



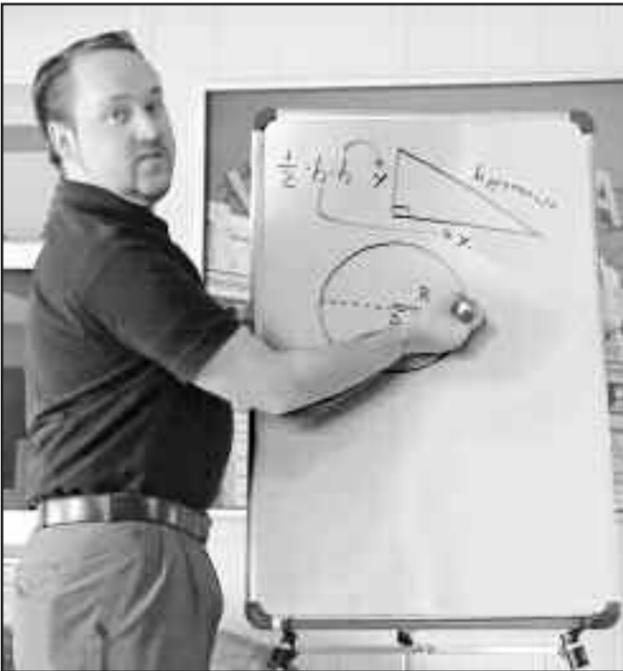
Minding Our Business

Raising The Bar Academic Coaching

**Resident's Business
Specializes In
Math, Science And
Standardized Test Tutoring
by Community Relations Director
Victoria DeSair**

Are your kids struggling in math and science and you aren't sure how to help them? Raising the Bar Academic Coaching might be the solution you need. The business was started nearly a year ago by Dan Van der Vieren of the Eagles Pointe neighborhood on Ken-Caryl Ranch.

Raising the Bar provides in-home, affordable, one-on-one and small group academic coaching services starting at \$30 per hour in a variety of subjects, but the company specializes in math, science and ACT/SAT/ Accuplacer test preparation. The company also offers convenient Skype tutoring for \$25 per hour. The academic coaches are all equipped with the knowledge to re-teach the material and are often students or recent graduates themselves, which allows them to be more closely connected to the current teaching methods and curriculum within the schools.



Dan Van der Vieren and his academic coaches at Raising the Bar prefer to use white boards and markers to emulate the classroom environment. This helps all students, especially the visual learners.

Dan has been tutoring privately for the past five years, but he founded Raising the Bar to provide a reasonably priced, quality tutoring alternative for families. The motto of the business describes how Raising the Bar inspires students to fulfill their potential: "Set new standards. Reach new heights. Raise the bar."

"Parents seek to find the right match for their son or daughter but become so overwhelmed with all the options that they often cannot get the help soon enough," said Dan. "I had several initial goals: I sought to keep prices affordable so parents could receive help for their child without breaking the bank; I wanted to provide a trustworthy and reliable service; and I wanted to create a brand whose name explained its mission: to push students to reach their fullest potential by 'Raising the Bar.'"

In addition to tutoring services, Dan has written a study guide called the "Run-To-Reference." The first volume is a colorful, 26-page, spiral-bound manual that provides a quick refresher of pre-algebra math concepts. Dan is currently writing the second volume, as well as practice ACT math exams. All new clients will receive a free hour of academic coaching by Dan when they order the "Run-To-Reference" manual for \$25. Dan will even deliver the manual to Ken-Caryl Ranch residents, and residents can pay upon delivery.

Raising the Bar employs four academic coaches in addition to Dan. "All of our academic coaches are more than tutors and homework-helpers. We follow the acronym S.M.A.R.T.2, which stands for Study-Guide, Mentor, Advisor, Role-Model, Teacher and Tutor," said Dan.

Currently, about 30 percent of Raising the Bar's clients are on Ken-Caryl Ranch. New clients are often gained through referrals. Dan said receiving referrals from satisfied students and parents is one of his favorite parts of the business because it confirms successful results and the confidence those clients have in Raising the Bar.

Raising the Bar is offering a free trial hour (attached to the free one-hour consultation) for all new clients who mention this article. To find out more about Raising the Bar, visit www.rtbcoaching.com, call 720-509-9782 or



email dan.v@rtbcoaching.com.

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Area Spotlight

Littleton Symphony Orchestra Concert

The Littleton Symphony Orchestra will be performing "Great Stories in Music: The Fantastic Story of Peer Gynt" on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St. in Littleton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and free for youth 21 and under. They may be purchased ahead online at www.littletonsymphony.org or at Gorsett Violin Shop, 8100 S. Quebec Street, B206 in Centennial. Tickets are also available at the door on concert night. For discounted group tickets (10+) or for more information, call 303-933-6824 or email info@littletonsymphony.org.

Visit www.ken-caryl ranch.org

Birthday Parties At The Equestrian Center

Let the horses help you celebrate your birthday! Put on some boots and get ready to saddle up for a great time at the barn!

Your birthday party starts with getting your horse ready to ride. Experience grooming a horse and helping put on its saddle and bridle. Then it is time to get on and ride! Don't forget the camera!

Afterward, enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Ken-Caryl Equestrian Center. Feel free to use our picnic tables to enjoy your party treats or open gifts. If the weather is not cooperating, you can also use our living room in the office.

\$90 for the first three children.
\$15 for each additional child.

Payment and final number of attendees is due one week prior to event.

Call for reservations: 303-972-8456.

The new year brings a time for reflecting on who we are, where we are going, and for being grateful for what we have. Keep love in your heart, kindness in your words, peace in your mind and a smile on your face throughout 2014.



**Thank you to all
my friends
and neighbors
for a
wonderful
2013.**

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