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**SPELLING
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FOR ADULT ENGLISH LITERACY



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Dear MCAEL Network Members and Supporters:

Thank you so much for celebrating the work of the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy at the Seventh Annual Grown-Up Spelling Bee. Your support helps us raise much needed funds to expand the reach of the nearly 60 MCAEL funded English proficiency organizations around the county.

As the nerve center for the adult English literacy programs in the county, MCAEL's mission is to strengthen this countywide network to support a thriving community and effective workforce. MCAEL envisions a culturally diverse community where adults from all backgrounds achieve their dreams through the power of English proficiency.

There are more than 110,000 adults in Montgomery County who need and want English classes. Your support makes more ESOL teaching and learning possible. While the coalition continues to grow each year, there are still tens of thousands of adults who we are unable to serve. We need your help in obtaining more classes, so that more adults can accomplish their goals of becoming English proficient, finding jobs, as well helping their children with school work.

Literacy empowers individuals to improve their economic standing and to be more active in their workplace, schools and neighborhoods.

Why are you here?

You are here because you recognize the community benefit of having topnotch adult English proficiency programs, as well as the need for additional English classes in Montgomery County. And, for the first time since 2019, we are able to join together in person as we celebrate the People, Power and Potential of MCAEL as part of our 15th anniversary celebration!

Also, we are thrilled to announce the inaugural *People, Power and Potential* award winner at this year's Bee so stay tuned!

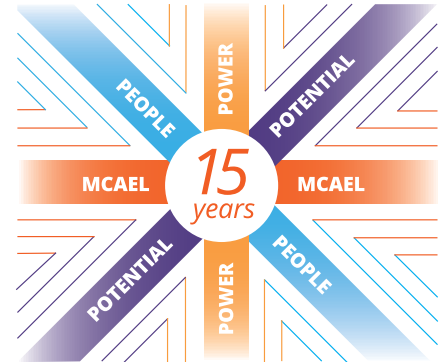
Why have a Spelling Bee?

A spelling bee is a fun way to celebrate our work and to remind us how difficult the English language can sometimes be!

We hope you enjoy making new friends, learning new words and enjoying this fun evening. Thank you for your continued support!

All the best,

Kathy Stevens, MCAEL Executive Director



Evening Program



6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
7:15 p.m. Spelling Bee & Program
8:15 p.m. Closing & Prize Awards

Emcee

Ms. Maureen Umeh, FOX 5 DC

Pronouncer

Dr. Robin C. Barr, Linguist-in-Residence,
American University, Washington DC

Timekeeper

Mr. Kevin Corbett, educator and comedian,
20-year member of Capitol Steps, a political
satire group

Celebrity Judges

Ms. Hena Khan, Children's Author

Ms. Deb Lang, Executive Director, KindWorks

Hon. Sarah Bloom Raskin, former
Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department
of the Treasury and Professor of
the Practice of Law

Confirmed Teams

Community Team
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Montgomery College

Next Execs and The Universities
at Shady Grove



Letter Sponsorships

Sponsorships range from Gold (\$500) to Silver (\$150). A great way for small businesses to get involved and a fun way to dedicate a letter to a friend and make an impact in your community!

A -----

B -----

Marilyn Balcombe
Caralyn Bushey

C -----

Mary Robinson

D -----

E -----

F -----

Lisa Mandel-Trupp and
Cindy Gibson
Sharon Friedman

G -----

Barbara Garlock

H -----

Michelle Hainbach ✨

I -----

J -----

Jennifer Russel

K -----

Sean Klein ✨

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N -----

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P -----

Pete's People, Power & Potential ✨

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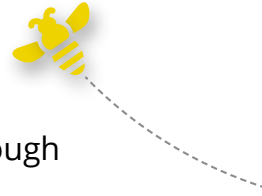


Special Thanks

The work of the coalition is done by all of the adult English literacy programs in the network. For a full listing, see <http://www.mcael.org/directory>

Mission

The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy strengthens the countywide adult English literacy network to support a thriving community and effective workforce.



Aspirational Vision Statement

MCAEL envisions a culturally diverse community where dreams are achieved through the power of literacy.

The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) is a community coalition—a group of individuals and organizations from the community that have come together to strengthen and promote adult English literacy services in Montgomery County. Together, the Coalition members work toward a common goal of strengthening the broader community, by helping adults gain the English literacy skills needed to reach their potential as parents, workers and community members, so that all community members can help build a 21st Century Montgomery.

MCAEL's work focuses on over 100,000 Montgomery County residents identified as Limited English Proficient, as well as the broader community in which they live and work.

MCAEL is a community coalition of public, nonprofit, and business partners that support nearly 60 adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and literacy service programs, more than 100 instructors and staff, and approximately 11,000 adult learners. Together, the Coalition works to strengthen the community by helping adults gain the English literacy skills needed to reach their potential as parents, workers and community members. For more information, please visit www.mcael.org.

Connect with us and show your support!

