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# Photos from our Citizenship Classes

summer 2012  
in various  
Dallas Public  
Libraries





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### TESTAMONIALS FROM OUR 2012 CITIZENSHIP CLASSES



My name is Israel Barrón and I work in construction. Many weeks I work 80 hours, but I haven't missed a single one of the 11 lessons because I want to achieve the American dream. It's not just about being here, but it's about dedication to success in every opportunity this country offers. Becoming a citizen is a slice of the cake, but that is not enough because I want the whole cake. In order to participate fully, I drive more than hour for these classes that have helped prepare me to achieve a better future for my children. The need for these classes is reflected in the 100+ students that turn up each week – each a potential hard-working citizen-contributor to the U.S.



My name is Miriam Valmira Cunha and I am a nurse from Brazil. I came to America in 2004 because I wanted to learn about North American culture, history, and language. I love attending the citizenship classes every week because I really enjoy learning about American history! Actually, I just passed the naturalization exam but I continue attending class each Wednesday because there is so much to learn about this nation, and the teachers make class very enjoyable. I believe learning English and having knowledge about America will be a great help in my profession and will permit me to offer better service to my patients.



My name is Juan Orona Romero and I am 79 years of age and my life's dream is to become a U.S. citizen before I die. Born in Durango, Mexico and I came to the United States in 1970. I have two sons and two daughters who joined me, along with my wife, in America in 1982. This is the first citizenship class I have found in 10 years of searching. I do not understand why there are not many more classes like this one! The bilingual teachers are very good. I have taken ESL classes, but this citizen ship class has been most helpful in making my dreams come true. I must thank DFW International Alliance for giving me this opportunity to accomplish my goal of becoming a citizen of this great nation.



My name is Gladys Elena Quiroz. As a single mother in Bogota, I worked as a hairstylist, cashier and whatever else I could find to support my family. I now feel motivated and continue coming to each class because the teachers help me understand the material. I admire and appreciate the patience they have with the class. It's very well organized and each week we learn a lot in the 2 hours. The time passes so quickly. We need more classes like this in the community and I would recommend it to anyone that needs assistance in preparing for the naturalization exam.



## Who We Are

DFW International Community Alliance is the portal to international North Texas, a region in which 44% of the residents are New Americans. We are a network of over 1,600 internationally-focused organizations in the Dallas / Fort Worth metroplex that embodies the cultural and economic vibrancy of the global community.

**Our Mission is to build mutual understanding and respect by linking diverse international cultural communities.**



## What We Do

### IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION and EDUCATION

- Empowerment Through Education, for Latina Women
- Literacy Classes
- Homebuyers Workshops
- ESL Citizenship Classes
- Global Internship Training
- Youth Leadership Program

### GUIDES for NEWCOMERS

- Internet page of resources for refugees and immigrants
- Guide for Newcomers
- Guide to English (ESL) Classes for Adults
- Scholarships Guide for New Americans, Minorities and First Generation College Students
- Guide to Economical Health Services
- Guide to Financial Literacy, Credit, and Homebuying

### CULTURAL HERITAGE AND DIVERSITY

- Fiesta Latinoamericana!
- Dallas International Festival

### COMMUNICATIONS

- DFW Global Cultural Events Calendar
- Weekly Cultural Bulletin
- REDLatinaDFW yahoogroup for Latino community leaders