

Leading Learning Award

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Angela Elenbaum, Adult Education



"I would like to nominate Angela Elenbaum for the Leader of Learning award. Her role in Adult Education is to develop and offer training opportunities for our ESL students. She has pioneered this program to its current successful state. She surveys students in the spring to see which training programs they are interested in. She then selects these programs and develops them over the summer and early fall to offer certification opportunities for our ESL students in the fall semester and again in the winter semester. This involves a tremendous amount of knowledge that she has had to self-initiate and self-instruct on. There was nothing in place when she stepped into this role, and now it is well-developed and offers ESL students opportunities to obtain credentials and certificates they would never have had in the past. This is vital to their success in transitioning into the US work culture. These opportunities provide our students with hard, soft, and English-language skills that translate into rapid success outside the classroom. Because of these opportunities, our students are advancing more quickly in their English studies. She is organized, motivated, and very dedicated to student success. Her thorough vetting of potential students puts them in the best position for success. She also leads instruction at regional and state adult education peer training. Her accomplishments are impressive in and of themselves, but in addition, English is not even her first language. She is a busy wife and mother as well, but always finds the time to pour into her role here at Kent ISD Adult Education. Her role is vital to our students' success, but SHE herself is vital IN that role. She is an impressive leader and educator."