CAACE August/September 2019 Newsletter

Welcome Back

Hi All,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and restful summer. This newsletter contains several pieces of very important information so please take the time to review it carefully.

On August 1, 2019, CAACE hired Sarah De Feudis as the administrative assistant. Sarah currently lives in Bristol and works with Bristol Adult Education and with Farmington Continuing Education as program facilitator. She is currently transitioning with Rissa Webb and Kelly Lanahan. Her email is <u>defeudiss@caace.org</u> and cell 860.805.2499.

Best wishes for a great start to your new school year. Larry & Heather

Dear Friends,

On behalf of CAACE and it's Board of Directors I would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Kristin Berenson. Kristin dedicated many years to our adult learners and to helping to ensure that they had the most qualified teachers possible. She worked tirelessly to support all of us in providing the latest training regarding the education of our students. Kristin lead not only at the state level, but also at the national level in developing the most advanced training programs for adult learners. She was a quiet leader who lead by hard work and dedication while always striving to improve all of our programs.

To her colleagues, family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy and we pray that her children will find the support they need during the difficult days ahead. Sincerely CAACE Board of Directors Larry Covino, President I know it's only August, but the CAACE Conference committee is already hard at work planning for a fantastic March Conference As always, we welcome your input, so if you have an idea for a conference session or you're interested in volunteering on the conference committee please contact Heather or Risa.

2020 CAACE Conference, Mystic Marriott, March 26 & 27

CAACE Board Meeting

Our CAACE Board meetings are set and we are ready to go for another exciting year. Out of respect for everyone's time we decided to eliminate the September Board meeting. Our first meeting will be **Friday October 4**, 2019. This will be followed by a Conference Committee meeting. For additional meeting dates and locations please visit our CAACE Calendar on

our website. <u>WWW.Caace.org</u> Remember everyone is welcome to our Board Meetings

Advocacy

"Advocacy" and "promotion" often overlap as we try to both get the word out about our programs as well as tell how what we do is important and deserves quality support. An early effort this year in both advocacy and promotion is the "No Excuses" parade and rally that will be happening on the morning of September 26 in New Haven. Please be sure to have the event on your calendar and be on the alert for additional communications coming soon on how your program can be a part of this celebration and promotion of adult education in CT.

While our Congress managed to agree on an overall budget level for the upcoming fiscal year, and the House managed to pass funding bills for ten of the twelve areas of discretionary spending, particular line items have not been set. This means that adult education (primarily concerning Title II of WIOA) still needs to be in there fighting for funding that has increased in the past two years but is still at a level below what was authorized when the new act became law several years ago. If your Congressional representative is in town this summer, be sure to let them know about all the great things happening in adult education in your area.

CSDE News

Fall Policy Forum Friday September 20, 2019, 9:30 A.M. CT Energize Center, 122 Universal Dr. North Haven

CAACE Professional Development

Our PD committee met and they are in the process of developing some outstanding, pertinent and instructive professional development for the upcoming school year. Our first Professional Development session will be held **Friday October 25, 2019** in Bristol. This will feature **Google Applied Digital Literacy training**. We are also planning another Leadership Summit for Friday November For more information or to register visit the CAACE website: www.caace.org

Save the Date: "No Excuses" March for Education Come join your friends, colleagues and our students in supporting adult education throughout the State of Connecticut Thursday September 26, 2019 10:00 A.M. in New Haven For more information or to register go to:

https://caace.org/no-excuse-march-foreducation