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From Struggles to Strength: Writing Your Own Story

On April 16, The Literacy Alliance and Indiana Tech teamed up for an inspirational student-led “Tech Talk” panel. Hosted by Indiana Tech’s College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Board, the event featured TLA and Indiana Tech students in a powerful discussion about turning personal tragedies into triumphs.

TLA students Eratee Tsakas and Ryan Barker inspired the undergraduate audience with their narratives of personal resilience in the face of significant trials. Eratee and Ryan’s stories deeply resonated with the student body, encouraging many undergraduates to persevere through their own difficulties with renewed purpose and courage.

This event marked the beginning of what we hope will be many future collaborations with Indiana Tech!



Student Spotlight: Scotty

“...if you’re reading this, my advice is simple: don’t give up on yourself. The road may be tough, but it’s always worth it.”

Visit the [TLA Blog](#) to read more about Scotty’s experience at TLA as a Project Graduate student.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Francine Leibhauser, TLA’s Director of Operations, on completing the Indiana Adult Education Mentorship Project’s New Adult Education Directors Course! This achievement represents 10 hours of professional development for the 2024–2025 program year and fulfills the DWD Adult Education continuing education requirement. Well done, Francine!



Partner with The Literacy Alliance to Support Your Clients!

Are you a local agency with clients who could benefit from The Literacy Alliance’s services? We’re here to help! If your agency would like to learn more about TLA’s free programs — including high school equivalency prep and English language learning—we’d be happy to arrange a facility tour or give a group presentation to your staff.

To schedule, or to refer your clients, contact TLA’s outreach coordinator, **Mike Jackson**, at:

☎ **(260) 423-0006**
✉ mike@literacyalliance.org

When making a referral, please include the following information:

- ✓ **Applicant’s name**
- ✓ **Applicant’s phone and email address**
- ✓ **Referring agency name**

Together, we can empower individuals through literacy and education. Let’s make a difference—one referral at a time!



Volunteer Spotlight: Hilary

“Personal connection with the students is by far the most rewarding part of the experience. Seeing the excitement in the students’ eyes...”

To read more about Hilary and his experience as a TLA volunteer, [visit our blog](#).

Volunteer Hilary and Student Gage

Project Reads Book of the Month

The Trouble with Children (According to Dog)
by Katie Weaver (Author), Caner Soylu (Illustrator)
6 pages | Ages 4-6

From the award-winning team behind *Uh-Oh! My Dragon’s Hungry* comes a laugh-out-loud, heartwarming story that every pet-loving family will adore. In *The Trouble with Children (According to Dog)*, one long-suffering pup finally tells his side of the story.

Living with kids isn’t easy—especially when you’re constantly being dressed up, squished too tight, or discovering mystery toys in your water bowl. Dog has had it! But even in the middle of the madness, could there be a few heart-melting moments that make it all worthwhile?



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Future Focus



Your future is created by what you do today.

In recent months, students have shared that” they just can’t seem to get a job and don’t understand why.”

Here are some of the top reasons employers give for not hiring an applicant for an interview:

1. **You’re passively participating in the interview.**
You need to prepare better with your resume and interview process.
2. **You’re showing a lack of passion.**
Smiling and showing enthusiasm for the job helps greatly.
3. **You’re undervaluing your talents/skills.**
Skills need to be explained better, know your strengths and weaknesses.
4. **Your application needs work.**
Correct the grammatical mistakes, etc, and have someone check your resume.
5. **You didn’t research the company.**
Who is the CEO? What are the company’s goals and mission?
6. **Your interviewing skills need improvement.**
Dress appropriately, arrive early, keep answers clear, short, and straightforward, and speak positively of past managers/ bosses.
7. **You’re lacking references.**
References are vital and help to give validity to your past job performances.

Checking these areas ahead of time could make all the difference in your presentation of your resume and interviewing skills to land that new job you want.

Melanee Neilson

Career Advisor, Certified Career Counselor and Life Coach

Students: Do you need help writing your resumé and cover letter? Want more tips for successful interviewing? [Contact Melanee today](#)

Community Resources

The Literacy Alliance’s **Community Resources** section connects you to job opportunities, financial aid, continuing education, housing assistance, legal support, healthcare, and more—all in one place.

We update it regularly, so if you haven’t checked it out yet (or it’s been a while), now’s the time! Click the button to explore resources that can make a difference today.



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