



Vita Education Services *Bringing Learning to Life for Over 50 Years*

July 2025

Celebrating Adult Basic Education Success: Graduations and Achievements



Vita's Adult Basic Education Achievement Ceremony and GED Graduation took place on July 26 at our Bristol location. We're proud to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments Vita's students achieved during the 2024–25

program year.

Congratulations to the 12 Vita students who successfully earned their GED diplomas! Their dedication and hard work are inspiring. We also recognize the 62 students who passed one or more GED subject tests this year, demonstrating their commitment to personal and educational growth.

Student accomplishments are possible thanks to the guidance and encouragement of Vita's exceptional team, which includes 13 dedicated Adult Basic Education instructors and 28 passionate volunteer tutors. Together, they supported 188 students in the classroom and provided one-on-one assistance to 69 learners, helping them stay focused, motivated, and on track to achieve their goals. Every Vita student has their own personal learning journey and their success demonstrates the transformative power education has in changing lives.



Our thanks to Vita's staff and Board for their work in creating a wonderful student celebration. We also extend our gratitude to the following businesses for their generous donations of food and drinks for the event:

- [DIJAS Natural Foods](#), Bensalem
- [ShopRite](#), Yardley
- [McCaffrey's Food Markets](#), Doylestown

Diving Into Fun with Family Literacy!



Thanks in part to generous funding from [Penn Community Bank Foundation](#), families from Vita's Warminster and Bristol Family Literacy programs took a special summer field trip to the [Adventure Aquarium](#) in Camden, New Jersey.

For many students and children, this was their very first visit to the aquarium, and what a fantastic experience it was! Children and parents were in awe of all the amazing sea creatures - and the Shark Bridge was a big hit with everyone. Beyond being a fun day out, families were able to use all their senses to learn and explore together. Plus, the trip offered program participants a change in scenery from their busy classroom routines.

Engaging outings like the aquarium trip strengthen relationships within our program. Students, instructors, caregivers, and children are able to connect in an exciting, and often new, environment.

Throughout the summer session, Vita's Family Literacy groups have enjoyed outings including blueberry picking, trips to the library, and playtime at local parks — all designed to use language skills in real-world settings.

The aquarium trip was a great success, and we eagerly anticipate diving into our next adventure together!



Advocacy in Action: Adult Education Funding Restored for Fiscal Year 2025

The past few weeks have been a roller coaster ride for the nation's adult education organizations. As we wrote in our July 3rd Advocacy Call to Action email, congressionally approved federal funds, including funds to support adult education programs, were suddenly withheld pending review by the administration.

We know many of you responded to our advocacy call – the [Coalition of Adult Basic Education](#) reports that supporters of adult education sent over 23,000 messages to Congress urging for the release of those funds. That's the equivalent of one email every 14 seconds, day and night. Astounding! And our voices were heard – following strong pressure from all fronts, it was announced Friday afternoon that the administration released federal fiscal year (FY) 2025 adult education funds.

Thank you. Your advocacy, your belief in our work, and your support of Vita's free education programs make all the difference. Thank you for seeing the

benefits of adult education and all it makes possible for individuals, families, and communities.

July brought lows and highs, worries and relief. And through it all, we welcomed students to classes, knowing that the strides they make in their education give them confidence and keep them moving forward on their path to self-sufficiency. This month has reminded us that the path isn't always easy, but together we remain committed to empowering our students for success.

Join Us in Making a Difference: Volunteer as a Vita Tutor Instructor

Vita Education Services has a long history of delivering free instruction to adult learners with the help of well-trained, volunteer tutors. We are currently welcoming volunteer tutor instructors for Vita's fall Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language classes.



Tutor training equips you with all you need to become a highly effective tutor, and Vita staff is dedicated to providing continuous support as you engage with your students. We ask that tutors have a bachelors degree or equivalent training and experience, and that you commit to tutoring 2.5 hours per week for 11-14 weeks for ABE classes and 31 weeks for ESL classes.

Please visit our website at: <https://vitaeducation.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/> for more information or contact Vita's Tutor Coordinators: Pat Stansfield, ABE Tutor Coordinator, pstansfield@vitaeducation.org Douglas Green, ESL Tutor Coordinator, dgreen@vitaeducation.org

Thank you to The Philadelphia Foundation

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Vita is honored to have received generous support in the amount of \$25,000 from [The Philadelphia Foundation](#). Understanding the critical need for flexible support during these uncertain times, the Foundation is providing

unrestricted general operating funds to organizations that received a Competitive Grant in 2024, including Vita .

The Philadelphia Foundation's gift is recognition that while Vita is navigating unprecedented challenges, we continue to serve our students with dedication and care. We are thankful to the Philadelphia Foundation for standing with us and for empowering Vita to keep making a meaningful difference in the lives of the adult learners and families we serve.

Vita Vibes



Hey there, book lovers!

Summer is the perfect time to kick back, soak up the sun, and immerse yourself in an exciting book.

The team at Vita is thrilled to share their top picks that will make your sunny days even brighter!

- Heather Giampapa, Vita's Executive Director, recommends *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore.
- Gail Huber, Vita's Director of Cognitive Skills Programs, recommends *The First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston.
- Lisa Sheehy Vita's Family Literacy Instructor, enjoyed *The Unexpected Diva* by Tiffany L. Warren.
- Eileen Shapiro, Vita's Development Manager, loved *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn.
- Douglas Green, Vita's ESL Tutoring Coordinator, read the classic *The Shape of Things to Come* by H.G. Wells.
- Patricia Stansfield, Vita's Literacy Tutoring Coordinator, highly recommends *The Griffin Sisters Greatest Hits* by Jennifer Weiner.
- Maura Parker, Vita's Student Support Coordinator, just finished *The Wedding People* by Allison Espach and is starting *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave.
- Trish Malloy, Vita's Program Assistant, read *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

We hope you find the time to explore these amazing books. If you're interested in any of them, the links will lead you to [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org), where every purchase supports independent bookstores.

Happy reading!

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