

SOUTHERN WESTCHESTER BOCES SUPERINTENDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2017



CENTER FOR ADULT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Learning Center:

1. Student Maria De Jesus Trujillo became a new American Citizen in August 18, 2017. One of the challenges that Maria de Jesus found was the language barrier, because the interview is all in English. She became a citizenship student 2 years ago and attended to Saturday classes with teacher Beatriz La Serna at CRC in Mamaroneck, at the same time she registered for ESL classes at 450. Persistency was her most powerful tool, she reviewed the citizenship questions in the internet in a daily basis. Maria De Jesus, also watched television in English in order to improve her listening skills. During the time she was a BOCES student, she dedicated 2 extra hours a day to study at home. She is very happy of her accomplishment and she is excited that she is now able to vote in elections. Maria De Jesus states that " the Hispanic population must use the right to vote and must become active participants in the government decisions". Maria De Jesus, is very thankful with BOCES and teacher Beatriz La Serna as well as her classmates for all the support.



2. Fall session will begin on September 11, with the following offerings :

TOTAL ESOL CLASSES:	40
TOTAL HSE PREP. CLASSES:	10
TOTAL PRE-HSE PREP. CLASSES:	5
TOTAL CITIZENSHIP CLASSES:	9
TOTAL TASC IN ENGLISH:	6
TOTAL TASC IN SPANISH:	7
TOTAL LIFE SKILLS CLASSES:	1
TOTAL COMPUTERES CLASS:	1
TOTAL CLASSES:	<u>79</u>
TOTAL LOCATIONS:	24

NEW PARTNERSHIP: YMCA in White Plains.

3. A new partnership with the YMCA of White Plains just began this fall. SW BOCES will offer ESOL classes from Monday to Thursday 6pm to 9pm. This collaboration is possible due to the participation of supervisor Maria Guerrero in community events.
4. On September 5, 2017 a total of 42 ALC teachers, 5 Registration Aides and 2 counselors attended to the Orientation meeting with the participation of the RAEN (Regional Adult Education Network) Director Andrew Cartwright and ESL teacher Elisa Montano. Teachers learned about "CUNY toolkit" for career Pathways. The meeting took place from 5pm to 8 pm.