

# ESL 5/6 Newsletter

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## A Note from the Teacher

We made it through the school year, Fall 2014– Spring 2015 and what an exciting and productive year it was!

We began the school year with sustained independent reading, with reading “Seedfolks.” We incorporated focus questions, double entry journals, vocabulary logs, and character maps as we explored the various characters, their problems and solutions, and how they became a community as they developed a garden.

We also completed a unit on GMOs where we watched videos, read articles from the Change Agent and the Web about the issue and differing opinions. The students

wrote about the pros and cons of GMOs..

We explored Hispanic Heritage Month from mid-September to Mid-October. We explored the life of Celia Cruz and also participated in an Internet Scavenger Hunt about influential Hispanic (Latino) Americans.

We also read a story which we dramatized about Columbus from the point of view of an indigenous child from that era. I’d like to thank, Jessica Jordan, for this material and for collaborating with us.

We took part in our yearly holiday celebration performance by singing onstage “There’s No Place like Home for the

Holidays.”

Of course, one of the highlights of the year, was our All-Write Symphony Space Project. We read selected poems and stories written by established writers and explored the themes of the material and engaged in fun and stimulating activities to foster understanding and multi-perspectives. Ms. Rasis, our Instructional Facilitator, presented an activity using art, a poem, and rhyming words. The students were engaged in performing this poem (Bananas and Grapefruit by Deborah Pope)

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## Modern Technology in my Life by Fabrice Sawadogo

In today's world, technology is a big part of my society and my foreseeable future. In this essay, I will focus on some technologies I usually use in my daily life because the domain of the technology is much expanded.

Today, I can't imagine myself without technological advances such as computers, tablets, cell phones, televisions, social networking, Internet, etc. However, technology won't stop here, but develop further. Technology is growing

faster every day (Cell phones) ; long ago we had to wait two or three years until our devices were old-fashioned. We live in a world where technology has changed the way we communicate, the way we

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# The Gift I Never Knew by Jose Luis Castillo

I don't know if by chance or by fate, the large and small things in life occur at a certain time, and place with different people.

When I was young and single I had a beautiful girlfriend named "Mabel," but after eleven months our love ended! A year later, I met another beautiful girl "Irene" with whom I started a new romance.

At six months of my relationship with Irene, came the Christmas holidays. I remember well that Sunday in December; I was late for a date with my girlfriend, Irene. I ran from my house and at that moment I saw Mabel, my ex-girlfriend who I did not see for more than a year. Almost out of breath she called to me, "Jose Luis, I came to your house because I need to talk to you and give you something." "Mabel, excuse me," I answered, "I'm very late. I have something very important to do this day. I cannot be with you now. We'll do it another day!" And she said, "Okay, but take this gift," and she gave me a big box closed and

covered with Christmas paper. I took the box, the big box, and said, "Many thanks, I'll see you later, bye bye."

And I ran to meet my girlfriend Irene, but I was still carrying the box with me. On the road, I took the gift card that was attached to the box and threw it away!

On the bus I boarded, I found an old woman. I approached her and said, "Madam, with all respect, this gift is for you!" She looked at me with frightened eyes, rose from her seat and ran to sit near the driver... She did not accept the gift!

When I met my girlfriend,

Irene, she said, "Hello, my love. What you have in the big box?" For a moment, I was speechless and did not know what to say. "Oh, oh, the box? It is... It's a surprise. Yes, it is, it's a surprise! .....and it is for you!!!!" And she said, "Thank you, my love!" .....and very happily she asked me to open it, here in the street. I said, "No!" "No, open it when you're at home, in your room!"

Our love grew and a year later in December we got married and she is still my wife. I never found out what I actually gave to my girlfriend. I never had the courage to ask her. Also, I didn't ever have the courage to ask my ex-girlfriend what she gave me. What could have happened differently that day? If I had been on time for my date with my girlfriend, my ex-girlfriend would not have found me.



# Why I Came To The United States by Ibrahim Diop

Many factors incite me to come here.

The first of all is a dream. Every day when the Ivoirians who live here come in summer in Ivory Coast, they always talk about the United States territory of hope of multiple chance and opportunities and of everybody. If you live in the United States you are the master of the world, you can be in touch with the technology one of my passions.

The second motivation was for the job. When I finished my studies in Morocco, I went back at home with my master's degree in finance. It was so complicated to have a job because the world of finance is not developed in most of African countries. I decided to change my career, or continue with a

PhD in economics; I'm still thinking of what choice but I think that I'll opt for a change.

