



Academy of Whole Learning

Adult Education

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Happy New Year!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I think it has become something of a cliché at this point to talk about all of the negative aspects of the prior year, but I have really enjoyed 2021. Growing with this program has been one of the most fulfilling endeavors I have ever undertaken, and I am forever grateful to the participants and their families who have taken this journey with me. Being able to hire and retain two exceptionally talented and kind coworkers in Kelsey and Ashley has made my task all the more rewarding. We look forward to future growth and opportunity in the year to come!

Moving on up

While construction on the 8810 location is coming along smoothly, we have made the decision to stay at the 8401 Golden Valley Rd location for the rest of the school year. We will, however, be moving our program to the 3rd floor of the same building. The space is very similar to our current space, so there will be no dramatic changes. We will be moving on Friday, January 14th, during programming hours. We would ask that students still come at the normal time, help just a bit with odds and ends for the move, and we will have a pizza/movie/video game day for the duration. Please let me know if you have any questions. We are scheduled to go to the MIA on January 7th, but have not yet set in stone our last two Friday events for January. I will update once that is decided.

Summer Programming

Many of you asked last year about Summer programming. This year, with additional staffing, we are excited to announce that we will be offering Adult Ed specific programming for the Summer. The content will be similar to our yearly programming,



with an increased emphasis on community participation and vocational skill building. We have yet to finalize dates and times, so if you MIGHT be interested, please fill out this doodle poll [here](#) with any of the potential dates and times that might work for you. Cost will be reasonable and if you use waiver supports those should be eligible.

Vocational Programming

Speaking of which! I am excited to announce that our other big initiative this Summer will be the creation of more vocational, skills-based programming. In addition to our emphasis on mindsets and social skills in the workplace, we also recognize the increased need to develop and practice those hands-on and adaptive workplaces skills. With our increasing connections within the vocational community and our partnerships that we are developing, we hope to use this programming to fill in the gaps and create more opportunities for our participants to build the necessary skills to be ready for gainful employment on day #1. More on this later.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Michael Faeth
Adult Education Manager



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rock Elm 3	Williston Fitness Center 4		Williston Fitness Center 6	Minneapolis Insitute of Art* 7
Prism/Sholom 10	Williston Fitness Center 11	MFG Tour (Marshall MFG) 12	Williston Fitness Center 13	Movies and Video Games* 14
MLK Day (No School) 17	Williston Fitness Center 18	19	Williston Fitness Center 20	TBD 21
Prism/Sholom 24	Williston Fitness Center 25	26	Williston Fitness Center 27	TBD 28
Winter Break 31				

Please note:

This calendar is subject to change.

* Lunch included

Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items

