Celebrating Success, Preparing for Our Tomorrow

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Selam – As part of our celebrating success, my future involves Academic Upgrading because it helps me improve my English so I can complete early childhood educator courses and work in that field. This year’s Learners Conference was the first time I attended any workshops. I like them very much and makes me excited my tomorrow.

Abreha – First, I like to say thank you to CCL&D for giving me an opportunity to learn. I am happy to be here. I learn a lot from my teachers and volunteer tutors. I will use this new knowledge to succeed along my goal path.

Gifty – I want to express how much I enjoyed being part of CCL&D’s Academic Upgrading. I want to thank all of my instructors and volunteer tutors who could have made these past couple of months so special. You have changed my whole perspective on learning. I want to use this knowledge to get to my next level.

Hebreseb - for our future brightens with lesson you teach each smile you lengthen each goal you help reach for the down of cache pact each philosopher and king begging with a  teacher and with wisdom they bring
Olive – I have a lot to celebrate this year. My first year at CCL&D was a very big challenge for me, sometimes I feel like quitting, but thanks to all my teachers, my classmates, and my children who supported and encouraged me, I did not. Now I excel in all my subjects and am proud to be celebrating my success. I am moving on, but I will be back. I do not know what my tomorrow holds. God willing, he will guide me in whatever path I choose to take.

Atashalee – I love Malcolm X’s quote, “Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to you only to the people who prepare for it today.” It’s so true that we all need education and when you have the right education all the doors will open up for you.

Jennifer – There are inspiring role models in both the staff and my classmates who will be part of my memories. I have learned teamwork through kindness, compassion, and hard work, which comes from being part of the CCL&D community, starting in 2015 when began Academic Upgrading.
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Angel – For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. I am honoured and grateful to celebrate my success in CCL&D for completing what I need to achieve my goal of becoming a registered nurse. I would love to thank to my teachers who work hard and patiently with me along with the rest of the office staff and tutors who really contributed on this journey. I also don’t want to forget my fellow classmates; you guys are awesome.

Rahel – I’m celebrating my success this year because of how I’ve excel at continuing my learning journey. It was a wonderful time for me. I gained so much from my classes at CCL&D this year. I can't wait until I go to my next journey. My plan for my tomorrow is to finish here, go to college to be a nurse, and get paid well in order to provide for my family.

Althea – It has come to the end of another school year. Some of us will be leaving, other will be staying. Now is the time to celebrate the success of our hard work and dedication put in by my fellow learners, tutors, and staff. It is a wonderful feeling to have a goal path set and to achieve such accomplishments.

Husien – Success makes it so many people hate you, because this is considered as a tax in your life. Therefore, success does not come to you, you have to go to it.
Nedra – Before I was enrolled at Academic Upgrading, I was wondering how I’m going to make it. But I'm glad I followed my heart to continue school. I'm very pleased with my performance and am still improving. This September, I will be continuing my studies and I'm very excited to achieve my goal getting into college. There's no limit to learning and I'm willing to soar to higher high.

Fatoumata – My tomorrow will be greater because I will work harder for better tomorrow! My tomorrow is brighter, my tomorrow is sweeter, I will never ever give up no matter how hard today is I know my tomorrow I can see the beautiful tomorrow my tomorrow my tomorrow
Rabia – “Your son is in the right way,” the doctor said. After 7 months with Saint Michel's team, my concerns about my son are gone. Now I am celebrating his success in development skills and therapy speech. Now I am not worry if he goes to school and engage with his friends because he is ready to build his own personality normally. Now I can focus on my success at CCL&D and my tomorrow!

Bharti - I joined Academic Upgrading to improve my communication skills and computer knowledge, and strengthen my problem solving ability. I have received excellent training, and now I am more confident and ready for a Canadian education. Most certainly, it has broaden my worldview, personality and academic skills through this program. I would also wish to thank my Instructors from the bottom of my heart for all you have done to strengthen and guide me. Finally, I would like to quote Hemingway who said, “There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.”
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“There is always tomorrow so what can I do”?
Well: There’s a few things that I have learned. “In this life you can always start over”.
And the only thing that beats a trial is a failure. So be positive, try and try again, and persist when others are quitting.
Because, you are not a looser.

Stefanie F

I am so pleased to part of everyone’s celebration of success. I have only been here a short time but I am thrilled to be working with such intelligent and motivated people who understand the importance of education and lifelong learning. I am so glad I have had the opportunity to be part of your learning journeys. I want each person to know that they have a special talent and that by following their heart they can find even greater success. Hard work will not end even though your classes have. Learning doesn’t end once you leave the classroom. Remember the skills gained here and you will grow daily.

Jan D
Preparing for Tomorrow's Success

For every today
There is a tomorrow.
The actions of our today
Will influence the outcomes of our tomorrows.
As educators: Instructors and Tutors working hand in hand with students today and for tomorrow;
We hope to hone, and impart life-long skills as we all learn to lead, and to follow.
For real success is not dependent on leaders or followers alone;
But on unity, respect, integrity, love, and the ability to make impartial decisions of one's own.
So, rise, and shine! Let's celebrate our success with gratitude, style and freedom.
What we learn and do today, prepares us for tomorrow's legacy of wisdom!

Joan Smith

Thank you to all the learners for an exciting year. Thank you for letting me try new approaches, different styles of instruction, and letting me challenge myself every day to be a better instructor. Celebrate today and prepare for tomorrow’s achievements!

Ryan Fukunaga
Celebrating Success

Orhen’kene {Morning}

Tomorrow is always today
Sunrise reminds of this
Our future is now
Yesterday is a memory
Meant to fade somehow
Tomorrow has yet to exist
So we must allow the present to persist
For is not the present
The most precious of gifts
When you live like the dawn
Your stories are cascading ribbons of morning light
Others yearn to bask in the warmth of you
You are the only where that is
Rise up
Illuminate
Shine

Mahlikah Awe:ri

Art Work by Maxine Noel
Thank You

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