

## July 2023 Newsletter



*From left: Principal of the Year Deanna Narcisse (Wildwood Elementary) with a student; Erin Mullen (AAC Corporate Relationship Manager), Resource Coordinator of the Year Heather England (Rockdale Academy), and Dr. Jaren Finney (Principal, Rockdale Academy).*

### **Thank You to our Principals and Resource Coordinators!**

Our June newsletter covered an exciting event for Adopt A Class - the annual Celebration Breakfast! In all the excitement and post-event coverage, we made a huge error in leaving out two very special award categories that are crucial to our program's success: Principal and Resource Coordinator of the Year! School leadership is critical to our success and we are thankful to work with the best of the best. This year, we acknowledged **Deanna Narcisse (Wildwood Elementary)** as Principal of the Year and **Heather England (Rockdale Academy)** as Resource Coordinator of the Year. We thank them for their continued dedication and appreciate their wonderful support!



## Calling All Mentors to Ludlow Independent Schools!

We are thrilled to bring our program to the students at Ludlow Independent Schools this coming fall! If you or anyone you know would be interested in mentoring a class in Ludlow, KY, please contact Sonya Fultz (Sonya@aacmentors.org).



### STAFF & BOARD UPDATES!



We are excited to announce new additions to our team! **Miranda Sadler** and **Megan Moore** have joined AAC staff as program managers. Megan will be focusing on programming curriculum for grades K-2, while Miranda will be focusing on grades 3-5.

We also happily welcome **Retina Carter** (P&G) and **Mike Woulms** (Metro) as our newest board members!

### AAC Trainings:

New Mentors & Team Leads: register [here](#) for an upcoming training session.

Trainings are for new Adopt A Class Mentors and Team Leads or new team members to existing mentor teams. The training provides an overview of the Adopt A Class program and expectations and is mandatory for participation.

**Save the Date for the AAC  
Symposium:  
September 13**







Happy Hour

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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3080 EXPLORATION AVE.  
CINCINNATI, OH 45206



Help us kick off our 20th anniversary by joining us for a Community Happy Hour!

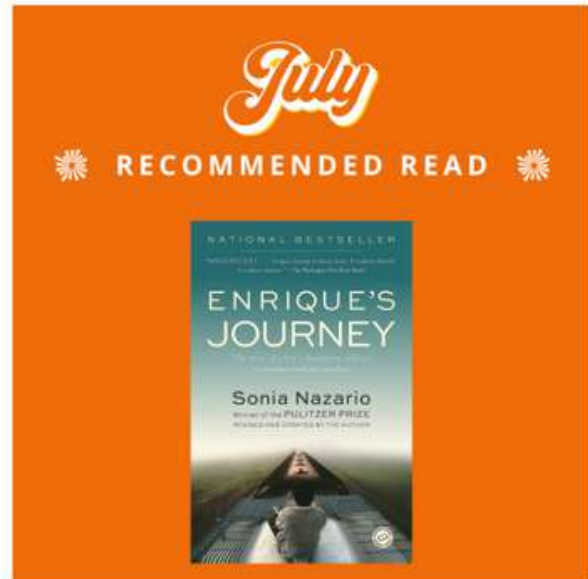
Mentors, educators, and community partners are welcome to join us at our new office: **UC Digital Futures; 3080 Exploration Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206**, on Wednesday, August 16th from 5:00pm-6:30pm for drinks, appetizers, and networking.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

July Recommended Read:  
*Enrique's Journey*

Each month, an AAC staff member reads and reviews a book of their choice. For July, Corporate Relationship Manager, Erin Mullen, read and reviewed *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario.

[READ HERE](#)



**PUSH 4  
PENCILS**

### Here's Your Opportunity to Impact Education in our Community!

One of the primary objectives of Adopt A Class is to serve as a gateway to greater involvement for partner organizations in making a positive impact for Greater Cincinnati students from underserved communities. We are excited to share with you the impactful partnership between Adopt A Class and Crayons to Computers, two organizations committed to making a difference in the lives of students from underserved communities.

In our End of Year survey, almost 80% of mentors shared they are more likely to volunteer or donate to causes they care about because of participation in Adopt A Class programming. Here's your opportunity! We are thrilled to invite you to join us in supporting a remarkable initiative that is making a significant impact on education in our community. Crayons to Computers is launching its Push for Pencils campaign, and we believe that your organization's involvement can truly make a difference. The campaign aims to provide students in need with essential school supplies—many of the students who benefit attend schools AAC serves!

To get started, we encourage you to reach out to Betsy Wilson, the contact person for hosting a traditional supply drive. Betsy can be reached at [bwilson@crayons2computers.org](mailto:bwilson@crayons2computers.org) or by calling 513-482-6803. Please visit <https://www.crayons2computers.org/push-4-pencils> to learn more.

**Stay tuned for more information on a "Fill The Van" opportunity to bring donations to AAC's symposium in September!**

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