

Fall 2015

TLC NEWSLETTER



“Empowering Students to Achieve Success!”

TLC Hours

Monday-Thursday

7:30 am – 9:00 pm

Friday

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Saturday

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Staff Directory

Staff:

Jacob Lewellen – Director
Sam Crandall – Asst. Director
Glynette Hubach – Secretary
Tara Lacio – FT Math Tutor
Lorraine Frazier – PT Supervisor
Russ Smith – PT Supervisor

Faculty:

Carolyn Brockman
Martha Crise
Shelby Gannott
Lisa Marks
Jayna Spindler

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Welcome to the **sixth** newsletter for the *Speckman* Tutoring & Learning Center! We hope you enjoy these articles and the many more to come in future semesters.

Tips for Coming to the TLC: *by Shawwna Burns, Math/Study Skills Tutor & Mentor*

1. Come as prepared as you can be! Bring your notes, textbook, assignments, etc.
2. We're not math wizards; we're tutors, which means we're students just like you. If we don't know how to do something, we will figure it out together or find someone who does. Everyone learns!
3. We won't just check your work, but we will help you understand the concepts you are learning!

New! OTC Tutoring's Mentor Program: *by Sam Crandall, Asst. Director & Instructor*

Director & Instructor

The TLC is piloting a new peer mentoring program for a selection of classes during the Fall 2015 semester. Building connections in college makes a huge difference in a student's path towards success. Our mentoring vision is to empower students to achieve success by enriching their college experience with peer support. The new mentor program is Level 1-3 certified through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). Mentors have the following qualifications:

- ♦ Level 1 CRLA Tutor Certification or higher
- ♦ 3.0 GPA
- ♦ Two or more references from faculty, former supervisors, or counselors
- ♦ Commitment to weekly training meetings

We hope to expand the program next year to other interested instructors!

TLC Staff Appreciation Week

Oct. 26-31

NEWSLETTER TEAM

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Congratulations!

*By Dr. Jayna Spindler,
Instructor*

Give a big round of applause to Dr. Carolyn Brockman, an Instructor and Supervisor in the Speckman Tutoring & Learning Center at OTC, who recently completed her doctorate in Instructional Technology & Distance Education from Nova Southeastern University. Her research included an extensive evaluation of Jenkins's model for learning and memory on MLA writing style guidelines for students enrolled in OTC's Composition I courses. Dr. Brockman started at OTC in August, 2006. As an OTC faculty member, Dr. Brockman teaches Technology for Teachers, Personal Computer Applications, Math Study Strategies, and Computer Study Strategies.

On a more personal note, Carolyn was born on an army base in Germany and has an identical twin. She is married and has a son and two stepsons. When younger, she competed in country western dancing as well as trap and skeet shooting. Now, her passions are fishing, watching TV serials, and eating sushi or crab legs. She is also a member of the Blues Society of the Ozarks and designs their web page.

A high 5 to our multi-talented Dr. Brockman!

TLC Events

By Tara Lacio, FT Math Tutor

Celebration of Developmental Education

The TLC kicked off the 2015-16 school year by hosting the annual Celebration of Developmental Education in August. Over 100 full-time and adjunct faculty gathered to share ideas in grading, classroom management, group work, teaching techniques, critical thinking, soft skills, collaborative learning, class discussions, lessons in PowerPoint, creating assignments, and leadership. This year, OTC tutors were invited to join in the learning and connect with faculty. Their insights and enthusiasm were welcome additions to the festivities. The TLC hosts this professional development opportunity every August. For more information, or if you are interested in presenting a session, contact Jacob Lewellen at lewellej@otc.edu.

Community Involvement

The TLC believes it is important to give back to the community. That is why for the holidays they adopted an OTC family through Crosslines. Faculty, staff, and tutors of the TLC collected food items, money, and gifts for the family of five and delivered them at the end of the semester. Not only that, but the TLC also volunteered at Meals-a-Million. During their time there they packaged 6,480 meals for people who are hungry in the United States and developing countries.



TLC Staff and Faculty working together to package meals at Meals-A-Million

Start Something Tutoring

The TLC continued a partnership started during the 2012-13 school year with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks. "Start Something Tutoring" allows Littles of the program in grades 6-12 to come to OTC two hours a week for tutoring. The first hour is dedicated to homework and the second hour is spent on study skills. The set-up and curriculum are very similar to TLC 023: Math Study Strategies. There were seven Littles this year, and the hope is to further grow the program. On May 7, the program was presented the Gold Star Award at the annual BBBS Appreciation Celebration. For more information, contact Tara Lacio at laciott@otc.edu.

