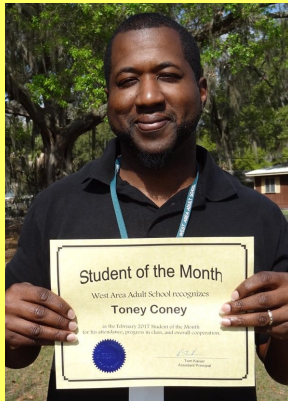


We have much  
to be proud of!



## Toney Coney~ February's Student of the Month

Toney Coney is an exemplary student! "Even though he has children and is greatly involved in their school activities, he seldom misses school. He is here on time and ready to work." "He actively participates in class lessons, and is always willing to help others and give encouraging words." "Toney is very dedicated to reaching his goals. He is an excellent role model for our younger students, and a pleasure to have in class." (His teachers have so many nice things to say about this gentleman!)

Once Toney earns his GED he plans to complete a course to obtain his real estate license. After gaining some experience as an agent, he hopes to become a real estate investor and maybe one day have his own business. In his free time, Toney enjoys playing spades with his kids, drawing, and watching movies!

Toney is an exceptional example of how a student should approach things here at WAAS! West Area is beyond proud to have Toney Coney as our February 2017 Student of the Month!

## Nathaniel Williamson~ March's Student of the Month

Nathaniel is an all-round wonderful student! Not only is he a wealth of information and a high achiever- going above and beyond what is required- his teacher, Mrs. Sanoba, says Nathaniel "is a constant encourager to other students" and "a great classroom helper." Nathaniel makes a positive impact on those around him and enjoys serving others. He has already begun tutoring fellow students here at WAAS in an effort to see others succeed. That speaks volumes about this young man's character!



We are excited to say that Nathaniel just earned his GED, and now heads to Polk State College to earn his AA degree. Then he plans to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic to obtain his Doctor of Chiropractic degree. In his spare time, Nathaniel is active in Boy Scouts, Venturing, volunteering, and knife collecting.

We here at West Area are proud of all the qualities that make Nathaniel Williamson an outstanding student and individual! He represents us well!



## About Face Award



Our Robin Rent received the About Face Award at a ceremony held in Bartow. The award honors a student who is making a positive turnaround in academics, behavior, and/or attitude. Robin represents West Area well and we could not be prouder of her accomplishments!

## Student Authors

West Area is happy to announce that our Christina Garibay and Kanya Juanusheske are both having their essays published in the Florida Literacy Coalition's 2017 adult learner essay book, "Moving Forward". They are two of eleven students from Mrs. Holzer's class that were chosen to be included in the book. We are so proud of all our students that are now published authors! It is quite the accomplishment!



## A Visit to Top Buttons

Our West Area ladies got the opportunity to once again visit Top Buttons! They were able to choose some pretty wardrobe pieces from the upscale boutique and had the chance for some girl time! They were also photographed for a feature in the Heartland Living magazine! We are beyond thankful for our partnership with Top Buttons and their support of our girls!



### Dates to Remember

**May 17 ~ Early Release**

**May 29 ~ NO SCHOOL**

**June 1 ~ Graduation!**

**June 2 ~ Last Day for Students**

**Be part of our school~  
VOLUNTEER!**

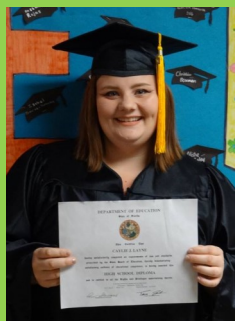
**If you or someone you know  
would like to volunteer  
at West Area Adult School,  
contact Tracey Williams  
at (863) 499-2835  
or [tracey.williams@polk-fl.net](mailto:tracey.williams@polk-fl.net)**



# Congratulations to our Recent Graduates!



**Jardin Perloni** will be attending Polk State College to earn a degree in Network Systems Engineering Technology.



**Caylie Layne** plans to attend Traviss Technical College to pursue her Cosmetology license.



**Toney Coney** plans to obtain his license to become a real estate agent.



**Nathaniel Williamson** will attend Polk State College to earn his AA degree and then on to Palmer College of Chiropractic.

## Volunteer Luncheon

West Area celebrated our amazing volunteers at a picnic-themed luncheon held in their honor! We also recognized our 2017 Volunteer of the Year, Mrs. Bonnie Murphy! She, along with many other WAAS volunteers, give of their time and energy to help our students succeed. WAAS is so thankful for our volunteers' dedication and the positive influence they have on our students. **THANK YOU, West Area Volunteers!**



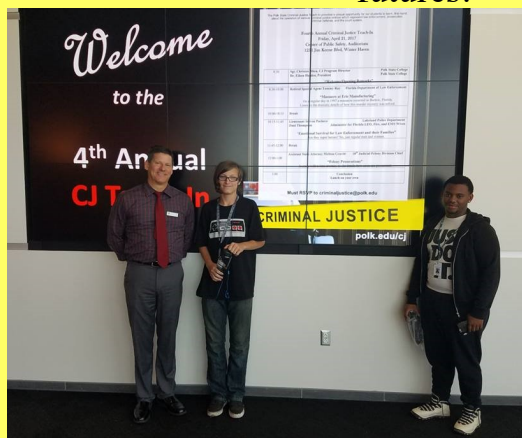
A big Thank You also goes to Publix for their donation towards our luncheon!





## Field Trips

Our students have recently taken part in the Open House at Triviss Technical College AND the Polk State College Criminal Justice Teach-In. They had a chance to take campus tours and ask questions about specific programs. We love seeing our students plan for their futures!



## Blood Drive

Once again the students and staff of WAAS took part in giving to our community! We had 9 individuals donate blood during our last blood drive!



## Girls Get Together

Our Girls Get Togethers give our West Area ladies the chance to relax and be crafty while building relationships. The get togethers are another of the ways we support each other here at WAAS!



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## Extension Sites

Polk State College	ABE/GED	T/TH	6-9 pm
Sleepy Hill Middle	ABE/GED	T/TH	6-9 pm
Bartow Adult School	ABE/GED	T/TH	6-9 pm
	ABE/GED	M-F	8-12:30pm
Mulberry High	ABE/GED/ESOL	T/TH	6-9 pm
First Baptist @ Mall	ABE/GED	M - F	8:00-11:10am
On-line (Eligible Students)	GED	M - F	

For more information, please call 499-2835.



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