



# AI ENGLISH VOLUNTEER TEAM

EQUIPPING YOU FOR YOUR TOMORROW

## ABOUT AI ENGLISH



Welcome to AI English. AI English is a program of Ascend International. Our mission is to prepare you for your tomorrow, whatever that tomorrow brings. Ascend has enlisted a great group of volunteer instructors, eager to help you with English, but also to extend a hand of friendship between our countries. You will find they care about your English but have a much greater care for you. Thanks for joining us on the climb!

-Guy Armstrong

*Founder/President AI*

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- The teaching team is arranged alphabetically, by last name
- Find the teacher you want at a time/day they are available
- Confirm their availability by contacting Guy Armstrong (QR Code-left)
  - You will get confirmation within 12 hours
- Once confirmed, please transfer payment to Ascend International (AI Assistant QR Code-left) to secure your spot
- The team has given gender preferences for their teaching sessions. Please notice before selecting and only choose those who have chosen to teach your gender

## DR. KAREN ANDREWS



Karen is a physician, board certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, who currently works as a hospitalist in Memphis, Tennessee. She has always had an interest in languages, travel and cultures. From 2014-2016, she lived in Niger, West Africa and loved learning Hausa language and working in a hospital there. She continues to enjoy teaching, cooking, travel and hiking.

Tues, Thurs 9:00-11:00 am

Dr. Andrews would prefer to teach females



# GUY ARMSTRONG



Guy is the founder and president of Ascend International. He lived and studied in Shanghai and has developed programs hundreds of Chinese have used to travel to the U.S and grow in their leadership capabilities. He also brings American, professional volunteers to China to serve and mentor China's future leaders. His aim with Ascend is to connect the leaders of today with the leaders of tomorrow. Guy also coaches students in EQ, the TOEFL and IELTS exams, job and graduate school interviews and assists students as they write personal statements for graduate school in English speaking countries.

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:30-10:30 pm; Sat 9:00-11:00 pm

Guy can teach males or females



# KYLIE BONOTTO

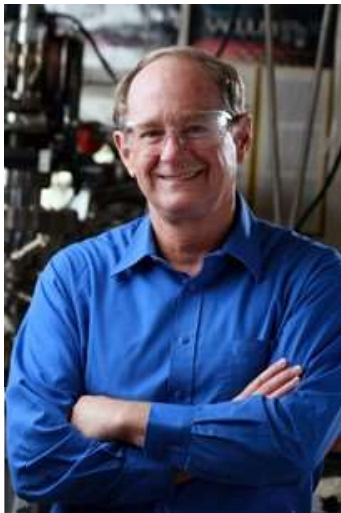


Kylie is currently a student at Central Washington University. She is heading into her third year of college and is working towards getting a BS in social services. Kylie chose to major in social services because she is passionate about helping others and making a positive impact on their life. Some of Kylie's hobbies include spending time in nature, hiking, working out, and spending time with friends and family.

Tues, Thurs or Sat 6:00 am- 12:00 pm

Kylie is available to teach males and females

## DR. SCOTT CHAMBERS



Dr. Chambers is a Laboratory Fellow and Technical Group Leader at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, as well as Affiliate Professor of Chemistry and Affiliate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Washington. Dr. Chambers has traveled to China with Ascend, many times, and often teaches a course in Materials Science at Nanjing University. Dr. Chambers has graciously hosted Chinese students as interns in his laboratory, numerous times, and assisted them greatly as they have come to the US for graduate studies.

Mon, Thurs 10:30 am-2:00 pm

Dr. Chambers prefers to teach males

## TERRI CRAIG



Retired executive with Fortune 500 company, McDonalds. Terri continues to teach courses on resume and cover letter composition, in addition to job interview training. Terri is a business consultant including actively assisting Ascend International in its growth over the years.

Thurs 9:00-10:00 pm

Terri would prefer to teach females





## KYLE DEATHERAGE



Kyle has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Washington State University and is a mechanical systems engineer at the Bechtel Corporation. He has been to China as part of a study abroad program at the Kunming University of Science and Technology where he studied Chinese and Chinese culture. Kyle enjoys learning about different cultures and is most passionate about creating connections and mentoring the next generation at the collegiate and professional level. Kyle's interests include reading, video games, TV, and movies.

Mon, Wed 1:00-3:00 pm

Kyle prefers to teach males



# KEENA DUNCAN



Keena began her career as a computer programmer for Shell Oil. After a short time, she moved into the field of education, eventually earning a Master of Science in Educational Administration. She has invested her life in countless young people. Keena now acts as the Human Resource and Finance Director of Little Medical School of the MidSouth. Keena and her husband, Dr. Ulric Duncan, have hosted Chinese students through Ascend's Passages' program. They are parents to three, adult children, and have four grandchildren.

