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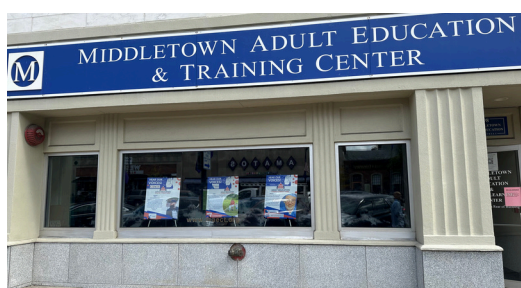
NEWSLETTER



From the Director, Ralph D'Amato

"As we enter this new year, I want to remind each of you of your power in shaping your future. Every goal you set, no matter how big or small, is a step toward growth, improvement, and success. MAE is your place to be great in 2025! This year, let your dreams and ambitions fuel your journey. Stay focused, be resilient, and remember that every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow. You can achieve amazing things, and I believe in your ability to turn your aspirations into reality. Let's make 2025 the year of progress and achievement! Stay dedicated to your goals, and know that your hard work will pay off.

Best wishes for a fulfilling and successful year ahead!"



Offering:

Credit Diploma Program (CDP), Adult Basic Education (ABE), Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED), Even Start Family Literacy Program, English Language Learners (ELL) & Citizenship classes

Schedule:

Middletown- Day & Evening Classes
*All programs (Even Start mornings only)
Old Saybrook- Day & Evening Classes
*GED (Spanish & English) & ELL
Rocky Hill- Evening ELL Classes
*ELL only

Serving the following towns:

Centerbrook, Chester, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Higganum, Ivoryton, Killingworth, Madison, Middlefield, Middletown, Moodus, Old Saybrook, Portland, Rockfall, Rocky Hill, Westbrook

Call (860) 343-6044 for more information

CDP Highlights

Innovation in Motion students Lani Saraci, Alisha Bossone, Josias Torres, and Angel Ramos earned the FAA's The Recreational UAS Safety Test Certification (TRUST) for unmanned aircraft operation



ABE/GED Highlights

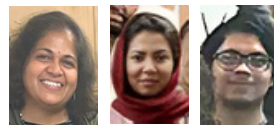
Congratulations to our latest 3 GED graduates...
Malone, Alden and Felicia!

Malone has recently completed his first IT course, Alden is pursuing a career at Pratt & Whitney and Felicia is looking into a field in nursing.



ELL Highlights

Congratulations to Kalai, Shaifqa & Carlos
All 3 students tested out of our ELL program. Kalai is pursuing medical billing & coding. Shaifqa is preparing for the GED. Carlos will transfer his law credits from Ecuador in order to finish college.



Even Start/Family Literacy Highlights

Exciting News!

Our Evenstart program is now providing services to students with children ages 3-5 years old! This is in addition to the current program providing services to students with children ages 3 months - 3 years old.



Check out more on our website & social media



PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TO
ADULT EDUCATION TODAY!





Find Out More!



Email Madelyn, your Career Navigator (mcruz@maect.org) to find out more about grant opportunities that may pay for driver's ed, training, paid internships, employment & more!



Text Christine, your School Social Worker
860-398-9072



Get help with anything getting in the way of your school/non-academic success such as physical or mental wellness, financial hardship, court issues, housing, food security, relationship issues, etc. She will help or find a resource that can!

School Counselors

Stacey Mahoney, CDP Counselor
Denise Grodzicki, GED & ABE Counselor
Michelle DiMauro, Evening Counselor
Tammy Zawisa, Counseling Secretary



*Nat'l Association of Adult Ed

Grants, scholarships & free training opportunities available



The Ambassador Program is an award-winning, student-centered advocacy training that empowers adult learners

Did you know that you can also be nominated for our national Adult Learner of the Year award? Winners receive \$2000 and receive an expense-paid trip to our national conference in Texas!

Celebrating Our Students

Students & Teachers enjoyed a hot cocoa bar, treats and raffles to celebrate and embrace our school community prior Holiday Break!



MXCC Presents to MAE Students

MAE students learned about the many opportunities and advantages of attending one of the many CT State Community Colleges. This includes the vast options of degrees and certificate offerings.



Upcoming Dates/Events

Empower Leadership- January 14th



CDP TERMS:

Term 3: January 2 - February 28

Term 4: March 3 - May 1

Term 5: May 2 - June 10



GRADUATION at Middletown High School Date TBD

CLOSED

No School:

Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Birthday Day
Monday-Wednesday, February 17-19, Winter Break

Reminder:

2 hour school delays - School begins @ 10:00am
Afternoon & evening classes are cancelled when there is an early dismissal

Middletown site follows Middletown Public Schools closures
Rocky Hill & Old Saybrook follow those districts

The whole purpose of education is to
turn mirrors into windows.

~Sydney J. Harris

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