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The Newsletter for Volunteer Tutors

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## Annual Conference Ratings: Awesome, Interesting, Engaging



Cece Dispenza, center front, presented two pronunciation workshops at the Annual Conference. Attendees found it effective to have language learners participate, and greatly appreciated the hands-on approach of the workshops. Hong Cuc Ritter (front left), Eduardo Martinez, and Fernando Macias assisted with Cece's workshop.

Eva Garcia, right front, spoke at the conference luncheon. She recounted her challenging journey to English proficiency. She is self-employed, and is an assistant teacher at the advanced ESOL class at St. Anthony in Tigard.

The workshops, student participation, and luncheon speakers all help put learning another language into context. Hearing the stories of the students allows tutors to focus on the process of student learning, dealing with struggles, and goal setting.

# Volunteer Tutors Light Up the World



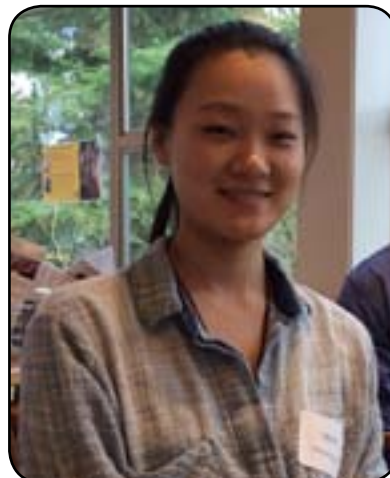
One conference-goer described the mix of tutors, ABE/ESOL professionals, and students as “worth giving up a Saturday in March to attend the Annual Conference.”

Thirteen presenters covered a wide-range of topics. Over 100 tutors and students attended the 2015 conference.



Luncheon speakers showcase the ups and downs of learning a new language. The speakers’ stories were all heart-felt and touching. They help remind us of the difficulty of communicating with various levels of fluency.

Conference attendees look forward to the annual conference, bonding and engaging with students, tutors, and educators.



# Thank You Volunteers, Presenters, Students & Door Prize Donors!

## And a standing ovation to the volunteer literacy tutors who make a difference.

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### Culture Exchange & Pronunciation Workshops

Eduardo Martinez  
Fernando Macias  
Hong Cuc Ritter  
Lily Yu

### Luncheon Speakers

Eva Garcia  
Sarhan Karam  
Boukar Ousman

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Water Avenue Coffee

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### You can help support adult literacy

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### Tutor Training

May 9 & 16, 9 am to 4 pm  
Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus  
7738 SE Harmony Rd.  
Room: Harmony 212  
Milwaukie, OR 97222-1269  
[Register Online](#)

This is the last tutor training of Academic Year 2014-15.