



THOMAS DUNN LEARNING CENTER

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2021 Impact Report





**THOMAS DUNN
LEARNING CENTER**

OUR MISSION

We enrich lives through engaging learning experiences. Our partnerships promote individual growth and enhance the community's quality of life.

OUR VALUES

Community and Civic Engagement



Continuing Education



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Environmental Sustainability



Personal Enrichment



Dear friends,

We wrapped up 2021 almost as strangely as we wrapped up 2020! Maneuvering through the routes of a pandemic has not been a straight path, as almost everyone knows. We have continued the option of online High School Equivalency (HSE) tutoring; we stopped trying to meet with teens on Zoom (Augh!); we pulled our Facebook



live art classes (not very hands-on), we enjoyed the time efficiency of online meetings (no drive time); but in the end, we were extremely happy to welcome our programs and partners back into our building like it was 2019!

Thanks to the community and our partners, we offered programming in person at least five days a week throughout the year! Being in the beautiful setting of Marquette Park didn't hurt either as so many things happened outside – VINES gardening, Zumba, Mindfulness, HSE Graduation, Art... and yes, COVID testing.

2022 will bring great renewal with the addition of three new leadership positions and growing programs! Please follow our calendar on our website www.tdunn.org and as always, let us know your thoughts on what lifelong learning means to you. Thank you.

Paula Gaertner

Executive Director/CEO



MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Peggy Maull

Program Director

Peggy has a Master's in Social Work from Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. She has over 20 years of experience in the St. Louis region. Most recently she came to Thomas Dunn Learning Center from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri. She brings with her a wealth of experience developing programs for youth and is also looking forward to working with our adult population.



Roy Richardson

Operations Director

Roy holds a Master's degree in Behavioral Sciences from Kings University and has over twenty-five years of experience serving nonprofits, primarily with NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center and Urban League in Minneapolis. Roy has taken on the great responsibility of assisting the people and organizations we serve daily and making sure the Thomas Dunn Learning Center's facilities meet their wants and needs.



Casey Stinemetz

Development Director

Casey has over 10 years of nonprofit management experience and has worked at many levels within the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Casey holds a Masters in Public Administration & Policy Analysis from SIUE. She joins us after 5 years of self employment, as a website designer and social media strategist. She's very excited to bring her skills to Thomas Dunn Learning Center through fundraising and digital communications.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS



932
CLASSES



11
HIGH SCHOOL
EQUIVALENCY
GRADUATES



1153
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



9,010
VISITS FROM
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

Thomas Dunn Learning Center is a community resource hub. We engage community members through educational and life skills classes, drop-in support services, and volunteer opportunities. In 2021, we offered 932 classes to the community and had over 9000 visits from community members to the learning center. We had 11 graduates from our High School Equivalency Tutoring program, and our volunteers logged 1153 hours. As we promoted our programs and special events, we grew our online community in 2021, with over 80,000 unique views on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



IN 2021...

Thomas Dunn Learning Center had the privilege of partnering with many incredible St. Louis organizations and community groups. We're so thankful to have the wonderful partners that we do. From the weekly exercise classes provided by LifeWiseSTL, Food Giveaways with STL Food Shares, OpSpot's mobile veterinary providing spay and neuters to local stray cats, Girls on the Run, Black Girls Do Stem, Perennial, St. Louis Community College, Encore Theater Group, MU Extension, LitShop and more! We wouldn't be able to fulfill our mission of enriching lives through engaging learning experiences without the help of our partners!

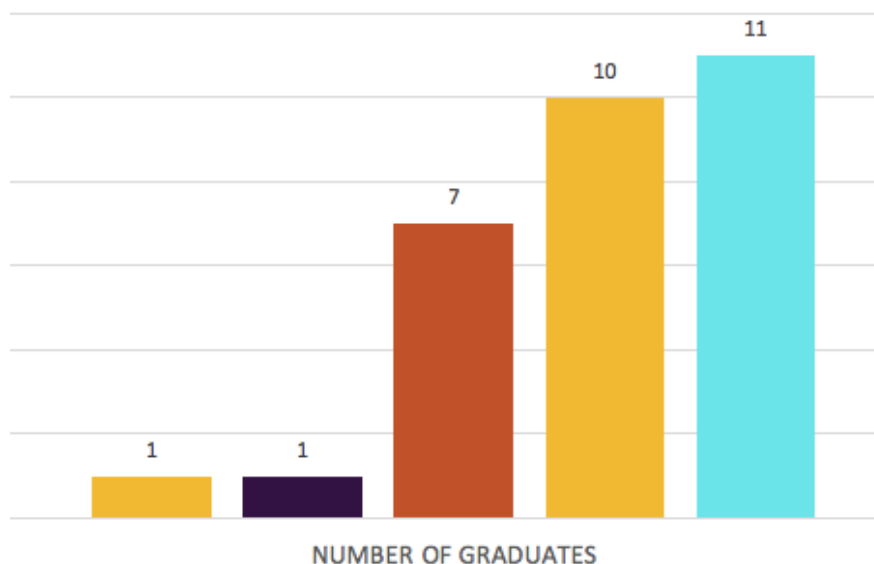




HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM

Thomas Dunn Learning Center's High School Equivalency Program continues to be one of the most impactful programs that we offer youth and adults in the St. Louis area. In 2021, we were able to help more students receive their High School Diploma Equivalency Certificate than any year before, helping our graduates move forward in a career field, begin a training program, or continue their education. We are always blown away by the resilience and dedication of our students, no matter their background. From students in their teens to students in their 60s, Thomas Dunn Learning Center is here to support everyone in pursuing their certificate and to encourage everyone along the path of lifelong learning!

**High School Equivalency Graduates
By Year 2017 - 2021**



POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS

Thomas Dunn Learning Center welcomes many types of volunteers to help us meet our mission of providing engaging learning experiences to the community. In 2021, we logged 1,153 volunteer hours with the collaboration of our community partners.



Sustainability

The VINES community garden is an educational tool for engaging community members around food equity and sustainability. The VINES volunteers participate in community workdays in the VINES community garden at Thomas Dunn Learning Center and take part in the harvest at the end of the season.

Continuing Education

Our adult education tutors support our High School Equivalency Tutoring Program by helping students prepare for the 5 subject examinations to achieve their High School Equivalency Certificate. We offer both online and in-person tutoring.



For current volunteer opportunities, visit www.tdunn.org/work-here

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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