Important Program Information

- Our normal TESOL Update is coming soon! It will have lots of wonderful information, but it’s not quite done, so we offer this in the meantime.

- Come to the Spring 2010 Opening Reception! It’s in the TESOL office on Tuesday, January 12th from 4:30-5:30. It’s a great opportunity to meet and greet your professors and fellow students. Plus there will be food!

- Teaching videos, pronunciation projects, workshops, presentations, action research, whatever your videography needs, TESOL is here to help! Talk to a grad assistant or call the new media center in Hurst 212 (202-885-2560) about your technology usage options.

- WE NEED A NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANT! This is a flexible, 15-hr/week maximum hourly paid position. Responsibilities include managing program communications and data, assisting professors as needed, event planning and management, and website maintenance. This is an exceptional networking opportunity, and an excellent administrative experience to put on your CV. Interested? Contact Angela Dadak at adadak@american.edu.

- A Portfolio Information Session will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21st at 8:10pm in MGC 245. Come for pizza and stay for important deadlines and info. Contact the office for details.

Social and Professional Opportunities

- See Prof. Robin Barr and her daughter Lucy of AU TESOL holiday reception musical fame perform with the Trinity Orchestra at 3:00pm this Sunday, January 17th at St. Anne’s church in Tenleytown.

- What does the Peace Corps have to offer you? Find out in the upcoming edition of the TESOL Update! Or if you just can’t wait any longer, contact Brock Brady directly at bbrady@peacecorps.gov

- Monthly AU TESOL student get-togethers? If anyone is interested in coordinating (or even just suggesting) venues and times for TESOL students to go hang out before or after class, please contact the office.

Welcome AU TESOL Adjunct Faculty!

Annette Bradford - TESL-527
Vivian Lindhardsen - TESL-502
Sharyl Pattillo - TESL-542
Lisa Tabaku - TESL-524
Heather Weger-Guntharp - TESL-523
Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

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While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find “filler” articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

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If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial.

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served. It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

**BUSINESS NAME**

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4
Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

We're on the Web!
example.com

**Back Page Story Headline**

Caption describing picture or graphic.

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it’s a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you’ve received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you’ve created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.