



Student Success Stories

FROM THE LITERACY PROGRAM OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



Shelley was homeless and had poor literacy skills. Her tutor worked with her on basic English skills and gave her the confidence to pursue her education. Now she attends Cabrillo College and is studying to become a counselor.



When **Leah** came to the United States from South Korea, she did not speak English. Recently she won an essay contest. She writes in her essay, "the first few years I felt like I was in jail." Leah's tutor helped her improve her English skills. Today Leah is volunteering in her community. Recently, she began volunteering at Jacob's Heart. Leah writes in her essay, "I'm proud of myself when I can make people happy. I want to give to people who need somebody's help even if my English is still not good."



Rogelio wanted to improve his English skills so that he could get a better job. In addition to work place vocabulary, his tutor taught him the Emergency 911 Life Survival skill. About a month after he passed the 911 assessment, the residence where he lived caught on fire. He was the only one who knew how to call 911 and had enough confidence in his English language ability to make the phone call.



Maria works as a custodian at a local university. Her goal when she came to the Literacy Program four year ago was to become a citizen. Her tutor focused on US history and citizenship lessons. A few weeks ago Maria passed her citizenship test.



Sam performed unskilled manual labor jobs and was often without work. His tutor helped him learn the skills necessary to start his own landscaping business. Today, he has eleven regular clients. In addition, he now helps his son with homework. Eight year old Mario told us, "My father can now help me with homework. My teacher is proud of me because I have good grades."

Your support of the Literacy Program gives people in your community the chance to pursue higher education, gain citizenship, help their children with homework, and get better jobs.

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