

# THE COURIER

Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center

2021: YEAR END EDITION



## OUR MISSION:

*To bridge the gap in the "Digital Divide" in our inner-city communities by providing high quality, accessible, and FREE technology classes in a supportive, appropriately-paced, and nurturing environment - that encourages personal growth and enhances the quality of life for all participants.*

# Happy Holidays!



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# 2021 NEWSLETTER

## From the Executive Director

Celebrating 19 years of delivering E-Powering (electronically empowering) technological services to residents of greater Cleveland and driven by intense determination, Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center (ASC3 ) has provided training in 20+ facilities, and has trained approximately 8,500 residents in digital literacy throughout Cuyahoga County. Though ASC3 has achieved major milestones, the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic indeed presented significant challenges for the Digital Equity & Inclusion (DEI) field. However, the pandemic also had some positive outcomes, and perhaps the greatest of all; it spawned a heightened awareness and extreme importance of DEI, especially among vulnerable and disenfranchised populations – ASC3 's target audience. We knew we had to Believe in our mission and find Solutions.

### A Look at 2021

Thus, ASC3 's 2021 program year was themed, "Believe in Solutions". We implemented several successful safe outreach initiatives, including the Hotline for Internet Information (HII), a call-line service project designed to provide high-touch, digital navigation assistance via phone and / or video-based platforms. We also developed the Digital Aviator Project (DAP), a virtual training and hot spot lending initiative, where we trained seniors on how to become the digital pilots of their own lives. Over 50 DAP training skills classes at several facilities, reaching 480+ individuals. Believe in Solutions. One a more global, yet local level, Ms. Davis Chaired the Greater Cleveland Digital Equity Coalition, convened by the Cleveland Foundation with the charge of researching and sharing solutions to ensure our seniors would not be left behind in the Digital Divide. This first-time-ever coalition resulted in the creation of the Digital Navigators (DN) Pilot, where several prominent service organizations collaborated to utilize DNs for DEI needs. Collectively, the group trained and hired 12 DNs that are disseminated across the county. Believe in Solutions. The vast DEI work of the Ashbury Center has garnered national attention from leaders in the field. This year, we are proud to announce receipt of four national grants: Verizon-\$60,000; AT&T- \$50,000; Spectrum Digital Ed-\$40,000; and Grow with Google Group-\$25,000. These vital funds will enable ASC3 in executing its mission of building digital equity, through 2022 and beyond. Digital Equity is a right of every citizen, and we'll continue working tirelessly to achieve this goal. Believe in Solutions.

### On the Horizon

We are excited for new initiatives on the horizon in 2022, which will help fill much needed gaps in Cleveland's digital footprint. We will expand our youth component with the launch of the new Digital Learn Community (DLC) to be housed adjacent to Main campus on Ashbury Ave. This intergenerational facility (seed-funding by AT&T) will provide a variety of tech services, resources, academic instruction, and even structured gaming; it will be the only one of its kind in our vicinity. We're equally as excited to open a new, permanent west-side digital literacy training center, in the spring (funding by Cleveland Foundation). We're also looking forward to continuing the wonderful existing partnerships with our amazing stakeholders; we cannot do this work in silo!

Thank you for Believing in ASC3 to find Solutions in DEI.  
**"ASC3...Fostering a Movement of Digital Inclusion."**



# 29TH ANNUAL GALA

"An Evening with the Stars"



Honorees (from left to right): Karnese McKenzie (Nia Award), John Turner (Kuumba Award), Robert & Barbara Norton (Umoja Award), Rick Mosely (Ujima Award), Raghav Rao (Accepting Nguzo Saba Award for Leon Wilson), Dr. Chentis Pettigrew Jr. (Kujichagulia Award), Sherry Brandon

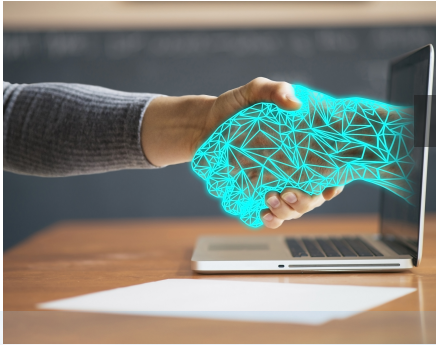


Thank you to everyone who contributed, donated, supported, promoted, attended, or accepted an award, making this special night a success!

INTRODUCING

# The Cleveland

# DIGITAL NAVIGATORS



## DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Digital Navigators are trained individuals who address the whole digital inclusion process — home connectivity, devices, digital skills and tech support— with community members through repeated interactions.

## CLEVELAND DIGITAL AMBASSADORS

The Cleveland Digital Ambassadors is a local coalition, collectively striving for digital equity in the Greater Cleveland Area. The Cleveland Foundation advises and sponsors the following seven (7) organizations: Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center (ASC3), Cleveland Public Library, East Cleveland Public Library, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), Cleveland Housing Network (CHN), and Metro West Development Corp.

The Cleveland Foundation granted each of the other seven (7) organizations funds to support a Digital Navigator Program.

