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Notes from the School Director

By Teresa De Leon, NPTI Director



During our last graduation ceremony one of the graduates shared some of her experiences with us and I still find myself remembering her words. She talked about her children and how she pictured their smiling faces in her head every time she felt like quitting, she talked about her struggles to find time to do homework, about how sometimes she did not have money for gas and how other classmates gave her a ride. She also talked about her difficulties

with the language and how some of the instructors took time after class to go over the material until she understood. She shared other comments with us and she finally said that every effort was worth it because she had finished what she was set out to do, but most of all because her five year old had told her that evening, "Mami, I am so proud of you."

We are too!

Congratulations!



Upcoming Holidays

September 6



October 11

Columbus Day



November 11



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Our commitment is to provide students with the best preparation possible to meet or exceed the highest training demanded by our always growing community.



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Students' Corner

Honor Roll

Attendance

(Students with excellent attendance during the last 30 days)

Abad, Mauri	Deuloffeu, Andy R.	Mairata, Meilyn	Ramirez, Vivian
Abreu, Yanet	Deuloffeu, Elizabe	Manso, Miriam E.	Ramirez, Zoe
Acosta, Yaymila	Diaz, Ana L.	Marquetli, Evelyn	Remedios, Yania
Acuna, Luz E.	Diaz, Rosalia	Martos, Angel	Rivera, Cristina P.
Alonso, Ricardo	Diaz, Ruben	Matamoros, Maykeli	Rivera, Georgina
Arucanqui, Marilyn	Diaz, Yaoska A.	Millan, Manuel E.	Sanchez, Roxana
Baltarrica, Nilda	Fiallo, Oisnelis	Modesto, Joseline	Segui, Nicomedes E.
Barrios, Marisel M.	Fonseca, Mario A.	Morales, Milady	Silvia, Geidy
Batista, Herlinda	Fuentes, Yudarmi	Naranjo, Milagro E.	Triana, Yahima M.
Belige, Edwin E.	Garcia, Leidy M.	Navarro, Noemi	Valdes, Raidel
Bermudez, Lisbeth	Garcia, Lissette	Noel, Josue	Valle, Nidia
Bertone, Fernanda	Garcia, Priscilla	Oliva, Marlene	Vanezca, Marcos J.
Brothers, Russell	Gil, Odalys L.	Oms, Sunita	Walker, Anthony
Cadet, Claude	Gonzalez, Arasay	Orozco, Jacinto J.	Zaldívar, Dagobert
Calveira, Dagobert	Gonzalez, Manuel	Palay, Alexis	
Camacho, Pablo R.	Gonzalez, Naiviv	Parajon, Ruth F.	
Carrillo, Daniel E.	Gonzalez, Yelitza	Patino, Gledys I.	
Casimiro, Lydia M.	Gonzalez, udeimys	Pelaez, Maria D.	
Catalan, Beatriz	Gonzalez, Yusimi	Pena, Aymara	
Cohen, Vanessa M.	Guilarte, Kiralis	Perez, Liudmila	
Cuevas, Kendra	Gutierrez, Lindis	Perez, Odalys	
Darbouze, Patricia	Guzman, speranza	Perez, Roberto	
De La Vina, Yenile	Hernandez, Yanet	Perez, Roberto	
Deahora, Dario	Igualada, Maito	Perez, Roxana	
Dehogues, Adalyn	Laureano, Mildred	Perez, Yusleivi	
Delgado, Belkis	Leon, Reinaldo	Pino, Lourdes	
DelRio, Hector C.	Lopez, Ailette M.	Ramirez, Elvira G.	



Students' Corner

Honor Roll

Grades

(Students with "A" for quarter that ended in June)

