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Student Spotlight: Nicholas

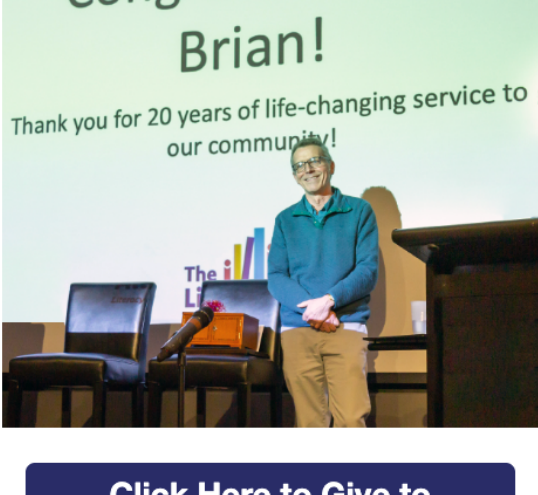
"The Literacy Alliance has helped me through some family issues and has never given up on me. The class is short, only three hours. The teachers make it fun and make the time go by quickly. I highly recommend TLA. They even help you find a better job or find a job..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more of Nicholas' story.

The Schlichtenmyer Scholarship Fund

Join The Literacy Alliance as we celebrate Brian Schlichtenmyer's 20 years of dedicated service to our students and the community.

Friends, family, and colleagues gathered Friday, March 31, to honor Brian's legacy and created a special fund in Brian's honor: The Schlichtenmyer Scholarship Fund, which will provide funding for our students who need additional resources that will make it possible for them to attend Ivy Tech as they seek to earn a certification or degree. Students would be eligible for a stipend to help them overcome financial barriers related to tuition, books, or living expenses. Donations to this fund are matched dollar for dollar by Ivy Tech Foundation up to \$2,500.

Please help us celebrate Brian's many achievements at The Literacy Alliance by making a donation today.



Click Here to Give to The Schlichtenmyer Scholarship Fund



TLA Welcomes Nikki Minarik

Hello,

I am Nikki Minarik, the new volunteer and event coordinator for The Literacy Alliance. I am a recent communications graduate from Purdue Fort Wayne University and grew up in the New Haven area. Previously, I served in the U.S. Air Force and spent time as a busy stay-at-home mom. I enjoy traveling with my family, baking, and reading in my spare time.

My passion for helping others is what brought me to this position. I have volunteered with various non-profit organizations in the Fort Wayne area for more than eight years. Through those experiences, I learned how important volunteer engagement and communication are to the success of an organization.

I am looking forward to working with you and getting to know everyone. Please feel free to reach out to me for all your volunteer questions and needs. I am here to help contribute to the success of The Literacy Alliance programs.

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New Director of Operations

The Literacy Alliance continues to complete our mission under the excellent operational leadership of Francine Liebhauser. Effective April 1, 2023, Francine was promoted to director of operations. Francine will step into the operations role performed by Brian Schlichtenmyer, who retired from TLA on March 31. Brian and Francine spent the last year working together to prepare for a seamless transition. Melinda Haines, CEO, looks forward to a new era of leadership, "I have no doubt that Francine will continue to provide the guidance we need to flourish."



Congratulations, Francine!



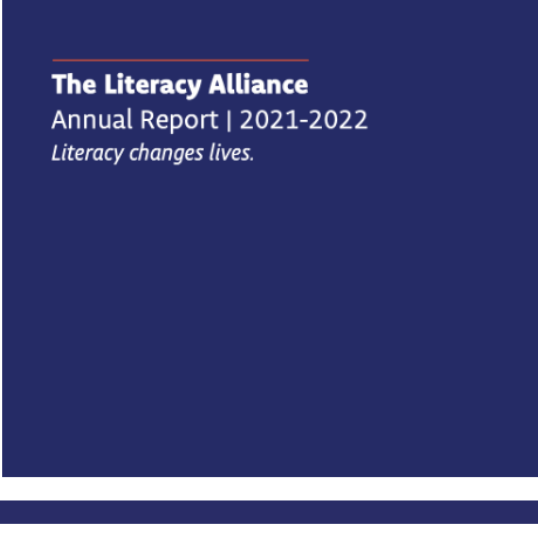
Volunteer Spotlight: Mark R.

"We can be that person for others and pass along our skills and knowledge and experience. Even if it's only a few hours here and there. Every little bit helps to..."

[Visit our blog](#) to read more about Mark's experience as a TLA volunteer.

2021-22 TLA Annual Report

The 2021-22 Annual Report is now available. [Click here to download a copy](#) and see the impact of your investment made last year in our community.



The Literacy Alliance

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Our mission is to empower people and strengthen community through education.

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