Some responsibilities of Digital Navigators include: assisting clients via telephone, email, and in-person, providing 1-on-1 and classroom-based support, helping clients navigate through online processes such as appointment scheduling, voting registration, virtual payments, government assistance applications and Emergency Broadband Program enrollment



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DIGITAL NAVIGATOR  
HOTLINE

216-307-6990

M-F 10AM-6PM Sat 11AM-3PM

# GRADUATIONS



Euclid Beach Graduation  
DAP March 2021



Cornerstone Graduation  
DAP July 2021



ESOP Main Campus Graduation  
DAP December 2021



Beachcrest Graduation  
DAP December 2021



5 Points Graduation  
DAP December 2021

*Congratulations!*

**Thank you** to all of our 2021 graduates from both the Digital Aviator Program (DAP), and our brand new L.E.T.S. Grow with Google course!

ASC3 remains available beyond the completion of any class to further develop the digital literacy skills of our community members.



Grow with Google Pilot Graduation  
GwG December 2021



ESOP Fairhill Graduation  
DAP September 2021



Main Campus Graduation  
DAP December 2021



ESOP Fairhill Graduation  
DAP December 2021

# TECH NEWS

## PASSWORD VAULT



The safest passwords are also the hardest ones to remember, but the Password Vault makes it easy. This compact device holds up to 400 user IDs, logins and passwords for your bank accounts, investment sites, email accounts and shopping sites. Just enter one PIN number, and the pocket-sized Password Vault lets you access and search your files. Each file contains fields for Website, User ID and Password, plus a 50-character area for notes. The Password Vault fits in any desk drawer, glove box or purse, and is not connected to the Internet, so it can never be hacked by identity thieves. Give yourself peace of mind with the Password Vault. It stores up to 400 logins and passwords that only you can access. Plus, it is not connected to computers, the Internet or wireless networks so it can never be hacked or skimmed by identity thieves.

### Other features:

- Full QWERTY keyboard lets you create complex passwords with letters, numbers and symbols
- Includes search function to help you find your passwords quickly and easily
- Unit locks automatically for 30 minutes after five consecutive incorrect PIN attempts
  - Large backlit LCD screen
- Built-in flash memory retains passwords during infrequent battery change
  - Can be reset to permanently erase all data
  - Operates on 3 included AAA batteries

## NEW! SOLVOLT SOLAR CHARGER



### How SolVolt Takes Outdoor Travel to the Next Level

Thanks to the solar charging power of SolVolt, you can be outside for as long as you want, and never worry about losing charge or losing touch.

#### 1. Powerful Multi-Charge Unit

With 10,000mAh, Up to 2 devices can charge at one time. Compatible devices like your iPhone or Android can charge up to 3 times each before the unit needs to recharge. That means your mobile can keep its charge even through a cloudy day.

#### 2. Be Prepared at All Times

Every traveler or outdoor lover knows that the best way to be on the go is to come prepared for emergencies, downtime, and capturing moments. There is no better way to stay prepared than with a fully charged, always-ready device.

#### 3. Get the Most Out Of Your Trip

Now you can spend more time loving nature, and less time worrying about losing your way or losing touch. With SolVolt, your devices will stay charged throughout your entire outdoor trip, so you can always have access to a map, camera, music, and entertainment.



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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS



It's a well-known fact that the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is the official season for some serious overeating. Most of us pig out enough for a 5-to-7-pound weight gain in just six (6) short weeks.

The main culprit of holiday season weight gain is the age old New Year's Resolution of starting another diet with the New Year. The thought of another depressing deprivation diet looming in the near future can lead to

the "last supper" mentality of eating everything in sight between Christmas and the New Year. There is a better way.

Be realistic about your holiday plans...There will be parties and there will be high calorie foods. Decide ahead of time if you are going to have a high calorie treat and what form it will take. If your weakness is dessert you can find the rest of the meal should be healthy and calorie controlled.



Plan to overeat on certain days. If you know there is a party coming up, eat lighter calorie meals during the week. When the party rolls around, eat and enjoy without guilt.

Get right back on track. Just because you had an eating binge at one holiday party, doesn't mean you should have a free-for-all until New Year's Day. Go back to your normal eating pattern with the very next meal. The only overeating you should be doing is on those specifically pre-planned holiday party dates.

## OLD FASHIONED TEA CAKES

**Ingredients** 1 cup butter softened 1-1/2 cups sugar 3 large eggs, room temperature 1 tablespoon vanilla extract 3 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt.

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla.

Combine the flour, baking powder and salt gradually add to the cream mixture The dough will be soft

**For the Holidays.....**

Bake at 375 for  
7-8- minutes or until  
The edges are golden brown

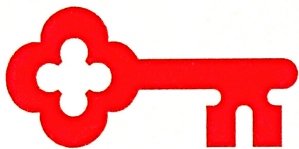




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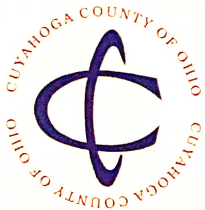


FRANK JACKSON, MAYOR  
KEVIN CONWELL, WARD 9  
BASHEER JONES, WARD 7  
MIKE POLENSEK, WARD 8

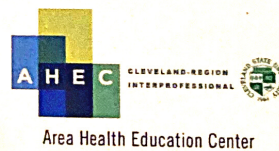


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Connect Your  
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Digital Literacy and Access For All  
Our Neighbors and Neighborhoods

