

# Constanza Soto

## Horizonte

Constanza is from Chile. During this past year of online education, she has been determined to improve her language skills. She always attends class, promotes community engagement, and provides a beautiful example of curiosity and inquiry.



# Ashley Draper Tooele Adult Ed

# Samuel O'Conner

## Southwest High School



Samuel O'Conner came to Southwest after losing his wife to illness and taking full responsibilities for his small children. He wanted to enroll in the Rotorcraft program at SUU. He's currently in his 3rd semester at Dixie State and began flying a helicopter this month. He has outstanding courage, character, and tenacity in overcoming extreme hardship. His efforts have created a bright future for his young family.

# Diana Allred Tintic

# Carmen Sorensen

## Carbon Adult Ed



Carmen is from Venezuela and she works diligently to improve her English skills. She is willing to practice conversations, ask questions, and spend significant study time on her own. We are grateful to have Carmen in our program!

# Nai Min

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Nai is from Myanmar and has been a student with our school for a few years. He is a driven and dedicated learner, now studying high school coursework after successfully completing our ESL program. He is an inspiring addition to our greater Salt Lake community.

# 2021 Program Students of the Year

A few days after arriving in the US in the fall of 2019, Maria began attending ESLC's Empowering Parents and Parents Engaged in Everyday Reading classes held at her children's school. Maria rarely misses class and has the highest attendance rate in the whole program. She was so dedicated to continuing her studies online during the pandemic that she was selected to receive a free laptop from the ESLC. Now, when offered the option to attend in-person or online classes, she actually attends both! When Maria arrived, she was an ELL Level 1. Now, only two years later, she is an ELL Level 4. Way to go, Maria!

Maria  
Chino  
ESLC



Brandy has shown the power of having grit and perseverance. When Brandy entered our program, she was nervous about her skills. She had been out of school for a while, but still remembered her difficulties in school. However, the results of her CASAS test built her confidence. Brandy spent a few months preparing for the GED and was pleasantly surprised when her post test showed level gains in reading and math. Her confidence grew as she passed each GED test. Her improved CASAS scores allowed her to enter a Phlebotomy program at the technical college and she was recently hired at a local hospital as a Phlebotomist.

Brandy Ward  
AVEC



Teresa Bastida  
Southwest  
High School

Teresa started as a Beginner student last year and progress to the Advanced level this year. She is a dedicated student that attends class four nights a week and worked hard on Mobymax and Burlington English during the summer. Teresa brings kindness and positive energy to the classroom, inspiring other students to apply themselves as well. She is married with two children and is the owner of Besana Beauty, which is an online cosmetics company.

Varonika Lucio  
Cache Adult Ed

Varonika enrolled in Cache Adult Education with the hopes of providing a better life for her family. This hard-working mother of two young children applied herself and worked diligently to complete the necessary requirements.

Not only was she able to earn her diploma while juggling a busy family life, she also received a PEO Putnam scholarship for post-secondary education. Currently she is enrolled at Bridgerland Technical College pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse.