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Congratulations Level 9 Graduates



Saud Alghamdi
Saudi Arabia

I have been here for a long time and finally I am graduating. I learned many things about the English language. Studying at TLC-South Bend has been a good experience for me. While at the center, I made a lot of friends from different countries so I was able to learn about and understand different cultures.

I'd like to say "thank you" to my family and to my wife. I would also like to thank all of the staff at TLC-South Bend.



Ali Aljarody
Saudi Arabia

First of all, I want to thank God for every gift I have received.

Studying English was a big dream for me. When I came here, I never thought I'd be able to learn enough English to graduate, but I did. I also learned a lot of other things while here, such as patience, how to cook, do laundry, and other things for myself.

Since I started at Level 1, I have been at TLC-South Bend for nine months. I am so tired!!!

I owe much of my success to my teachers. So, I want to thank them and every single person who

helped me improve my language skills. I will never forget these things and I will never forget all the friends I made at TLC-South Bend.



Abdulrahman (Abood) Alshurim
Saudi Arabia

First of all, thank you God for everything. I finally did it!

I have been at this school for five months. Before I came to the USA, I didn't speak much English—I knew how to write my name and a few simple words—but now I can speak English!

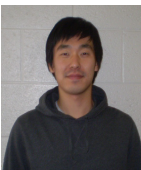
I would like to thank Mr. Joel, the director, and my mom, Jessica, who helped me a lot. I don't want to forget my brother, Michael, who is such a fun person. I also want to thank all the teachers; they did a very good job teaching me and they were really friendly. Most of all, I would like to thank Teacher Kathy, who is the best teacher I ever had. I also want to thank my homestay mom, Janice, for everything. She has been a good mom to me.

I am thankful for so many wonderful friends who helped me improve my English and who became my brothers, including Naif, Abdulslam (I really miss you), Mohammed, Meshal, and Francis, who is the best roommate. I am really proud to know you guys.

I haven't decided

what I am going to do after leaving TLC-South Bend, but maybe I will study more English before I enter a university.

I hope I will see you again. I also wish you success in your studies. I will miss all of you.



Sanghoon (Brian) Jeon
South Korea

I've been at TLC-South Bend for five months. South Bend is the first city in which I came to learn English in the United States.

When I arrived, it was hard for me to understand what people said and to talk with people. Now, I am graduating, and graduation means that my English has improved much. So, I'm proud to say that I have achieved what I came here to do.

During this period, I made a lot of friends from other countries and had awesome teachers. Everyone helped me and encouraged me to do well. I also learned various cultures from them—I was lucky to meet them.

I'd like to say "thank you" to all the teachers and staff members at TLC-South Bend, and I'd also like to say "good-bye." Once again, thank you everyone.

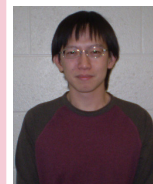
Student of the Session



Yuan-Ting (Ethan) Chung
Taiwan

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Yu-Ta (Maximo) Lin
Taiwan

It is about time to move on. Though I am so glad to graduate from TLC-South Bend, I really enjoyed everything here.

I am thankful for all the kind teachers and for the sweet classmates I had at the center. My English language ability could not have progressed without their help.

No matter where I am or what I do, I will always remember the wonderful moments I spent studying at TLC-South Bend. It is an honor to say: "Thank you so much!"

“’Tis the Season To Be Jolly!”



The “TLC-South Bend Four” (L-R: Teacher Michael, Director Joel, and Teachers Janice and Hennie) sing with glee for students, homestay families, and other staff members at the TLC-South Bend Christmas party

During 2009, TLC-South Bend students, teachers, and administrative staff members worked hard, but they also had fun.

Students and chaperones took two weekend trips to Cedar

Point and an overnight trip to Chicago, numerous day trips to Chicago, and several shopping excursions to the popular Michigan City outlet stores. Students also enjoyed local live theater and other local cultural venues. Activities, however, were not limited to cultural events. During the summer students had opportunities to relax on the beaches of nearby Lake Michigan and to enjoy cool, relaxed evenings at the baseball park. During the autumn months, they took walks on secluded, leaf-

strewn paths, took part in a Halloween celebration, and learned about and enjoyed the most American of holidays, Thanksgiving. In December, students learned about and took part in another American tradition—Christmas.

The year, however, was about much more than classes, holidays, and extracurricular activities: It was a time of discovery. For some, it was the excitement of seeing a first snowfall. For others, it was about becoming part of a new family and culture. For yet others, it was about other significant experiences and moments.



Bander and Hamad (L-R) enjoy their first snowfall and display their first snowman

The year 2010 holds as much or even more promise than did 2009. Whatever your dreams or expectations, **Happy New Year to you and to yours!**

Session 1, 2010

Sunday January 3	Monday January 4	Tuesday January 5	Wednesday January 6	Thursday January 7	Friday January 8	Saturday January 9
	FIRST MONDAY Seminar: How to Write a Resume AND Interview for a Job in the United States	New Student Welcome Party 3 pm		Dinner and a movie 5–9 pm		Skiing/Snowboarding at Swiss Valley 10 am–6 pm
January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16
Lunch and a movie 12–6 pm	Conversation Hour at The Chocolate Café 5–7 pm			Students’ Birthday Party 3 pm		Shopping at Premium Outlet stores, Aurora, IL 8 am–10 pm
January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23
	Martin Luther King’s Birthday: No Classes		Dinner and Movie with Director Joel 5–8:30 pm			Pizza and games 12–6 pm
January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30
Lunch and the Snite Museum of Art 12:30–5:30 pm		LAT Testing: Speaking 3:25–4:55 pm Levels 3 and 6	LAT Testing: Speaking 3:25–4:55 pm Level 9	LAT Testing: Writing 3:25–4:25 pm Levels 3, 6, 9	FINAL FRIDAY	Ice skating and lunch 12–6 pm