The third motivation is for the culture, for experiences, because I love to travel, I love to discover, I love to rub other people. I want to be a citizen of the world, I would like to know all the biggest town of all the five continents of the world. I'd like to achieve my dreams.

There are many others motivations but those cited above are the more important for me. I would like to thank God first to help me achieve anyone of my dreams even if they are whims. And thank him again to help me

achieve the rest.



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and create rhyming words related to the painting. Later on in the semester, our class created their own poem which was performed by Sonia Manzano and published in the All-Write booklet.

In January, our students wrote 5 paragraph essays about their New Year’s Resolutions. We read about Black History and incorporated sustained reading with the book. We studied the lives of Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. We compared and contrasted the lives of Malcolm X

Our project for February and March was to research an African American man or a woman in history and write a narrative as that person. Four of our students performed for our African American and Women’s History Assembly. I was so proud of these students who were able to speak in front of the group without reading the text.

We also read, watched videos, and photographs about the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery.

In May, we explored a unit on career awareness and the changes for the 21st

century. We learned to write resumes and cover letters.

Throughout the semester, we focused a great deal on pronunciation. James Niss, our volunteer, worked with both classes each week. We really appreciate his dedication and hard work.

Our class took part in this year’s ELL Conference at Fordham University. They reported back about the helpful things they had learned. You will see some of these commentaries in this newsletter.

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## Small Wooden Bed by Eva Czimmer

My father made for me a small wooden bed before I was ten years old. I like my bed because I while lying on it I have had a lot of beautiful dreams. I always see my small wooden bed and every day, I fix and cover it so nicely. This bed made of cherry wood is very strong and comfortable.

Now my son sleeps in my old wooden bed. Every night he says, “Mom, please tell me a story because then I’ll a very nice dream.” Sometimes I forget to tell a story, but my son always tells me, “Mom, good night, have beautiful dreams.”



## My Wedding Dress by Laila Naqi

A long time ago, I got married. Whenever I look at my wedding dress, I miss that day. My wedding dress is in my home country. My wedding dress is red and very plain. Whenever I go to visit, I look at my wedding dress. It used to be fashionable, but now I feel it is an old-fashioned dress. Nowadays, the wedding dresses are so different than before and have more designs and patterns. Now, when I look at my wed-

ding dress, I feel old. How did this time pass so fast? I feel like the times are flying. Where did fourteen years go? Yes, I remember my wedding dress. I wish I could bring my wedding dress here



## A Tree in my Stomach by Laila Naqi

I grew up in a small village in Pakistan. In summertime, there are a lot of fruits, mostly very tasty apricots. I was one of the youngest children, so my older sister loved to play tricks on me. One day, my older sister saw me eating an apricot. She told me that the apricot tree was a magic tree and that a tree would start growing in my stomach. Over the next few days, I was very scared. I convinced myself that I could feel a tree growing in my stomach. One day, I felt some movement in my stomach and I got so scared that I quickly

ran to my mother, sobbing. “Mommy, I think a tree is growing in my stomach.” My mother calmed me down and told me my sister was just tricking me.

Ever since I moved to America, I think of, remember, and miss those times a lot. Sometimes, I wish I could relive those innocent days of childhood.



## I AM by Niurka Melendez

I am respectful and honest  
I wonder how some people do  
not care about others

I hear a bell ring  
I see a unicorn...  
I want to prove that it is possible  
I am respectful and honest  
I pretend to be a good “*mamá*”

I feel like I am running a long  
race  
I touch the unicorn...  
I worry if it will like it  
I cry but still keep running

I am respectful and honest  
I understand I am not going to  
change anything but myself

I say “Be patient, keep running.”

I dream all my only child’s  
dreams come true  
I try to be healthy and not to  
eat too much candy  
I hope to be there as much as  
possible to my loves

## The Changing Rain\* by Ababacar Sow

Once, long ago a heavy rain falling brought comfort to me in the morning. I remember in summer time when it was raining in the morning. I would wake up early, take my breakfast, invited over my brothers and cousins and some friends to have tea. The weather was nice and it smelled good. At this time it was summer and school was closed. So all we had to do was only have fun and a good time before the next session. So we were making tea as

the rain was coming down hard and had a long conversation about everything, politics, soccer, girls, and life, everything important and not so important.

Now a heavy rain falling makes me uneasy because I have to wake up, go to school,



or go to work. And while I’m out, my clothes get wet. My shoes get dirty. It doesn’t matter if it’s summertime or another season because I have to go to work anyway. Here, in the United States, school and no school are the same; anyway I have to go to work. And so, once a heavy rain brought me comfort in the morning and now it brings uneasiness

\*All Write-Symphony Space Winner

The first goal for people is to be healthy. It's interesting to **living healthy today for a better tomorrow. For that, my school Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center (MMALC) organized Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, May 21, 2015 in our school. It was wonderful because the** Health fairs were just what they sound like -- events with booths, activities, and presentations designed to show us a good time while also educating attendees in the interest of leading healthier lifestyles. Many agencies are participated such as NYC Fire department, Family Health Center of Harlem, Carver bank, Girl Scouts, Metropolitan Hospital, Harlem Center Educational Opportunity, Height & Weight screening/ LPN Stu-

dents, Vision Screening/ LPN students, African Services Committee-Hepatitis Testing, Zumba or Yoga exercises, etc. At the beginning in the Auditorium, the Principals welcomed all the participants by greetings and they talked about a wide variety of free courses for adults that MMALC offers. Then, we left for the workshops. Personally, I got a lot of health information. For example, I took blood pressure, AIDS test, Height and Weight to know my Body Mass Index (BMI), etc. I also did Yoga exercises and it was very useful for me because I usually exercise at home now. Finally, we

got a lunch at 1:00 p.m. The event was successful and it was one of event I really appreciate. So, I would like to thank all the people who helped to make this a successful event. I extend special thanks to the MMALC staff and students, the agencies, the attendees of the various workshops and screenings, as well as those who donated their time, services and/or products.

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## Eleanor Roosevelt by Hawa Bah

To begin, I would like to thank my teacher Mrs. Tilla, my classmates and all the staff of Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center.

I want to talk about a famous first lady who was very special for me because she focused on human right, children's causes, women's issues, helping the county's poor, stood against racial discrimination, etc. My famous first lady.

First lady, writer and humanitarian Eleanor Roosevelt was born Anna Eleanor Roosevelt on October 11, 1884, in New York City. The niece of President Theodore Roosevelt, Eleanor was known as a shy child, and experienced tremendous loss at a young age: Her mother died in 1892 and her father died two years later, when she was just 10 years old. Eleanor was sent to school in England when she was a teenager--

an experience that helped draws her out of her shell.

In 1905, Eleanor married her distant cousin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who would later become president of the United States. The couple had six children: Anna, James, Franklin (who died as an infant), Elliott, Franklin Jr. and John. Despite her busy home life, Eleanor became active in public service

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# How Cell Phones Changed My Life by Rafael Alvarez

During the last fifteen years the cell phones have changed the way we communicate ourselves and entertainment although changing our lives terrifically. Fifteen years ago I didn't use cell phones. I used other ways to communicate or entertain myself. But now the cell phones have a lot of things, like a social network, games online, emails, etc. The cell phones got to be a part of our lives and are difficult to live without them.

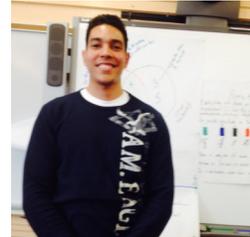
I remember when I was a child. At this time we didn't have cell phones. If I wanted to meet to my friends I went to their house. I can't send a message. In this time the communication was more difficult but the relationships were more personal.

When I was child we played some sports or found other ways for entertainment.

Now the cell phones changed everything. With the social network we can communicate with our family and friends. We can create virtual groups and talk about subjects. Now we can check the emails and send emails too. We can play games and this game can play online. Now the cell phones have a lot of functions but I can mention them all, because there is not enough paper.

In summary, the cell phones changed our lives in a positive way because now is easier to communicate. We can talk with people a one thousand miles from us. The banks can send our statements

to your emails. But I think now the people lost the personal relationship. A lot of people used the cell phone to talk and spend more time playing games. The cell phones bring us a better communication and function, but separated us them real life.



## REFLECTION ON CHANGE AGENT ARTICLE by Madalitz Baez “Society’s Responsibilities for its Veterans”

U.S. Veterans have played an important role in making America a great nation. Society should provide veterans with medical care, housing assistance, employment assistance, educational assistance, and family services and counseling. Unfortunately, many veterans come home with a variety of medical issues and complex disabilities. War leaves them psychologically and physically hurt, and mental health care available.

Many veterans come home to find their dreams are shattered. It is society's responsibility to make sure that these

men and women get tuition benefits for themselves and their dependents. Finally, in order to help veterans, we have to help their families. It is hard for veterans to take care of their families because they are at war. The veterans have kept America safe by fighting for us. Veterans give to society, and society needs to give back to the veterans.

**“Many veterans come home to find their dreams are shattered”**

After reading this article, I feel think all family should enjoy many privileges because of their sacrifice. And also these programs might to cover the family's needs.



# I am Muhammad Ali by Emile B. Somda

I was born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. on January 17, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky to Cassius Clay Sr. and Odessa Grady Clay. I graduated from Louisville Central High School. I grew up in a poor little family with my young brother Rudy. During my childhood, my bicycle was stolen and made a change in my life that made me a boxing champion later. When I was 12 years old, my friend and I went to the Columbia Auditorium to partake in a free hot dog and popcorn party. After eating, my bike had been stolen. That

made me upset. I wanted to beat up the person who stole my bike. Then the policeman, Joe Martin told me that to beat up someone I had to first learn how to fight. So, I joined Joe's boxing bout club and learned as well as I could. And then at 18 years old, I was a good boxer. I won every bout. I won the heavyweight title in 1964. I had become a symbol of black pride. I was inspired by Muslim spokesman Malcolm X during the Civil Rights



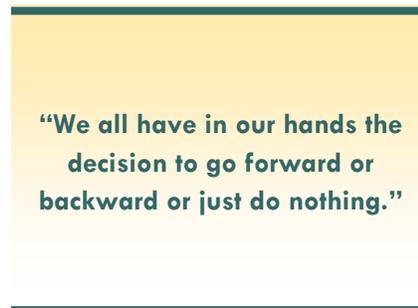
fight. I was also inspired by the Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad who gave me the name Muhammad Ali. In spite of my many accomplishments, I was stripped of my heavyweight title and exiled from professional boxing for three and a half years. Finally, I left professional boxing. I would like to share a few quotes with you. "Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them-a desire, a dream, a vision.

# Reflection on "Lady in Black" by Eleanor Porter by Niurka Melendez

After I read the story, I do believe that its sends a useful as well as important message to people. It is not necessary to live such a tragic situation neither the Lady in black's nor the gray-haired woman's, to realize that even in the worst moment, life keeps going, time keeps passing and we must go on. Also, as an immigrant, It is a good reflection because the most common feeling -I guess-, when you are away is similar when you loss someone important, you left behind all in order to start from zero again. You are home-

sick and that feeling usually stops you and makes you think that it is impossible to overcome. I would like to finish saying that for me the process of living life begins and finishes with us, we all have in our hands the decision to go forward or backward or just do nothing, we all are the only one responsible of our fate so, depend on us to take this sort of life's experiences like "The Lady in Black" gives to create awareness about our attitude to face and get over unsettling

life's situations



# Student Reflections of the ELL Conference

Aboubakar Diarra

The best thing about Yesterday's conference was the rights of English language learners because I am not confused about my School education. I know now what high importance American people have about education. America is an opportunity for me to reach my goal. Viva America!

Robertina Acosta

The best thing about yesterday conference was the information that they gave us, because, we learned many thing as how we can continue studying after we done ENL and also I got some information as how can I be a Spanish teacher in this country, this information was very important for me, because long time ago I was looking for this. How can I become an Spanish Teacher?

But the most important thing

about this conference was when they made us see the importance of our children to be bilingual and the impact this has on the intellectual cognitive development and how to interact with society.



# Technology in My Life (continued)

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are informed, how we do business, in fact how we do our daily lives.

Traditional social networks have expanded from a few dozen acquaintances to hundreds of friends, friends of friends, connections and followers. Personality, social networks help me to communicate over vast distances and I can gain access to information and answer to my questions very quickly. Nowadays, I would rather communicate by sending a text message and calling from my phone or computer, post comments and pictures on Facebook and anywhere else, send a short tweet to inform all my friends that I have just got out of school or I got off from

work, and I'm free to chat. It's wonderful to share my daily life with friends and also get from them because we are always in contact. I remembered when I traveled and there was no cell phone, Facebook, twitter, I lost almost all my friends and my family because it was difficult to get their news. Social networking sites give me a fantastic opportunity to widen my circle of contacts. I met and I am still meeting new friends from anywhere. We had a lot of groups on Facebook, Viber, WhatsApp and LinkedIn that we give some ideas about possible projects based on localities; we sell and buy many products by posting. These show how social networks are very useful for our relaxation and business.

