

Educating a Diverse Community Begins @ CCTV

Meet CCTV's latest FCLP teaching celeb: **Breeze Harper**. She graduated from Dartmouth College with a major in Feminist Geography before finding her place as a teacher of CCTV's **Family Computer Literacy Program (FCLP)**. The FCLP is a 12-week class that teaches basic computer skills to Cambridge parents, particularly from low-income and linguistic minority families who have never used a computer before.

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I became determined to explore the world of community service. After assisting FCLP students getting to know their computers, I was hooked! I realized how much I enjoyed sharing my knowledge with people who wanted to learn and upgrade their own skills for personal and career enhancement. Throughout my assistantship, I learned how to better communicate the conceptual process of computer technology. It was challenging and fun.



Instructor Breeze Harper (back) with FCLP Participants

Assisting David, I enjoyed seeing the look of joy and achievement on each individual student's face everytime they figured out a new aspect of the computer.

Teaching is challenging because the instructor has to be able to read whether or not the students understand. I find it is important to ask questions to make sure they truly understood the theory and concepts. One of the most successful ways of achieving this is using visual analogies. The students were very motivated and enthusiastic to learn as much as they could during each class. I've seen great improvement with hands-on computer practice. After seven classes, David promoted me to teacher, giving me the responsibility of teaching the class on my own. This is extremely exciting to me, and I can't wait try some new ideas for a fun and creative learning environment!

Breeze Harper

Serving an Underserved Community

Computación en Español teaches basic computer skills to Spanish speakers. My 5 short weeks at CCTV have already been quite memorable. As for my class, the energy, curiosity and persistence of the students provides for the momentum needed to ensure full benefit. However, it is still that distinctive, open and caring spirit that ultimately makes it all possible at CCTV. Many linguistic minorities have insufficient resources that restrict their potential. Sadly, nowhere is this epidemic more evident for Hispanics than in technology. **Computación en**

Español students are eager to learn and use technology to communicate with loved ones thousands of miles away and acquire skills to compete in today's job market. As I can wholeheartedly testify, the ability to communicate with the students in their native language reduces their overall anxiety and encourages participation. As this eventually builds their confidence and leads to their success, I am proud to be instrumental in the learning process for the Hispanic community.

Peter Fornes



"Computación en Español" Class Instructor Peter Fornes (center)

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