

# MAIDEN LANE TIMES

## November 2021

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Minami Yamagami: Nov. 7th
- Juliana Belmiro Silva: Nov. 8th
- Shachar Somech: Nov. 9th
- Shefali Pratik Shah: Nov. 10th
- Kai Yang: Nov. 29th

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **11/11: Veterans Day\***
- 11/17: Unit 5 Exam (AM & PM)
- 11/20: Unit 5 Exam (WK)
- **11/25-26: Thanksgiving\***

**\*SCHOOL CLOSED**

### DID YOU KNOW ???

- *"If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May."*
- *"Ice in November brings mud in December."*

- November Weather Folklore

- Turkeys are not native to Turkey. Originally, Turkish traders sold guinea fowl, not turkeys, from Africa to European markets.
- Do you know what a baby turkey is called? It can be called a poult, chick or even a turklette, but we don't say, "Happy Turklette Day!."

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT: WAYNE KENNEDY (ACADEMIC COORDINATOR)

Curiosity has always opened new worlds and possibilities for me from when I lived in rural Southern Illinois as a child to attending Elmhurst University outside Chicago, Illinois where I majored in history and philosophy. Armed with an MAT from National Louis University, I soon found my way as an elementary teacher in the Chicago public school system before pivoting in another direction: musical theatre and opera. Yes, I was singing and dancing. Curiosity soon led me down the path of becoming a talent agency director for 6 years where I booked talent on such venues as STAR SEARCH, an American television show produced from 1983- 1995.



In New York, I joined the Actor's Institute, a school for professional actors under founder Dan Fauci. My curiosity lured me back once again into the education field. After becoming CELTA certified, I served as a full-time ESL Continuing Education Teacher (CET) within the City University of New York before taking leave to serve as a director for 3 different educational sites. Currently, I serve both as an adopted parent of one beautiful Persian cat named Da Vinci and as Academic Coordinator for NYEA: a personal journey embracing the idea that learning English is essential for newcomers to not only contribute fully to our communities but also enable them to reach their fullest potential. It is a privilege to see people learn and become better at what they do, but is it not also rewarding to see the same progress in ourselves? Welcome everyone, to the NYEA family.

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DZIAMYAN BANNIKAU



Hello! My name is Dziamyan, I'm 19 years old and I'm from Belarus. I really love playing the guitar and creating music. I studied in the IT department and want to work in the IT sphere like a WEB-developer. That was my dream since childhood. It is necessary to know English here, but that isn't the only reason. I've been trying to learn and upgrade my English since the age of six. It is interesting to speak with other people from other countries. I think that English is the main world language which people from other countries can use to communicate. When I finished college, I understood that I wanted and I need to upgrade my English knowledge. I started to find ways to learn it on new levels. Then I found NYEA. I was excited when they were so talkative with me. I wasn't in the school building, but was near it on the second day after arriving in New York. Teachers and groups there are really interesting, unusually. After a month of studying there, I don't want to leave. I want to upgrade my language skills and to speak with this community. Like I said, the most interesting thing in English is speaking with other people. For my profession, it's necessary too. But the main reason for all purposes: my wish. Thank you, New York English Academy, for making this dream of mine come true!

# STUDENT WRITING

*If you could invite any guest to your house for Thanksgiving dinner, who would it be and why would you choose this person?*

For my first Thanksgiving, I would love to invite my grandfather. This is the person who is the most important in my life along with my mother and my sister. I choose this person because for me Thanksgiving is a family party. - Bruna (France)

If I could invite someone special, it would be my grandmother because she was one of the most special people in my life. Thank God I can celebrate Thanksgiving this year with my husband and family since my mother and my sisters will be able to come this year. - Jessica (Dominican Republic)

I want to invite my parents and my brother because they help me so much, and I really want to thank them especially on the Thanksgiving holiday. I haven't seen them for nearly 2 years. I want to cook turkey for them for dinner.- Bo (China)

I want to invite my parents from Korea and my teacher, Joe. I want to have an awkward time on my first Thanksgiving dinner. - Hyemi (Korea)

I will invite all my friends from my class to my home for my Thanksgiving dinner because they are so friendly, and they are the only friends I know here. - Sat (Burma)

I'd invite my Mom and Dad because I miss them so much. They're the dearest people for me. I love to spend holidays with my family. Sometimes we visit my husband 's parents for Thanksgiving. Then I miss Mom and Dad more. - Uliana (Russia)

If I had the opportunity to invite someone to dinner on Thanksgiving Day, it would be Oprah Winfrey. Not so long ago, I watched her show and loved it. I like how she thinks and admire her spirituality. She is a wise and very interesting person. Her experience and how she looks at life is worth learning. The second person I would invite is Jennifer Lopez as we have something in common which is dancing. I have been a fan of hers from my early childhood, so I would ask her to teach me how to dance as such a beautiful Latin woman as she is. - Yulia (Ukraine/Poland)

Last Thanksgiving dinner, my friend Jenny invited me. She lives in New Jersey with her family, two amazing sons, and one pretty dog. At the time, she made a great dinner. It seemed like an exquisite dinner. I was so grateful for that dinner. I was so moved by it. So, this year I want to invite her and her family to Thanksgiving dinner. - Jung (South Korea)

If I had a choice like this, I would like to invite Su Dongpo to dinner. He is a great ancient poet who was very talented by creating a lot of works. He experienced ups and downs, but was optimistic and strong. If I had this opportunity, I think I could chat with him about poetry and learn this optimistic spirit from him. - Bin Xue (China)

It's a hard question, actually, because I can't choose one person. However, the first person I thought about was Eminem. I don't actually know why, but it's a fact. I think it would be fun to spend time with someone whose songs I like so much. We could discuss the whole world, play some games, and sing karaoke together. - Vladyslav (Ukraine/Russia)

Thanksgiving dinner is one of the best American festivals and the most popular. For me, it's the first time that I have to enjoy that because I live in Europe, but this time, I'll be in the USA for this holiday. I've always watched the festival on TV and was impressed; I'm so excited to be there to celebrate it here with my uncle's family. I would like to invite my uncle's aunt with her husband and her girls. Her name is Lili and she is the sister of my grandmother. I have a good relationship with her because when we were in Albania, she came to my house every week and I grew up with her children; that's why I'm so happy to invite her here. When I was a child, she always bought me things just like her children and I have been close to her, so it's so beautiful to have her in the house for the dinner party. I'm so happy to have the first and the best Thanksgiving dinner with my favorite people. - Lorenzo (Albania)

His name is Arb; we went to high school together and live in the same village. When we are together, we can speak about so many themes about life, work, traveling, and hobbies, so we know each other well. It's nice when you have someone that you can feel free to talk to and you know that he never judges you. That's who I would spend time with over the Thanksgiving holiday. - Maida (Montenegro)

I think that people need to invite only close people on this holiday, to your table. As for me, I will invite my family, but I want to invite my really close friends from Belarus: three guys who grew with up me from my childhood, who helped me during really bad situations, and also who have been there during good times as well. - Dziamyan (Belarus)

I would like to invite my family to Thanksgiving here at my home in New York. In my opinion, Thanksgiving is a good moment to share with our family, friends, and people that we care about. However, I will always think about my family and friends and send good energy and thoughts to them. I hope that my Thanksgiving will be good, and that I can enjoy the moment. I am happy to have this opportunity. - Gustavo (Brazil)

I would invite for Thanksgiving dinner, as a guest at my home, my actual friend whom I knew here in Brooklyn. She is so kind and friendly to me, and she has supported and helped me a lot here in New York. - Aulona (Albania/Italy)

About inviting guests for Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite family and friends because it would be a great time to have guests from both of those groups. - Shideh (Iran)

I would like to invite my grandparents for Thanksgiving dinner because they are always the sweetest, and they deserve to have a happy and delicious meal. Although my grandparents and I were not able to see each other too often, they always send fresh fruits and blessings to us and make sure my family are doing alright. - Janice (Hong Kong)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING