

The Voice of Learning



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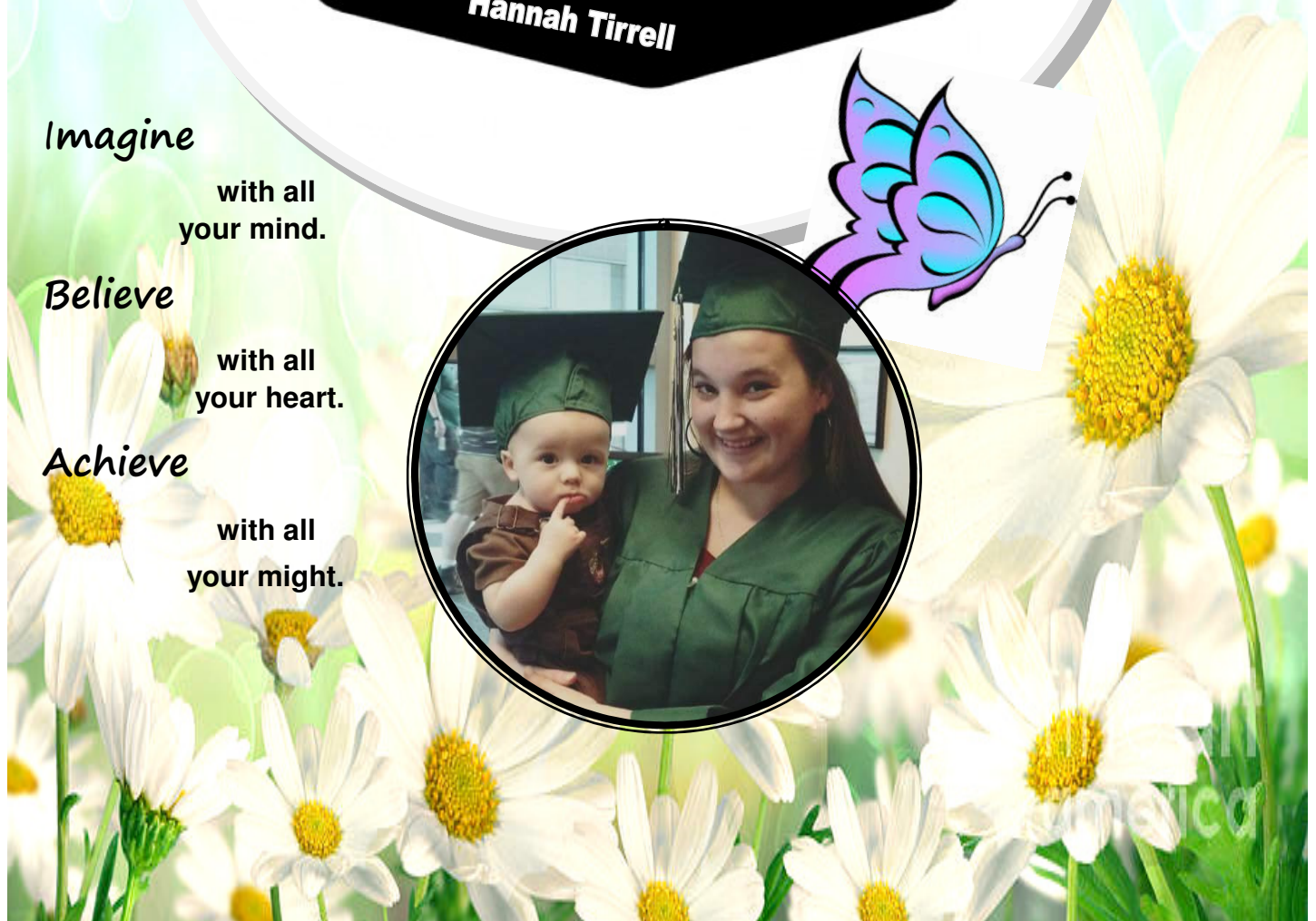
with all
your mind.

Believe

with all
your heart.

Achieve

with all
your might.



SPICE Student Speaker: Amanda Dodge



My name is Amanda. When I was younger, I went through a lot of tough times. It seems like bad things kept happening, and I even ran away from home. I went to school for a while, but things were so tough that I dropped out. I ended up having four beautiful children who are now 8, 6, 4, and 3. I have two girls and two boys. I ended up raising my children by myself and was still going through hard times. Eventually, I decided that I wanted to get my diploma because I wanted to do that for myself and show my children that education was important. I worked in the SPICE Program for a couple of years and studied really hard. I knew some information from when I went to school and learned a lot of new skills. I was very nervous when I took my first two tests because I was afraid that I wouldn't pass. I did pass!

When I took the third test, I didn't pass the first time. I was very disappointed and discouraged but everyone in Adult Ed believed in me and encouraged me to try again. I took the test again, and I passed. After that, I passed my last two tests, and now I am a graduate. It hasn't been easy to study and pass these tests. I have a very, very busy life. I go to a lot of appointments and stay involved in my children's lives. It seems like I hardly have a minute to myself sometimes, but I also knew I had to make time to study and get this diploma because it was important just like my kids are important. It's also very hard to juggle school and kids appointments but I have done it and will continue to do so because my kids are my life.

I can share this moment with my own kids, and if they ever want to drop out of school or give up, I can remind them that Mommy felt that way sometimes too, but I stuck with it and got my education. I also have plans to take college classes to further my education. I want to thank people for believing in me and helping me get further ahead than I was before.



Student Speaker Hannah Tirrell

Hope ♥ Dream ♥ Believe



To my fellow class of 2016, I just wanted to say congrats on chasing your dreams and never letting anyone stop you. We have all faced struggles in our lives but how we choose to let them affect our future is what determines the integrity and pride that we so rightfully have earned or wish we had. I as many of you, haven't had it easy and that is one of the many reasons that I am standing among an adult education class instead of the graduating senior class. Mount View was only one out of the thirteen schools I have attended in my life. I was placed in foster care and it has affected the past eight years but also suffered a lot of mental and physical abuse throughout my life. I recently had what I would call a Mental Breakdown but it ended up teaching me that

not everyone is going to walk away or give up on you. The world isn't all evil and people do care if you give them the chance to. Its taken me years to open up the way I have with my finance' and Coach Simmons. I am not saying we won't lose people along the way, because in fact you will. Though sometimes we need to lose people to make room for the people that are compassionate and loyal. "We are only as great as our accomplishments." Right now all of us are great, we have done something that not many want to do. We never gave up and did what we had to do to be standing up here.

We are not our parents, we decide what our lives become through our choices. I stand here achieving something so many people told me I would never get. I was once told "We all make mistakes, have struggles, and you are not your struggles, and you are here NOW with the power to shape your day and future." I have never been so proud to know that everyone here is an example of why second chances are so important. I hope your lives lead you down an incredible path and that no matter what happens you never give up on what makes you happy. Good luck class of 2016 on all of your endeavors.

It's a Family Affair

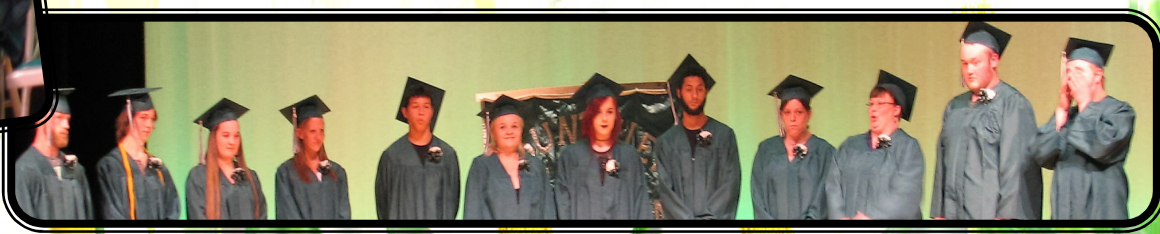
RSU#3's Family Literacy program is a family affair. While the parents work on their academic and career goals, their children also do their own work. The work of these children involves growing, developing, playing, and doing well in school. Amanda, the Early Childhood Instructor, helps these children along the way by bringing lots of literacy activities into the home. When the parents graduate, the children graduate as well.

During the graduation ceremony, Amanda presents each child with their own book and certificate, and reads a story to the children, who gather up on stage with their parents. This is a very special evening to SPICE Parents and their children, and all the graduates are honored for their participation in the program.



Congratulations

2016
Class of



Adult Education Outcomes and Benchmarks: 2015-16

These are the benchmarks that are given to the Maine Department of Education through ETS (for HiSET information) and the Department of Labor (for employment information) and through the Office of Higher Education (for the college information). Adult Education programs will be accessed using these outcomes.

	State Benchmark	RSU3 Indicator
Entered Employment	41 %	87.7%
Retained Employment	75 %	75 %
Obtained HiSET	94 %	100 %

(This is the statistic of those who have taken all 5 tests and passed, not the students still taking the tests or are in the HiSET prep class.)

Entered Post secondary	22 %	86.3%
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In The
NEWS

On August 9, 2016, Education Testing Service (the HiSET test company) will be moving RSU#3 Adult & Community Education Program from a paper-based HiSET testing site to a computerized HiSET testing site. By January 2017, all HiSET testing in Maine will be computerized.

Performance Indicators & SPICE students

Based on the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy performance indicators and survey asked by the Foundation of SPICE (Students and Parents In Cooperative Education) students: SPICE percentages are:

- Parent feels more confident as a parent 91%
- Can evaluate how my child is doing in school 100%
- Can communicate better with the school 82%
- Can cope with a stressful situation easier 82%
- Has improved my quality of life 82%
- Am more aware of what my child needs to accomplish in school 91%
- Can advocate for my family appropriately 73%
- Can replicate what I learned at home 91%



Be impeccable with your word:

Speak with integrity & say only what you mean.

Avoid using words to speak against yourself or to gossip about others.

Don't take anything personally; nothing others do is because of you,

What others say & do is a projection of their own reality & dreams!

When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others,

You won't be the victim of needless suffering.

Don't make assumptions!

Find the courage to ask questions and express what you really want!

Communicate with others as clearly as you can;

It is the best way to avoid misunderstanding, sadness, and drama.

Always do your best;

However, your best is going to change from moment to moment!

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**"The function of education is
to teach one to think
intensively and critically.
Intelligence plus
character-that is the goal of
true education.**

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



***Wishing you all a very fun & safe summer!
See you in the fall!!***

