at  
VAL!**