Learning is a process and it is part of my daily life. Modern technology has made it simple for me to learn from anywhere through online education and mobile education. Also I now use modern technology in classrooms to learn better. This has made my learning more convenient and fun because I get a chance to learn more and often without tutors. I use computer, iPad, video projector to teach visual lessons, to do reunion, to learn in team. We also learn in team online with my classmates and friends. For example, I usually confabulate with my friends on the website MyEnglishClub.com. I got a lot of applications on my cell phone to improve my English learning. However, this shows how I am depending for almost everything on these technologies. But is this

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Affou Coulibaly

The ELL Conference was June 10, 2015 at Fordham University. It was a conference with many workshops and they all had a theme. Before we started the workshop, we had a breakfast with a lot of kinds of bread, coffee, tea, and juice. It was very tasty. After the breakfast, we started the workshop. There was a workshop that talked about adult learning. That workshop gave

me a lot of information about adult learners, why it is important for adult to go back to school and what is the higher level for the ESL students. Also in that workshop the best thing I found was the story about an ESL student who graduated from college last week. After that, I went to the second workshop that talked about higher education. It was a good

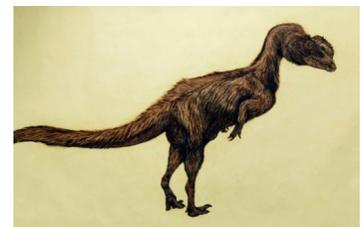


workshop because we learned many things about college, how to apply to college, and how to pay for college. However, I didn't assist for the both last workshop, but the people who participated say they were great. They talked about the rights of the parents and the children. After the workshops we had lunch which wasn't too good. In summary, the ELL conference was a good thing for my education.

## Trip to the Museum of Natural History with Ms. Chue's Class by Margarita Ponce Lopez

Yesterday I went to the a trip I went to go the museum Natural History I saw so many dinosaur skeletons. I found the Brontosaurus; this is the giant dinosaurs of the large animal but he have a small head it is very nice animal I like more the another one and also I saw the tyrannosaurus rex he look like in action he stand up with two

legs he was a carnivore animal and I went to the first American Indian exhibit and they wore different clothes and I saw the stuff to use for kill the animals and eat and also we go to the water world I see walrus and I go to a little place to see the ocean look like 3D like you are in the water is amazing day I like this place is relaxing and calm.



# An Interview with Ms. Teresa Chin by Emile Somda

**Emile Somda (E.S):** Hello Ms Chin!

**M.C:** Hello!

**E.S:** Thank you for granting me this interview, which would let more students know about you..

**E.S:** Before my questions could you introduce yourself please for those who don't know you?

**M.C:** Okay, my name is Teresa Chin, I'm a teacher here at Mid Manhattan Adult Learning Center, and teach English as a second language.

**E.S:** Could you tell more about your back ground?

**M.C:** I grew up outside of Chicago and my childhood was spent in Chicago Illinois, actually a little place call Hillgrove Village outside of Chicago, so I grew up in a suburb, then my family moved to Alaska and I went to high school in Alaska, so I lived in different places. I went to Chicago from college; then I spent three year in Asia, so I went there to college took Chinese and I got really excited about Chinese culture and I wanted to learn the language more, so I just went, and I taught English and learned Chinese. Then I went to Thailand for one year and then I come back to China.

**E.S:** What has motivated you to teach?

**M.C:** Well, I've always love teaching; I'm always love sharing with students, but I'm always scared of kids, yes, kids are scary! But when I have my own kids I quit my job for three years, I was working in Chase Manhattan bank, I was working and I said now I had two kids, and I had to quit

**E.S:** When and where did you start teaching ESL classes?

**M.C:** I've been a teacher twelve years

**E.S:** Which levels do you teach?

**M.C:** Right now I teach levels two and four

**E.S:** What do you like about this profession?

**M.C:** I love my students and I love that I can learn too. Every day, I learn something new from my students.

**E.S:** Why did you choose this profession above others?

**M.C:** Well, I always wanted to teach, but I thought I would teach at the university level, but it never happened. It takes a long time to get a Ph.D. And then I got this fellowship, teaching fellows, and when I was awarded that I got a free master's and extra money to study and I got a free job. And so after I had been at home for three years, I was scared of what kind of job was I to get. It's hard for women to go back and I had young kids, so I said, "Well, let's teach." And I loved teaching.