Staff Appreciation Week

The TLC has some awesome tutors and receptionists; that is why every semester they show their appreciation by hosting TLC Staff Appreciation Week. Last year's themes were Superhero—"TLC Tutors and Receptionists are Super" and "Tutors Help Exterminate Your Fears" with a *Dr. Who* spin. Please join the TLC this year by showing your support for the tutors and receptionists. For more information about TLC Staff Appreciation Week, check out the OTC calendar or contact Samantha Crandall at crandals@otc.edu.

Pi Day

On March 9, 2009 Congress declared March 14 as National Pi Day. Due to a conflict with Spring Break, the TLC decided students and staff should not have to miss the joy of celebrating pi and so became "Leftover Pi Day." On March 19, the TLC handed out over 300 slices of free pie, had math games, a math contest, and a giant pi-oem (a poem matching the digits of pi) that students collaborated. Join the TLC again for Leftover Pi Day this March 18, 2015 in the Information Commons East Breezeway. For more information, contact Tara Lacio at laciot@otc.edu.

Keeping Your Career Options Open

The STEM field (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) is growing, and classes in this field are becoming more necessary at the college level. The TLC is helping gain students' interest in these classes by getting them excited early on. The annual "Keeping Your Career Options Open" is an event for 6th graders from rural schools that invites six boys and six girls from each school to spend a day learning how STEM is important in many careers. On May 8, the Allied Health, Science, Computer Science, and Math Departments all gave hands-on demonstrations to the students, and the OTC Ambassadors gave a tour of the campus. The students left enthusiastic about math and science as well as a future education at OTC.



Na Pham helping prepare for the TLC's annual
Keeping Your Career Options Open Event

TLC Hall of Fame

Guillermo Arciniegas—Adjunct
Instructor—Spanish

Jeannie Brazeal—Adjunct
Instructor—Computer
Information Science

Cheryl Butler—Lead
Receptionist—Telephone
Operator

Chelsea Cozort—Adjunct
Instructor--Mathematics

Tiffany Ford—CIS Instructor
and Department Chair—
Computer Information Systems

Shelby (Vicat) Gannott—Full-
time Instructor—TLC (Math)

Melissa (Wells) Kilburn—
Adjunct Instructor—TLC (Math
Study Strategies)

Tara (Lawless) Lacio—Full-time
Tutor and Adjunct Instructor--
Developmental Math Program
and TLC (Math Study Strategies)

Jacob Lewellen—Director—TLC

Jeff Morton—Adjunct
Instructor—Life Sciences

Ashley Rowan—Adjunct
Instructor—English and TLC
(Keys to College Success)

Micheala Steinmetz—Adjunct
Instructor—Life Sciences and
TLC (Keys to College Success)

Jarvis Walton—Specialist—Help
Desk

Megan (Tucker) Wortman—
Adjunct Instructor—
Mathematics and TLC (Math
Study Strategies)

Ginger Zaagsma—Instructor—
Life Sciences—Table Rock

Bad Poetry Corner

By Sharon O'Keefe

Study Skills Tutor

I needed a job, you know?

I was running real short on
dough.

The bills piled high, and the funds
ran low,

So I went to ask for a loan.

The man just laughed at me.

I'm a college student, you see.

So I thought real hard on what I
could be

And applied to the TLC.

I met this cool dude named Jake

Who told me about the
difference I can make.

He gave me a job for pity's sake.

Now every morning very early I
wake.

I finally have direction in my life.

I cut through confusion like a
knife

And help fellow students work
through their strife.

'Cause I'm a Tutor.



By Glynette Hubach, Secretary

Oven Stew

- 2 packages beef stew meat
- 5 potatoes, peeled and chunked
- 1 large onion, cut into chunks
- 3 large carrots, sliced thickly
- 4 stalks of celery, sliced
- 2 cans tomato soup
- 2 Tbsp. basil
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 6 c. water
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 2 Tbsp. beef bouillon granules
- 2 bay leaves



Layer stew meat, potatoes, carrots, onion, and celery in large oven roaster pan. Mix together tomato soup, water, beef bouillon, salt, pepper and basil. Pour liquid mixture over layered meat and vegetables. Add bay leaves. Bake in 325 degree oven for 2½ hours. Makes 8 large servings.

Orange Dreamsicle Cake

- 1 box orange cake mix
- 1 sm. box orange gelatin
- 1 c. boiling water
- 1 sm. box vanilla instant pudding
- 1 c. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. orange extract
- 1 sm. container whipped topping (8 oz.)



