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Sylvan Learning Center to Hold Open House in Bloomer Today

Sylvan Learning Center will be expanding its services to the Bloomer community with a satellite location that will open its doors this month.

The tutoring facility will set up shop under the direction of Kayann Bock, the current owner and operator of the base location in Eau Claire. With the enrollment among smaller towns in the Chippewa Valley currently on the rise, the creation of an extension site in a central location quickly became a necessity.

The Sylvan Learning Center offers a wide array of services ranging from subject-specific tutoring to college test prep. Yet regardless of the type of expertise, a personal, authentic, and effective approach to learning and education remains at the academic center's core.

"At Sylvan, we believe that education is everything, learning should be personal, great teachers inspire, technology accelerates learning, and results matter," Bock stated. "We begin with an assessment in order to identify individual academic needs, interview the parents, and build personalized mastery instruction plans aligned with state standards in order to ensure long-term retention, skill-confidence, study strategies, and overall academic confidence."

Bock joined the Sylvan mission after graduating from Winona State University with a degree in Elementary Education in 1999. In 2001, she made it a full-time career, becoming Executive Director the following year for the Eau Claire, Hudson, and Menomonie locations.

"I knew since I was in second grade that I wanted to make a significant impact in education and working with students," said Bock. "I joined Sylvan because of the daily student successes, proven academic programs, and motivating environment. Undoubtedly, this is a career I am happy to wake up for and commit my life to."

Though the interests of students remain Sylvan's first and foremost priority, the learning center intends to enrich the community in more ways than one. While the up-and-coming generations of Bloomer youth are destined to thrive academically, community employees and businesses are in a position to flourish as well.

"We are excited to join the prosperous community of Bloomer, which we believe we will enhance in many positive ways," Bock exclaimed. "We will offer partnerships to the schools with free resources and other supplemental education services. We will also be providing jobs for professional teachers and other support staff."

While helping students realize their academic goals is certainly a worthy mission, the integrity of the tutoring facility would be nothing without significant, measurable results.

"Our success rate is about 98% and our customer-satisfaction is 9 out of 10 year-over-year," explained Bock. "I think that's a great testimony to our programs, teachers, service, commitment, and passion."

Going beyond statistical data, Bock makes clear that at the end of the day, it's all about the lasting, sustainable impact tutors and mentors are able to leave on their students. And for the faculty and staff at Sylvan, observing this process take place is undoubtedly the greatest reward.

"As an educator, witnessing the everyday achievements of our students is remarkable and, quite frankly, the sole-reason I chose to make Sylvan Learning a career fifteen years ago," said Bock. "Not only do we possess excellent academic progress in our data, but most notably is the confidence instilled in the students and the parents. Changing a life is priceless and we're lucky to do it daily."