**E.S:** Your students come from many countries, how do you get with

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**E.S:** Your students come from many countries, how do you get them to communicate with each other?

**M.C:** Good question, they have to speak language. No, I also let them speak their native languages with each other because to me you never forget your first language. It's very important. Also, when you learn about how people learn, they make the connection between their first and second language. So, I let them speak Spanish and French as long as they're also trying to speak English. Also, I try to create a community in the classroom. I try to make everyone feel comfortable and not afraid to make a mistake.

**E.S:** Each student has a different culture and different behaviors and you too, how do you manage to be in harmony with all of them?

**M.C:** : Good sense of humor. I use humor a lot. Instead of being upset or angry, I try making a joke. I try to use humor to make people understand each other. Also, I love different cultures and I encourage them to be proud of their culture.

**E.S:** The students move quickly from one level to another, what feeling do you have when one of your best students have to move?

**M.C:**I feel sad. Because you spend a lot of time making a community and when that class moves on, I'm happy for them. That means they got better and that I was a good enough teacher to make them better. It's good and it's also sad. I still keep in touch with my other students.

**E.S:** How do you feel when you have to be observed by your supervisor? Do you feel like doing better or are you scared?

**M.C:** I'm scared. It depends, because I want to do my best. And I know my students will do their best, too. They have a checklist, they check every little thing off, but when you get to know them and they get to know you, it's a little better., so when they come in it's not as stressful

**E.S:** How about your relationships with the other teachers?

**M.C:** I love the other teachers here. I sometimes go out with them after class. Ms. Tilla and I will hopefully presenting at a conference together. We talk about ideas and share together.

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E.S: During all your experience as a teacher what had been a good anecdote and a bad anecdote for you?

M.C: You mean like an experience? I've had so many good experiences with students. I'll think about this some more.

E.S: If you were asked to remake things in your life, what profession would you choose and why?

M.C: I would have liked to become a college professor. I would enjoy teaching Chinese. Maybe, I would teach college.

E.S: me students and I appreciate you're always energetic in class, what is your secret about that?

M.C: Coffee, lots of coffee. But also, human energy. My students are very energetic, too. So, if my students have answers and make me think, I bounce off their energy, too.

E.S: Everybody has faults, what are yours?

M.C: I talk to much. It can be good, but it's also bad.

E.S: In the other hand what are the qualities you think you got?

M.C: Energetic, smart, funny and silly. It's good to be silly, too.

E.S: How did you manage your program or your life as a mom and as a teacher?

M.C: Wow, it's not easy. I was very fortunate that I got that fellowship. So, after I stayed home with my kids, I was able to enter a career where I could be on the same schedule as them. I got home early during the week and I had vacations when they were off.

E.S: We know that you have a passion for music, what is your best kind of music? Who are your favorite stars in US and Africa?

M.C: My iPod is full of music in all different languages. I don't have a favorite type. I have always liked classical music. I studied opera. I love all kinds of music.



Teresa Chin

E.S: We are ending the interview, what could be your conclusion?

M.C: Thank you for thinking of me and I'd like you to



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technology really good for me?

The growth of social networking platforms has been phenomenal. I am member of more social networks. I have a permanent online presence where I create profiles, share photos, share my thoughts with friends and spend hours catching up with what my hundreds of friends are doing with their lives. I am not focused when I am in class or at work. Social networks became a fine art that I am falling victim to online scams that seem genuine. I remember when I had met some people who told I won in lotteries I've ever played and they asked my confidential information; they seen nothing wrong with posting it online for all to see on their profile, personal blog or other social networking site account. This data can often be mined by cyber-criminals. I also remember of my first email which I saved all my pictures and important documents, and I forgot my password and my secret questions; this had given me troubles during a long time. Internet isn't moderated in the way that we think and a lot of it is filled with misinformation and outright lies.

Moreover, using computers, tablets and cell phones to learn make me so easy to find answers that sometimes I have to look for them. This may result how I am having poor study

habits, developing a lazy attitude toward my education, and reducing my level of creativity. I'm removing a little bit my necessity of skills such as face-to-face communications, doing basic math without the help of a calculator, and writing in proper sentence by using a lot of abbreviation. These technologies at my disposal are here to make my life easier, and teach me things I didn't already know, or forgot. However, how can I avoid these practices?

I decided to access social networking sites during my break time or free time. I plan to be a bit stricter with the exposure and pay attention anytime. If I have to write a paper, I usually use a program without spell check as WordPad, and when I am finished I copy it into Microsoft Word, or re-enable the spell check feature. This way helps me to know how I still write correctly.

