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STILL WAITING...PATIENTLY

The waiting is just like they say; it's the hardest part. Well, at least it is when it comes to my Transitional Employment (TE) starting. When I found out, just before the pandemic, that I had been chosen for the TE position as a Document Scanner at Sunset Cadillac, I was so excited, and I couldn't wait to start. I had a fantastic interview with Steve Montanaro. But then COVID-19 happened...then the waiting started...and continued, and continued, and well, you know, I'm still waiting. Here's the thing: there have been a lot of meetings between the Academy and Mr. Montanaro about starting the position. The bottom line is that with the whole COVID-19 thing going on, it just isn't safe for me to start now. The workspace is tiny and there would be no way to train me while maintaining 6' of distance. The Academy and Mr. Montanaro are looking out for me. They want me to be

safe and I think that's the best choice for everyone. So, yes, that means more waiting. But really, being safe and protecting ourselves and others is more important; it just is. Knowing that people have my back at the Academy is even more exciting than starting the TE position.



Rebecca Wolfson

WELCOME Terrell Henry

It felt as if I was warped from a tornado, and then I landed. I looked up at the building I was standing in front of marked Academy at Glengary. Since becoming a member only a few weeks ago, I've already gained so



Terrell Henry

much knowledge from this welcoming place of serene and interesting people. I'm very deep into the abyss of writing and other complex and creative things. The Academy teaches me in a way that allows space for my creative expression. I'm really into all that it has to offer. In fact, when I landed feet first coming out of the calamity I was in, I walked in and was greeted with great hospitality, so I chose to dive into it all, the cooking, the multimedia, and even business tech. Even with Covid 19 going on, I have retained a sense of normalcy and so has the Academy. Clearly, the Academy will survive whatever it is thrown, and so will I. Thanks to all who've made this place a haven for me, my mind, and my home. I'm forever grateful.

FUN AND GAMES

by Eric Flanagan

I have come up with the questions for two of our game nights now, and it's definitely been a fun and different experience. It's not hard to find trivia and questions about almost any subject under the sun, but paring them down to subjects and questions that go from easy to head-scratchers is a task I have found to be fun in its own very unique way. Thankfully, there are very dedicated watchers of Family Feud who are committed to logging the questions from the long-running show, though I was surprised to find how many questions wouldn't work for a family friendly game.

If a global pandemic had to occur, I'm glad it happened in a time when we can connect, interact, and even play games

with each other in different ways over the internet. I hope the games provide much needed levity for those playing and help foster the sense of community in the Academy family. I also hope the questions are engaging for everyone, and that folks are stumped, and learn something they find interesting, by at least one question during the trivia games. Good luck, have fun!



Eric Flanagan

FINDING DO-ALL (DUAL) BALANCE

by Stephen Anderson

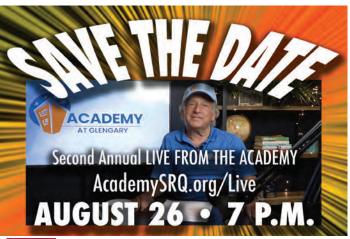
I'm halfway through my first course toward an associate's degree at Purdue Global University. I think it has given me a teaching bug: distance learning has taught me just how hard teachers work to keep a class of students interested despite diverse challenges. Teachers take on the responsibility of introducing undergraduates to their courses and helping them establish goals. It makes me want to be one of those caring people who support students as they chart their own course.

Learning online requires extra effort to make a connection with real life. Wasting time online becomes a real problem as I struggle with all the reading. I take a break from time to time to walk the neighbor's golden retriever (that dog lives better than I do I say wryly though I know it's not true). My parents who were graduate students together remind me that it was just as tough for them as it is now, maybe more so.

Finding the balance between the Academy and my online course challenges me. I am grateful to the Academy for keeping in touch with me about my progress. With their support, I can find the courage it takes to try again after a mediocre test score or a sense of falling behind other students. It's very fulfilling to work at the Academy knowing how well I'm supported, and while preparing myself well for the areas of my life where more intellectual work takes place.



Stephen Anderson



All events take place on-site at the Academy and through the Zoom app.

Watch Slack for Meeting ID and Password.

Monday, July 27

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 1:30 p.m. Culinary Team Meeting - 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.

Telethon Planning Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Academy Meeting - 1:45 p.m. Ш

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 2:15 p.m. Culinary Team Meeting - 2:15 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Newsroom Meeting - 11 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 1:45 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday - 3 p.m.

Thursday, July 30

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Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 1:45 p.m.

Friday - July 31

Breakfast Buffet - 8:45 a.m.

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 10 a.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 9:45 a.m.

Employment Workshop - 11 a.m.

Writing Workshop - 1 p.m.

Business & Tech/Arts Team Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

Culinary Team Meeting - 1:45 p.m.

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