

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Fund for Excellence at HACC

https://youtu.be/XDISLbU_F60

[Fade in on shot of MELINDA FRAKER DE FONTE, HACC Assistant Director of Corporate and Business Services, Workforce Development, sitting at table]

[Fade in music]

MELINDA

So, my name is Melinda Fraker de Fonte. I'm the assistant director of corporate and business services. And prior to becoming the assistant director I was the coordinator of HACC's workforce development English as a Second Language program.

[Cut to close up of MELINDA speaking]

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So, the English as a Second Language Fund for Excellence

[Cut to wide shot of ESL students listening to a student speech, which is also being recorded]

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would allow HACC to continue to be innovative in the field of language education

[Cut to shot of ESL student giving the speech]

MELINDA VO

and also career pathway development.

[Cut to photo of student smiling into camera]

MELINDA VO

First and foremost, for the students who come to us

[Cut to photo of student smiling into the camera in a computer lab]

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who have not finished their GED, we would like

[Cut to close up of MELINDA speaking]

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to be able to help them possibly pay for GED testing fees

[Cut to shot of students talking together]

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and also for the students who do have

[Cut to wide shot of students working in the computer lab and zoom in on one student typing]

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credentials from another country the recredentialing process is very expensive as well

[Cut to shot of another student typing in computer lab]

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and so we would like to be able to

[Cut to close up of MELINDA speaking]

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provide more guidance to them in the steps. For example, if someone was a lawyer, how do I become a lawyer here in the United States?

[Cut to shot of two students talking and smiling]

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Something else that we would like to develop

[Cut to shot of row of students smiling]

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is more vocation specific

[Cut to shot of a student taking notes]

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English as a Second Language classes. For example,

[Cut to shot of row of students doing school work and zoom in on student in foreground]

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hospitality is something that we're working on right now and then provide career placement. We

[Cut to shot of a student and instructor working together]

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really have the ability to change people's lives through education and

[Cut to shot a student coming over to another student to help him]

MELINDA VO

many times our English as a Second Language learners are so motivated and so driven

[Cut to close up of MELINDA speaking]

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they're just lacking the language. And so

[Cut to photo of a student and instructor working together and smiling into the camera]

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by learning the language they'll be able to get a better job,

[Cut to photo of a student smiling into the camera]

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they'll be able to provide for their family, and then

[Cut to a photo of a group of students smiling into the camera]

MELINDA VO

their families will then be giving back to the community as well

[Cut to photo of a student smiling into the camera]

MELINDA VO

their children are in the school system

[Cut to a photo of a group of students smiling into the camera]

MELINDA VO

and then hopefully someday they will become HACC students. So

[Cut to a photo of a group of three students smiling into the camera]

MELINDA VO

we're educating the family, not just the individual student.

[Cut to close up of MELINDA speaking]

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So please join me in giving to the English as a Second Language Fund for Excellence.

[Music fades out]