Acosta, Yaymila	Delgado, Belkis,	Hodgson, Claudia N.	Parada, Maria S.	Rodriguez, Yuliet
Acuna, luz E.	Delgado, Nancy	letsvaart, Guemila	Parajon, Ruth F.	Rosell, Anisley
Águila, Marcia	Diaz, Ana L.	Iglesias, Katia	Pardo, Luis	Ruiz, Meiling
Albizua, Rolando	Escandel, Maria E.	Jimenez, Denise J.	Pena, Alejandrina	Saballos, Jose M.
Alcolea, Mabel R.	Fernandez, Edmundo L	Jimenez, Yunetsy B.	Penafiel, Iris Y.	Sanchez, Carlos M.
Almeyda, Damaris	Fernandez, Miviala	Jorna, Yadira	Penate, Aliamna	Sanchez, Jose
Alonso, Ana D.	Ferrer, Eugenio	Klein, Janice M.	Perez, Doris	Sanchez, Rosa A.
Alonso, Ilka	Figueroa, Yulizan	LazoDeLaVega, Gerardo	Perez, Lisliet	Santiago, Angel G.
Alonso, Yadira	Fleites, Yulianys	Lopez, Ailette M.	Perez, Liudmila	Segui, Nicomedes E.
Arucanqui, Marilyn	Fonseca, Mario A.	Lopez, Yadira	Perez, Lizandra	Silvia, Jessica
Basulto, Liset E.	Fuentes, Yudarmi	Marguenda, Rita J.	Perez, Marion	Silvia, Pedro M.
Belige, Edwin E.	Fundora, Alejandro E.	Marrero, Mairim	Perez, Roberto	Soler, Reinier
Brizuela, Jaqueline	Fundora, Patricia M.	Marteen, Helen M.	Perez, Saidel	Soza, Nahara H.
Brothers, Russell M.	Galo, Aurora	Martin, Graciela B.	Pineyro, Billy	Suarez, Maria D.
Cadet, Claude	Garcia, America	Martinez, Mariela	Pino, Lourdes	Troncoso, Liber
Calderin, Taimy	Garcia, Anaivis	Martinez, Rosabel	Plaza, Teresa	Valdes, Barbara R.
Camacho, Pablo R.	Garcia, Lilia A.	Martinez, Yaneisy	Polit, Sonia C.	Valdes, Maykel
Carabeo, Melissa	Garcia, Lissette	Matamoros, Maykeli	Pupo, Doralice	Vargas, Romilio
Carballido, Geidis D.	Garcia, Maily	Maya, Magdalena M.	Pupo, Yudith	Vasquez, Belkys A.
Carbo, Lisnorys	Garcia, Yoel C.	Mayor, Diony L.	Queipo, Nuvia I.	Venegas, Andrea
Carcamo, Norma	Gomez, Reinier	Melendez, Yudeisy	Rajakumar, Gopal	Venereo, Noelvis
Cardona, Ernesto	Gomez, Yohn M.	Mena, Mayte	Ramirez, Elvira G.	Walker, Anthony
Caso, Analemis	Gonzalez, Deysi R.	Miranda, Yuri	Ramirez, Vivian	Walker, Joan O.
Castro, Christian	Gonzalez, Haileen	Miranda Jr., Jose M.	Ramirez, Zoe	
Catala, Alberto	Gonzalez, Naiviv	MontesDeoca, Justo E.	Region, Denise V.	
Catala, Liuba	Gutierrez, Lindis C.	Morales, Jose A.	Reyes, Luis Y.	
Catalan, Beatriz	Guzman, Esperanza	Morales, Milady	Rio, Yohandra	
Ceruto, Yosmel	Hepburn, Sydoney S.	Mujica, Yakelyn	Rios, Katty J.	
Chedraui, Jalile J.	Hernandez, Geidys	Navarro, Noemi	Rios, Maiby Y.	
Cohen, Vanessa M.	Hernandez, Gertrudis	Nodarse, Eiling	Rivera, Cristina P.	
Cosio, Christy C.	Hernandez, Kiert	Oms, Sunita	Rivera, Georgina	
Cuevas, Kendra	Hernandez, Lisandra R.	Orozco, Jacinto J.	Robayna, Deborah	
Curbelo, Misael	Hernandez, Reina C.	Ortiz, Maria E.	Robles, Elaines	
Dagrin, Antolan	Hernandez, Yeney	Pacheco, Zarahy	Rodriguez, Juan L.	
DeLaRosa, Johanna	Hidalgo, Carla M.	Palacios, Ermila	Rodriguez, Yaima	



Our Faculty!

By Edenis Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant



Getting to know our NPTI Family!

Mr. Sandoval, Instructor

Mr. Sandoval was born in New York City, according to him “the greatest city in the world”. He considers New York his first love, but he has gotten to love Miami as well through the years.

Mr. Sandoval is a Political Science graduate from the City University of New York. He has taught different subjects for many years in different cities. “I have taught in the exciting and challenging South Bronx as well as in the Magic City of Miami”.

Mr. Sandoval is very passionate about working out. He practices body building and sprinting on a daily basis. “It is very important to me, and it should be to everyone else; I can’t live without it”.



passionate about working out. and sprinting on a daily basis. and it should be to everyone

Mr. Sandoval is a dedicated and caring instructor who has been with NPTI since 1998. “Teaching at NPTI has given me the opportunity to meet great people. So many of my students have made my job that much easier and enjoyable. I hope that in some way I have made a contribution—even if a tiny one—in the pursuit of their careers.”