Thurs 8:00-9:00 pm

Keena would prefer to teach females

# MARK ELLEFSON



Mark has a degree in environmental health from the University of Washington. Mr. Ellefson specializes in the characterization, treatment, and disposal of nuclear material. Mark has traveled to China, often, and specializes in teaching students about how they can get into US graduate programs. Mark is a great listener and teacher. He loves China and Chinese culture, taking any opportunity available to friend and learn from Chinese he meets.

Wed, Thurs 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Mark would prefer to teach males



## SANDRA ERICKSON



Sandra has hosted at least 12 Chinese students in her home, through Ascend's Passages over the years. The students love her so much, Guy Armstrong often refers to Sandra's home as the "party house." She is very gifted in counseling, listening, and mentoring young women. She home schooled all her children and they are all amazing young people. Sandra loves teaching English to Chinese students and giving lots of wisdom along the way.

Wed- Fri 8:00 am- 10:00 am

Sandra would prefer to teach females

## DAWN FRINK



Dawn has a big heart for young people. She studied social work and was involved in mental health counseling for a number of years. In recent years, Dawn provides standardized testing for children, grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. She has a very gentle demeanor and is a great listener and teacher. Dawn and her husband, Jim, have three grown children, and have hosted numerous Chinese students through Ascend's Passages' program.

Wed 8:00-9:00 am and 8:00-9:00 pm

Dawn would prefer to teach females

# MARY GETTINGER



Mary is retired, but her professional experience is primarily in the healthcare field. She served as a nurse recruiter for many years. Academically, she completed an associate degree and studied in the field of organizational communications.

She has lived in Wisconsin, Alabama, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Alaska and now in Tennessee. Mary is now a widow, but she is not alone! She is grandmother to 16, a great grandmother to more than 50 and a great, great grandmother to 3 😊. She loves to sew, garden, color and read.

Mary has hosted Chinese students in her present home in Memphis, Tennessee, through Ascend's Passages program.

Mon-Fri 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Mary would prefer to teach females

# MARK KILLINGER



Mark has an MS in nuclear engineering and worked with the UN for several years while living in Vienna, Austria. He has traveled to over 50 countries! In the US, he worked with the nuclear regulatory commission and traveled to China with Ascend, where he spoke on the area of nuclear non-proliferation. Mark has been active in establishing summer internships for Ascend's Passages' program in the state of Washington.

Sat 9:00-10:00 am and Sun 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Mark would prefer to teach males



# TOM LUECK



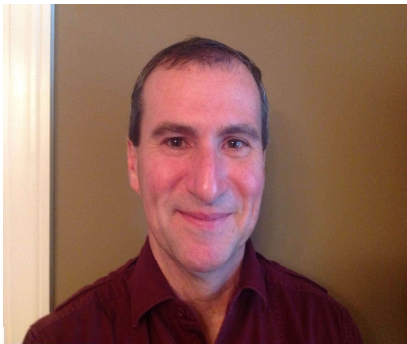
Tom studied business management, which translated into a 30-year career working as a network administrator and project manager for the Lockheed Martin company. He has grown to understand the value of clear communication and teaching in the professional and technical fields to help achieve successful results. Tom and his wife, Joanne, have been highly active in both hosting Chinese students in their home and traveling to China in recent years. Tom is retired and now enjoys spending time with his family and his hobbies include restoring automobiles, traveling, and gardening.

Mon. 10-00-11:00 pm

Tom would prefer to teach males



## RICHARD (RICKY) PIERCE



Richard is a retired executive from Fortune 500 company, Kroger. Job interviewed hundreds of prospective employees over his career. Has traveled to China, often, since 2013, and spoken to hundreds. He has consistently hosted Chinese students in his home through Passages, Ascend's leadership development program.

Mon, Wed and Fri 9:00-11:00 pm

Ricky will teach males or females



# MICAH STEWART



Micah has a bachelor's degree in cyber security and is an IT professional working in network engineering. He graduated from Central Washington University, as well as studying Chinese at Nanjing University of Science and Technology for several years. Micah has been involved in the Ascend program both in the US and China and has enjoyed sharing and learning about different cultures and experiences.

Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Micah can teach males or females



# CATHY VANLEIT



Cathy has an MS in executive leadership. For many years she helped young leaders grow into executive leadership positions in the Fortune 500 company, Medtronic. Cathy is now a business consultant and personal coach for developing leaders. She has traveled to China with Ascend and used her expertise to help coach students at universities all over Shandong Province.

Mon, Thurs 8:00-9:00 am

Cathy prefers to teach females



## DR. MARK VANLEIT



Dr. VanLeit has his JD Law Degree from the University of California, at Berkeley, and a BA in history from the University of Washington. Dr. VanLeit has been active in the education field and volunteering in recent years. Dr. VanLeit has an amazing life story and so much wisdom to share with emerging leaders. Dr. VanLeit also traveled to China with Ascend's, I2L program, speaking to hundreds of students in the Shandong region.

Wed, Thurs 8:00-9:00 am

Mark is available to teach males and females

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