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Adult Education classes now offered in Lavonia

Residents of Lavonia and Franklin County now have the opportunity to earn their GED® and prepare for college! North Georgia Technical College has teamed up with the Boyd-Outz Center in Lavonia to offer FREE GED® classes and COMPASS preparation classes. Students will have the opportunity to come to class during the day and evening! “We are so excited to offer GED® classes once again in Franklin County,” says NGTC Dean of Adult Education Shelby Ward. “We have been looking for the right opportunity to provide classes in Franklin County and the Boyd-Outz Center is exactly what we were looking for.”

Stepping into the instructor position is long-time instructor Pamela Lawson. Ms. Lawson has been teaching in the surrounding counties for the past 24 years. Ms. Lawson taught preschool, Kindergarten, 5th grade, 6th grade Science, and wrote the curriculum for and piloted a Science/Math/Technology class for an elementary school in Raleigh, NC. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Middle Grades Education, Master’s degree in Elementary Education and endorsements in Early Childhood Education, Science Education, and General Special Education (K-12).

“I am so excited to be here in Franklin County teaching with North Georgia Technical College,” says Ms. Lawson. “I am looking forward to helping adults set goals and make a difference in their personal and professional life.”

“Pam is a wonderful addition for our Adult Ed team,” said Dean of Adult Education Shelby Ward. “We’re very excited to have her enthusiasm. She will do wonderful things with the students.”

The Boyd-Outz Center has been a beacon of light for many residents of Lavonia and Franklin County for many years. Located on Highway 77 directly behind the Carnegie Library, the center is run by Ken and Patsy Watkins and has been providing services from Step of Faith Outreach, Inc. to the children of Franklin County.

“It has been a blessing for NGTC to be at the Boyd-Outz Learning Center,” says Mrs. Watkins. “The students will have more hours of GED® classes and the classes are year round, not just during the school calendar. Another blessing is that NGTC has provided a certified teacher for the class. We don’t have to worry about scheduling tests for the students and the students don’t have to travel as far to take the GED® tests. A huge blessing is having Miss Pam here to teach these students. You can tell she loves her students and wants to see them succeed.”

Last year, more than 19,000 adult learners earned their GED® diploma. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, a person with a high school or GED® credential earns $10,000 more per year than a non-high school graduate. The income level increases substantially more for those who go on to complete a college certificate, diploma or degree program.

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