Our Faculty!

By Edenis Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant



Getting to know our NPTI Family! Mr. Nolan, Instructor

Mr. Nolan was born in Miami Beach, Florida. He lived here in Miami until the age of eight. He then moved to Alexandria, Virginia, birthplace of his father. Unfortunately, his father died when he was only nine years old.

His mother, who is from Ecuador, decided to move back to her country when he was thirteen. While overcoming the difficulties of getting adapted to a new country, new customs and especially a new language, he continued his studies at the Naval Academy in Guayaquil, Ecuador. He also played basketball at that time, winning several City, State, Regional and National Championships.

Upon graduating from high school and after discovering his vocation, teaching, Mr. Nolan moved to Bucaramanga, Colombia to study at the Universidad Industrial de Santander, where he achieved a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language.

After that, life took him to Quito, Ecuador. There, he taught ESL at several Institutes and Academies before becoming the official Teacher, Interpreter and Translator at the Carondelet Palace (which is the equivalent to The White House here in Washington D.C.). In addition, he worked for a number of pharmaceutical companies, the United Nations, and oil companies in the jungle of Ecuador. In Quito, he met and married his wife, who is from Colombia. They have been married for the past eighteen years.

In spite of the fact that his life was good in Ecuador, Mr. Nolan always felt the necessity to come back to the U.S., he knew that it was where he really wanted to be. So, after living in South America for twenty years, Mr. Nolan finally returned to Miami in the year 2002. But things weren't so easy for him at first. He had no relatives here, no car, and no job. Consequently, he had to begin from zero. He waited a long time for buses, he walked the streets of Miami looking for a job from sunrise to sunset (like many immigrants who arrive to this country) but everywhere the answer was "no". He even looked for jobs in other areas that were not related to his profession. Mr. Nolan was running out of time, luck and especially money. Fortunately, when he applied for a job here at NPTI, the administration saw in him a person with the education and the experience necessary, but most of all with the values and commitment of a real teacher. Mr. Nolan has been with us since May, 2002.

In 2006, Mr. Nolan experienced the most beautiful moment of his life, the birth of his daughter, Valerie. She is his reason, his love, his life.

You will find Mr. Nolan in Room 401, where he will share his knowledge, experience and sense of humor with each and every one of his students.



Our Faculty!

Contributed by:

Jorge Fontrodona, *ESL Instructor*



Using articles in English

When adult school students start the writing or speaking process, many of them will inevitably make some grammar mistakes. Focusing on one grammar problem at a time will help students. I would like to clarify an important grammar point I teach in level I.

Indefinite articles (**a/an**) and definite article (**the**).

- 1) We use **the** with singular count, plural count, and noncount nouns:

Sandra has a car, **The** car is green. (singular count noun)

We have two children. **The** children are at school. (plural count noun)

I have some furniture for you. **The** furniture is over there. (noncount noun)

- 2) We use **the** when the person we are speaking to knows which person or thing we are talking about:

Beth: Where's Alex?

Bob: He's in **the** apartment.

(Both Beth and Bob know which apartment they are talking about.)

We use **a/an** when the person we are speaking to does not know which person or thing we are talking about. Often, we use **a/an** when we mention something for the first time. We use **the** after that because the other person knows what we are talking about.

There's **a** book on the table. **The** book is red.

This is **an** eraser. **The** eraser is brown.

We use **a** before a consonant sound. (**a** book)

We use **an** before a vowel sound. (**an** eraser)

Our Faculty

Contributed by:

Dr. Sandra Meriño, Medical Instructor



The Externship Experience

Medical assistant school graduates need skills and knowledge that prepare them to function in a real workplace with real people! Therefore, most medical assisting training programs provide their MA students with an externship experience.

The Purpose of the Externship

The ability to perform is important! Externships provide unique learning opportunities for practical experiences in the field. The MA student works a regular schedule without pay. It is a temporary position with an emphasis on on-the-job training.

Medical Assisting Externship Consists of:

- (a) 180 contact hours
- (b) Placement in an ambulatory healthcare setting. The medical assistant extern gets a chance to apply and solidify the skills previously discussed and practiced in class.

Performance and attendance are carefully tracked and reported back to the medical assistant student's school. Attendance and punctuality are indicators of reliability and professionalism.

Externship Anxiety

Anxiety is a basic human emotion consisting of fear and uncertainty that typically appears when an individual perceives an event as being a threat to the ego or self-esteem (Sarason, 1988). It creates the feelings of fear, apprehension, or worry. However, anxiety is normal: It is a common emotion medical assistant students share and has nothing to do with how they will perform at their externship site. Although most MA students have some apprehension about their externship, once they are there, they usually find it to be a very rewarding and valuable experience. **Your externship IS experience.** So, when asked during your job interview whether you have any on-the-job experience... you can say yes, I do.

The externship is a very important part of the transition from being a student to becoming a qualified medical assistant. First of all, remember that the externship has to do with YOU! This is the point where expectations and responsibilities shift over from the instructor to the student. It is the student's chance to put everything that was taught in the classroom to practical use in a real medical office environment. What a chance to show some muscle and step up to the task!!!

Beginning the Externship: The externship is the final step of the training right before graduation from the program. The medical assistant student on externship should never stand around waiting and doing nothing! Rather, externs should be looking for tasks that are appropriate to their abilities; and if they cannot pinpoint what to do next, the best thing is to ask. Someone will be happy to show them, and they should also receive feedback about their performance.

The Evaluation: The externship site supervisor will ask for a written evaluation of the extern's work, attitude, and over-all performance. Once externs have completed their assignments, feedback on both reliability and task performance is an essential component of the student's final evaluation by the school. It determines whether the student will be allowed to graduate, or not.

Upon Completion: Upon completion of the externship experience, be sure to leave some copies of your resume with the office manager, so that if any job opportunities arise at that place they will be able to reach you. You should also mention that you would appreciate it if they were to pass your resume along should they know of a position at another office. If you made a good impression they will be more than happy to do this for you.

Education Department

Contributed by:

Erika Mendelsohn, Director of Education



Why is education so important?

I believe that education is important because it gives us the tools to make our dreams come true. Education opens doors to opportunities, to better prospects, to growth; in short, it opens the door to a better life.

The knowledge gained through education develops in us a perspective of looking at life. It helps us build opinions and have points of views on life. Education is the basis of culture and civilization. It is instrumental in the development of our values and virtues. Education cultivates us into mature individuals, individuals capable of planning for our futures and taking the right decisions.

Education is not about lessons and poems in textbooks. It is about building in every individual a confidence to take decisions, to face life and to accept successes and failures. It is about the lessons of life!

In today's world, the role of education has become even more vital. Is it an absolute necessity for the economic and social development of any nation, hence the need for any nation to educate the people living in it.

Sometimes, and especially in the case of those who have come here in recent years, the path to education is not always easy. But that is not to say that it is impossible to achieve.

Keeping this in mind, my advice to our students at NPTI is to never give up, to take advantage of this opportunity, to strive and achieve your goals and to make your dreams come true!



Admissions Department

Contributed by: *Emma Perez*, Director of Admissions



Happy Birthday!



August

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| Abio, Ruben | Contreras, Yenicer | Lizardo, Maria I. | Pelaez, Maria D. |
| Acosta, Yaimila | Cuello, Maribel | Lopez, Ailette M. | Perez, Roberto |
| Alonso, Idalmis | Deahora, Dario | Lopez, Lumeydis | Prado, Eladio E. |
| Ayala, Sunaimi | Diaz, Framil | Marteen, Helen M. | Rios, Maiby Y. |
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| Carbo, Lisnorys | Galo, Aurora | Melendez, Anthony | Valle, Nidia |
| Carcasses, Halis | Garcia, Lilia A. | Mena, Mayte | |
| Cedeno, Ernesto | Gomez, Yohn M. | Miranda, Mirle | |
| Cespedes, Acacia Y | Guilarte, Kiralis | .Neris, Sandra B. | |



The new member of our family!

On July 29th, our receptionist *Cristiana Uriarte* gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who was given the name of *Christian Nathaniel*. He was born at *South Miami Hospital* at 11:09 a.m. weighing 6.11 lbs.

Congratulations!



Career Services Department

Contributed by:

Elizabeth Gadea, Career Services Director



Your Placement Assistance Team is made up of 4 members. Besides the Director, Elizabeth Gadea, there is Fatima Guillen, Karla Morales and May Vargas. Together the Team represents many years of Job Placement experience.

In today's job market the need for a strong Job Placement department is a tremendously important factor for our graduates success. We recognize the many challenges faced by our community with many companies downsizing, moving overseas and closing. More and more persons are out of work and many are returning to vocational institutions like NPTI in hopes of seeking a career in a new industry.

In an effort to respond to these needs our department is constantly seeking for job opportunities for our graduates.

Today, the Career Services Department is responsible for a lot more than just keeping contacts with graduates. Your Placement Assistance's Team performs the following tasks:

- * Greet new students as they enter the school
- * Monitor the progress of each student during their stay at NPTI
- * Coordinate the distribution of recognition awards for attendance and course achievement every quarter
- * Assist in resume preparation and interview techniques

Coordinate with Medical Assistant students to ensure their 180 hours of Externship are completed on time

- * Visit new and existing medical sites to monitor and expand the available sites for externship
- * Maintain constant communication and relationships with local businesses in order to seek job placement opportunities for our graduates
- * Maintain contacts with graduates during their job seeking period

Our team is here to help you. Even years after graduating and obtaining gainful employment, the Career Services Department contacts our former students to talk to them about their career plans and job opportunities in their field.

Your employment is
OUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITY



Student Services Department

Contributed by:

Arthur Reyes, Student Services Director



Holidays!

Labor Day is observed

September 6th this year

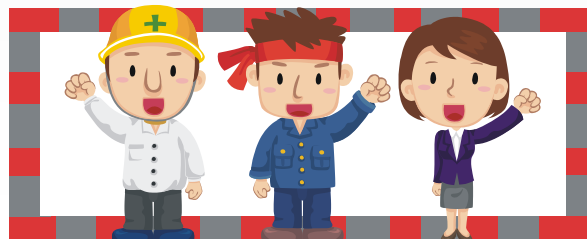
Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

A Nationwide Holiday

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership - the American worker.

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest and parades. Speeches or political demonstrations are more low-key than May 1 Labor Day celebrations in most countries, although events held by labor organizations often feature political themes and appearances by candidates for office, especially in election years. Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer recess. Similarly, some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend for parties before returning to school. However, start dates for schools vary widely around the country, beginning as early as July 24 in some districts.



Activities

Actividades Culturales, *Por Elisa Todd, Coordinadora Cultural de NPTI*



EL NEW PROFESSIONS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, inicio este 2010 un Nuevo año de actividades culturales, luego de un 2009 exitoso. El año pasado realizamos en nuestra Galería exposiciones muy importantes,

entre las cuales estuvieron los niños del Doral Art School and Conservatory, dirigidos por el artista Carlos Tirado. Este fue el VI Salón de pintura. Desde hace seis años, El NPTI, ha venido apoyando esta iniciativa y esperamos seguir haciéndolo. Mencionamos también las Exposiciones de la Sociedad de Poetas y escritores así como Raíces Hispanas II. Ellas constituyeron un valioso aporte de artistas de distintos países latinoamericanos, y esa presencia es lo que permite mostrar la diversidad cultural de nuestros pueblos en los Estados Unidos.

En cuanto a las actividades de otra índole, han sido muy variadas y han permitido el acercamiento del New Professions Technical Institute con representaciones de las Comunidades Latinas. Tal es el caso de la Sociedad Cultural Peruana que presentó la Antología de escritores Peruanos ; el Ciclo de Cine Uruguayo conjuntamente con la Asociación de Mujeres Uruguayas y el Ciclo de Cine Argentino con la Sociedad Argentina de Miami, que preside el Sr. Pedro Cáccamo; de igual manera, presentamos la antología poética de Orestes Pérez, Presidente de Atenea.

El año 2010, lo iniciamos el 29 de Enero, con dos grandes pintores y la Exposición "Dos Vidas unidas por el Arte". Se trata del matrimonio: Arturo e Isaura Potestad.

El 26 de febrero inauguramos la Exposición "Ritmo y Color" del talentoso artista Van Robert, conjuntamente con la Cámara de Comercio Dominicana de La Florida, con motivo de la Semana Aniversaria de la Independencia de la República Dominicana.

Para completar el semestre, en mes de Marzo enguarramos la Exposición de dos reconocidos fotógrafos: Carlos Quevedo y Francisco Díaz; luego la siguió el 16 de abril una retrospectiva de Angel Martí; el 14 de mayo, con motivo del Día de Las Madres, presentaremos a la artista Rosa González (SUSU) dentro del proyecto de Gerontocultura, asistido por el Dr. Tebelio Martín.

Este pasado 23 de julio celebramos nuestro 18avo aniversario en Miami con una exposición de nuestros talentos en el Instituto, con la participación de alumnos, profesores y Staff. Estará expuesta hasta el 3 de septiembre. Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los participantes.

Por el resto del año nos quedan tres importantes exposiciones. Septiembre 10 fotografía, Octubre 8 pintura y en Diciembre cerramos el año como es costumbre con la exposición de pintura de los niños del Doral Art School and Conservatory.

Nuestras puertas están abiertas a nuestra comunidad con el propositito de ofrecer un espacio para las artes y la cultura así también como para promover información de interés.

Los esperamos en nuestras diversas actividades.

