

## **KEY TO STUDENTS' SUCCESS AT ZHYTOMYR STATE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**

Nowadays English becomes more and more important and necessary for our daily lives. The department of foreign languages at Zhytomyr State Technological University has been fruitfully working in this direction.

The students of our university can learn English not only attending their obligatory classes, but also they are suggested extra possibilities to enrich their knowledge. Our department has initiated 3 kinds of the language courses where we help teenagers to improve their level in writing and speaking & also assisting them in preparations for doing their test papers entering master and post graduate studies. Teaching of advanced students in specially arranged advanced groups has become our regular practice for several years already. Our students participate in language competitions showing their mastership translating poems into the Ukrainian and Russian languages. They also show their interesting creations by drawing or painting wall newspapers on the urgent topics offered by our teachers. They are very happy to sing foreign songs and recite poetry in different foreign languages.

And since the present academic year we've offered our students to use their greatest chance to master English. Certainly, we mean so catching and marvelous teaching by the American volunteers, the amazing couple Linda and David Hebenstreit.

From the end of December 2012 to June 2013 we had a superb possibility to cooperate with our First volunteer from the Peace Corps Kristen Nesbitt. And now we are twice happier because our possibility with our new American colleagues has Doubled! This is really a giant step forward that our department has taken since the late 2012 when every of us felt and saw the incredible advantages of teaching with the participation of the volunteer.

Now many students remember how much exciting was the last week of August 2015 as the university became burning inside not because of fire, but due to the desire to speak English more and more. Yes, it was the very first and rather successful experience of "English Summer School" arranged by the teachers of our department and the present honorable volunteers of the Peace Corps. The teachers of our department, American guests and our students have spent 5 very informative and merry days enjoying classes of our Ukrainian and American teachers. It was really an unusual holiday for English lovers! It was a superb possibility to learn much new, to communicate English with other students and with the teachers of our department and the American guests as well. All the visitors of this happy language event had a wonderful possibility to improve their English irrespective of their level and to get much fun taking part in various language competitions and learning the language with great pleasure.

It was so unexpected to hear how delighted the English Summer School visitors were uttering their sincere thanks and high appreciations to the teachers for so extraordinary and catching language event.