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CAACE

The Connecticut Association for Adult & Continuing Education

January 2024 Newsletter Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events

February 9 CAACE Board Meeting
[Virtual Link](#)

CAACE Conference Updates Program Ads

- Our Conference Program is quickly filling up. To reserve your program ad space please complete this [form](#). We don't need your ad yet, but we need to hold your space now. Ads will be due to David Downes by January 26th.

Conference Registration @
www.caacecoursestorm.com

Our Conference Workshops will be announced the week of January 22. Stay tuned for what we know will be some of the best Adult Education learning opportunities east of the Mississippi!

Scholarship Bingo
Join us on Friday February 2,

President's New Year Message

Dear CAACE Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, love, and delicious food! With the holidays behind us, our biggest goal is to have the best CAACE Conference we have ever had! We already have many outstanding presentation proposals and award nominations. It is truly going to be two full days of excellence at the Mystic Marriott on March 7 and 8.

The past year had many wonderful successes that I want to highlight to all our members. In the spring, CAACE successfully advocated for no state cap for our adult education funding. That means that there were no cuts to our funding and there will be no cuts for fiscal year 2024 either. In March, we had our first in person conference since 2019 and it was a massive success! Thank you again to all of our presenters, proctors, participants, and sponsors. Over

from 6-7PM for our annual Bingo. Grab a friend and your favorite Friday night beverage and join us in a friendly, or not game of Bingo. Great prices and fun guaranteed!

Register & Pay Here
or to pay by check or invoice Here:

New in 2024

CAACE will be offering a bus trip to Foxwoods on Thursday March 7th following our conference. If you're interested in learning more **register here.**



the summer, CAACE negotiated an agreement with ProLiteracy for a statewide membership for all of our members. And in August, we hired our first full time executive director, Larry Covino, who has helped us immensely as we continue to advocate for our members, plan professional learning for our leaders, and plan our 2024 conference. In September, CAACE planned a successful event at the state capitol during Adult Education and Family Literacy Week that honored State Sen. Cathy Osten for her continued support of our field.

On the horizon, CAACE has put together a Strategic Planning Committee to develop a three-year plan for our organization. This document will guide our work as CAACE continues to grow and evolve into an organization that can fit the needs of your programs.

Thank you for your continued work with our adult learners and have a great second half of the school year!

Dr. Anthony Mangiafico

CSDE Updates

- CSDE Policy Forum is Friday January 12, 9-12
- ATDN is offering a variety of Professional Learning opportunities to learn more about offerings go to their website: www.atdnct.org.
- Adult Education State Grant Meeting Jan. 25 9:30-11:00
- Racial Equity Meetings for 2024: 02/21, 04/17, 06/26
- As we approach Martin Luther King's birthday here are some resources: <https://thekingcenter.org/> There are also resources in the MLK Day folder in the Racial Equity Resources shared drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zJnkocb->

CAACE September Board Meeting Minutes

Help Wanted Postings



COABE UPDATES

Registration for the 2024 COABE Conference in Nashville Tennessee will be available soon. To learn more visit: [2024 COABE National Conference – Coalition on Adult Basic Education](#)

Please notify Larry Covino if someone from your program is attending the COABE Conference. We'd like to try to get all CT attendees together.



FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATES

CSDE Policy Forum 01/12/2024 9-12:00

CAACE Director's Roundtable Follow-up 01/19/2024 10-12:00

CAACE Advocacy Meeting 02/02/2024 8-9:00

CAACE Conference Committee Meeting 02/08/2024 3-4:30

CAACE Board Meeting 02/09/2024 10-12:00

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CAACE Conference Volunteers Needed

If you're attending the CAACE Conference and are able to arrive early or stay a few minutes late we could use your help. Each year a team of volunteers helps us set up the workshop rooms and break them down. If you're planning on attending the conference and can spare a few minutes on Thursday morning or Friday afternoon, please email infor@caace.org
Many hands make for light work

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT YOUR PROGRAM?

Are you having a family literacy event, fabulous guest speaker, or job fair? Or perhaps you want to spotlight a dedicated and creative teacher or student? Email a photo and a short description to Larry, covinol@caace.org, and we will spotlight this in an upcoming newsletter and on the CAACE website.

We would love to highlight your local program
in our next newsletter!



Reminder of 'low income' adult ed resources that are timely & relevant state wide. Please add these links to your programs website
[Energy Assistance](#) [VITA -Free Tax Filing](#) [Warming Centers](#) [Access Health](#)

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