In conclusion, modern technologies can very well be a double-edged sword, from safety to connectedness, so we have to be careful. They do have their advantages, but as with many revolutionary inventions, they can radically change my life, for better or worse. Now, I think: “The technology is a worse thing that helps people. It doesn't know excuse, what is good or bad”.

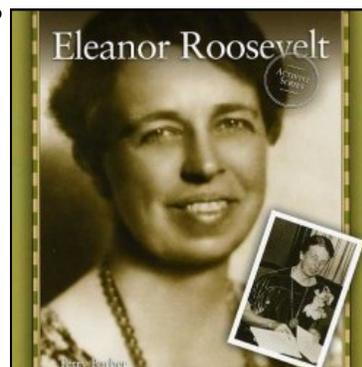


## Continued “Eleanor Roosevelt”

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during World War I, working for the American Red Cross with the whole world people. So, I hope everybody could accept to cooperate with other people despite where they come from. For that, I want you to look for her history, and I think you can share her idea for giving the American dream. I thank all hard work people and the

firefighters who save people life.



# Technology Advantages and Consequences by Ibrahim Diop

Nowadays, technology become an indispensable element for the development of a nation, of a country.

He is present at all society's level. But if technologies are presented (show to us) as the future, the prosperity, does she have only advantages for humanity?

We'll present to you in a underpin development advantages of the technology and its consequences.

Technology is the future of the humanity, it's the solution against diseases.

Today in favor of the technologies, medicals researches are at the top. We can cure many diseases as some case of cancer, doctors are assisted by different electronics equipments' which help them in dangerous surgery.

Technologies also keep people close to their family or friends despite the distance. She is in all the specialty, finance,

and agriculture and of course the society where it's take a big role, ameliorate the daily of the population.

The world can't be better without technology, it's the catalyst of a better following day.

However, is it the case? Is technology displaying its role?

Science without conscience is soul's decline. The world has ever know same trouble, war, endemic, spying due to the development of new technologies.

Investment are made by computers, in sum the finances which is the nerves of this word are kept by computers which are also toxics for us because they need energy to maintain they duties, energy which pollute.

Technologies innovations' impact us in

different aspects of our life, we participate in the increasing of researches in all the fields such as medicine, agriculture and massive destruction. All those researches have a direct consequence on: birth of new diseases because viruses or pathologic agents develops new resistance. War's arms are more dangerous for the humanity. In agriculture, we modify the original structure of food because we want to increase the production but it's the cancer that we increase.

In fact the technology can be good if its evolution is controlled, it will help us make the world easier. but a common sense is necessary for all the customers; this will help them choose really what they really need.



**"The world can't be better without technology, it's the catalyst of a better following day"**

## Introducing Jessica Jordan by Angeline Meledje

I am Angeline, a student in Mrs Tilla's class in Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center and also a Fashion Designer. But today is special day. I removed my fashion designer career to wear another one which is journalism.

Mrs Jessica is a teacher in Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center School, she has been my teacher last year, She is nice, hard worker ect... we're going to learn about her in this Interview.

Mrs Jessica started to work for the department of education for a long time now.

Her life is about being a teacher but she also enjoy cooking, biking, riding bicycles, and dancing on her free time. With adults, she feels more comfortable, She thinks that they are motivated, and affectionous which is why she chose to teach adults instead of children. She

has been a teacher for seven years, and feel lucky to work in Mid-Manhattan Adult Learning Center.

Every year, she learns something new, and this year specifically, she learned a lot about her students. She wants to continue to learn during summer and is going to take classes and most of all relax.

It's with all my pleasure that I've interview this Hardworking woman who is my teacher. I hope you learned basic things about her and it helped you understand the nice person I see in her.



# My First Trip to Boston by Eva Czimmer

On June 9, 2015, P.S. 161 had a trip for parents and children together to Boston, Massachusetts. This was a day everyone was waiting for.

When we left at 7 AM, it had started raining. I prayed that it wouldn't be raining in Boston.

The bus broke down and the teachers called another bus to come pick us up.

When we got close to Boston, the rain finally stopped and we had miraculous weather with bright sunshine.

We first visited the New England Aquarium which was big and nice. I took lots of photographs and then we

all went to the gift shop and restaurant. This aquarium is a giant ocean tank simulating a Caribbean coral reef. The tank houses sharks, sea turtles, stingrays, eels, barracuda and many smaller reef-living fish. Opened at the top, the concrete tank is surrounded by a walkway that spirals down allowing visitors access to 52 windows that offer views of the reef from every angle and level.

What was the best for the children was the touch tank. Every child had questions and my son loved this place.

Afterwards, we took 'Duck Tours' on

an amphibious vehicle. We cruised through one of the most historic cities in America. The guide told us about Boston's history as we cruised through the Charles River.

During the trip back home everybody was very tired and children spoke in low voices or slept.

My feeling, "The day began badly, but was beautifully finished. We will always remember it for a captured moment which we managed to photograph to tell everyone at home that we enjoyed ourselves. Then I can say, it was a fantastic day!.

## More about the ELL Conference

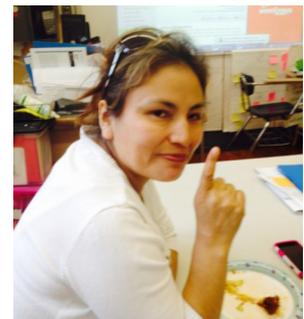
Mirtelina Alvarado

I went to the different workshops in the conference. First of all I learned about the benefits of the Dual Language Program : how to help our kids at home when they're learning English. It creates true bilinguals. The second workshop was the Adult

ESL Classes at OACE- who can take adult classes. I learned where you can find schools or classes. A third workshop was "Your Children Can Go to College-here I learned how to apply for financial aid (FAFSA). We learned how to apply for college and how to pay for college. Par-

ents need to know their children have education rights.

## Some Photos



# Reflection on the Change Agent Article by Abdoul Yasser Ouedraogo

“This article is a really serious critic of the situation that the veterans have lived after coming back from the war. It spell the government to handle it and to provide many benefits for the veterans and their families in every sort of domain.so that to make their families and their life easier. Joining the army getting many negative consequences that arise when you don’t have any control of what will be coming on, as all situation displayed in the article.

So ,read this article get me very glad that someone was able to think about that and trying to get the attention of

everybody and mainly of the government about this disability. A disability that affects every generation and each person. Being in an army is an honor from protecting our country but this can’t still be that whether our own families aren’t protected of any consequence of our service in army ....



## Meet Our Assistant Principal, Sushma Malhotra by Niurka Melendez

Imagine yourself sitting in a classroom full of people from different part of the world only with the having in common that we all were ESL’s students. That was how I felt my first day at Mid – Manhattan Adult Learning Center (MMALC). Since November 2014 I have been at MMALC and most of the people that work there are the exactly scenery of mixed culture like the ones in the classrooms. That makes me think they all know the challenge the students face in the process of learning a new language which usually is the perfect mix of happiness and frustrations.

Thanks to my teacher Tilla Alexander, I had the opportunity to have a nice casual conversation with Mrs. Sushma Malhotra, who is the assistant principal. In the next three paragraphs you

will read all she said about herself as well as the recommendations she gave to us the students, and what are others languages she wants to learn.

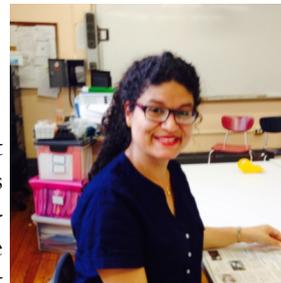
Sushma Malhotra is from India her native language is Hindi. She has been living in the United States for more than twenty five years and



she has been working at MMALC for eight years before she became the assistance of the principal she was Instructional Support Specialist for English Languages Learn-

ers (ELL), also she taught English as Second Language (ESL) at John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx, her career as ELS’s Teacher in the New York City Public Schools was for about ten years.

She said that “ESL’s teachers should have skills in another language because it helps to understand the challenges about it”. Despite, she is proficient in Hindi and Punjabi —this last is an Indo-Aryan language—, she would like to learn Spanish and Japanese too.



To finish, she recommended to all ESL students to write and read books as well as improving it by having conversations everything only in English.



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We ended the year by discussing immigration. We read a short story from Francisco Fernandez' "The Circuit" and reflected on articles on the change in immigration from the 20th to the 21st centuries.

I wish, at this time, to thank my students for a terrific year. I have learned so much and have enjoyed working with you. Congratulations on your achievements. I am sure you will be successful in your future endeavors, just remember to keep practicing your English and read every day. Have a wonderful summer!

Special Thanks To Diana Raissis- We will all miss you!

*Tilla Alexander*

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