Bake orange cake mix according to directions. While the cake is still hot, poke holes in cake with a fork. Make orange gelatin with 1 cup boiling water. Pour gelatin over cake while still hot. Cool cake completely. Make vanilla instant pudding with only 1 cup milk. Add vanilla, orange extract, and whipped topping. Mix and spread on cake. Refrigerate!

Where Are They Now?

By Jacob Lewellen, Director



Name:

Guillermo A. Arciniegas

How long has it been since you worked in the TLC?

My last time at the TLC was during the spring of 2012, because that fall I was transferred to the OTC Speech Center.

What was the best part of working in the TLC?

The best part was sharing individually with students that were struggling with a specific subject, and then realizing that they understood the point through a slow process of friendly communicative interaction, patient rehearsing, and immediate feedback. That was always rewarding, especially seeing the new light in their faces when they were reaching the comprehension of a difficult topic.

What is your profession?

Spanish instructor.

Where do you work?

At the present I am working here in Springfield at MSU and at OTC. I have been teaching at MSU since spring of 2014. There, I obtained my bachelor's degree in December 2013. At MSU, I have taught Spanish 101 for beginners, Spanish 201 (intermediate level), and Spanish 460, which is a Hispanic-American literature course. At OTC, I have been teaching Spanish 101 since the fall of 2014.

In what city and state do you live?

I live in Bolivar, MO.

Name 3 significant things that have changed since you worked in the TLC.

1) My graduations at OTC and at MSU. 2) Also, my new job, with all the expectations, including all the confidence and trust that these institutions placed in me during the hiring process. 3) And, the fact that little by little all my sons who are graduating from high school have been choosing OTC for their studies trying to improve their lives.

Please let us know anything else you would like included.

First, OTC has been like my second home since I came to the U.S. eight years ago. I found here a warm, convivial atmosphere that helped me reach my goals. I am grateful to the OTC team that in some way collaborated with my success from the beginning, when I came to the U.S. without a profession or any knowledge of English at all, and recently with the transition to the new employment opportunities. I am grateful to people like Frances Giglio, Karla Gregg, Sergio Ruiz, Albert Simmons, Lisa Marks, Jacob Lewellen, Elena Blackmon, Kimberly Berry, James Ackerman, and so many others.

Secondly, the TLC and later the Speech Communication Center with their tutoring missions were the perfect places to acquire invaluable experience that today complements my actual profession.

"Tutoring Spanish at OTC gave me the practical knowledge about the common difficulties that students undergo, and taught me the different and unique ways in which each student engages in the learning process. Today, a great percentage of my teaching program is based directly on that information obtained during those years."

TLC Staff Highlight

By Carolyn Brockman, Instructor

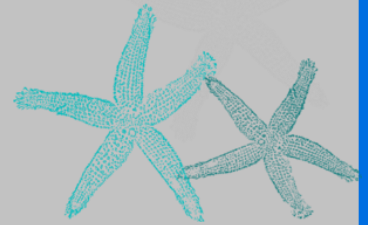
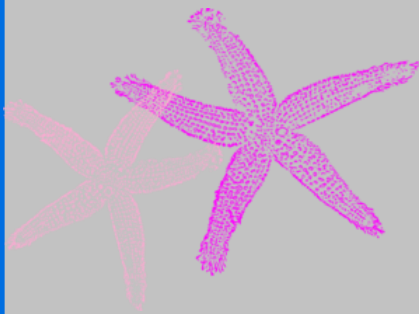
Mena Whalen is a math tutor in the TLC and a student of mathematics at Missouri State University.



Mena was born in San Diego, CA and moved to Missouri at the age of two. She is the oldest of three sisters, the younger two being twins. She is close to her sisters but recalls once trying to put hair dye in their shampoo. It didn't work.

Mena is proud of how far she has come in math since not many girls pursue the career. She said, "I enjoy it [math] so much, but I didn't think I would." She enjoys the struggle and the learning.

Mena would like to eventually obtain a Ph.D. in statistics and plans to apply to Duke, University of North Carolina, and Berkeley. She said that she has always thought that she has something big to do with her life, and she hopes to be a good role model. She would like to see more women in positions of power and going after their dreams.



Certifications

Level 1

Fred
Sarah
Ashley
Trish
Chau
Destiny
Kayla
Cinnamon

Level 2

Hanna
Rachael
Victor
Serge
Na
Mena

Level 3

Ren	Dallas
Jordan	Lea
Oana	Dustin
Shawanna	Tara
Elizabeth	Rachel
Iria	Snow
Chuck	Marie
Lindsey	Lewis
Josh	