

IAACE Member January Newsletter

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IAACE Members-

Hi everybody! Despite Indiana's cold, blustery weather, IAACE is starting to heat things up with a calendar chock full of invigorating events. We've weathered a busy year already with the fall conference and the creation of

our new strategic plan, and now we are steaming ahead to an even more action-packed second half of this year.

First up is our Adult Education Day at the Statehouse, which will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, February 13, in the North Atrium of the Indiana State House. If you have not had a chance to RSVP, please don't forget to do so because we need to get the seating and all that situated. If you've been busy and haven't had a chance ever to attend Adult Education Day, boy, have you missed out. Each year at the event, we get the chance to celebrate our students, our community partners, and our accomplishments in Indiana Adult Education. This is a very important event because it allows our legislators and government officials to hear all the wonderful things we are doing. While we all know Indiana is a national leader in Adult Education, not everyone else does. It is up to us to get that word out so that when it is budget time, we will continue to have funding to meet our needs and grow our programs. Please plan to attend because it is critical we work together to spotlight the tremendous impact adult education has on our communities.

Secondly, don't forget about the IAACE Board of Director nominations. Thank you to our nomination committee, Brenda Gaston, Karen Crawford, and Mandi Logsdon. These ladies have all served on the board and are meeting next week to set the timeline and discuss the need for adult educators to be passionate about what we do to join the team. We are looking for those who have a desire to serve and help. If you want a sneak peek of the application/nomination form, visit <https://iaace.com/board-nomination-application-2024/>. The official rollout will be no later than February 3.

Lastly, for now, don't forget about our annual membership meeting and Virtual Institute, which will be held on Friday, May 3. At the annual meeting, we will share all the highlights of the new strategic plan, vote for our new Board members, and discuss all of the great things ahead of us. I'll give you more details about Virtual Institute later, but just make sure you mark your calendars and get ready to spend a day exploring some familiar adult education topics and even learning something new!

I'll see you soon,

Konnie

IAACE President 2023-2024

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The Strategic Plan - Committee Redesign

The pillars are Professional Development, Collaboration, Advocacy, and Resource Development, and the Committees are redesigned with these titles. Committee Chairs are forming descriptions and completing goals outlines. If you were on a committee prior to these changes, you are still on that committee. If your committee title changed then it is up to you to choose a committee. We hope all members will become involved in a committee.

The board will continue building out the tasks and timeline of the plan, and it will be officially unveiled at the annual meeting on Friday, May 3. IAACE will host the Virtual Institute on that day as well.

See below for a simple description of each committee and the chair. If you would like to attend a meeting of any committee prior to joining, contact the committee chair and/or our executive director. If you are ready to join a committee, click the graphic below.

 <p>Advocacy Committee</p> <p>Advocacy Committee</p> <p>Select</p>	 <p>Conference Planning Group</p> <p>Conference Planning Group:</p> <p>Select</p>	 <p>Professional Development Committee</p> <p>The Professional</p> <p>Select</p>	 <p>Collaboration Committee</p> <p>The IAACE Collaboration Committee is the vital hub</p> <p>Select</p>	 <p>Resources Committee</p> <p>The Resources Committee was formerly the literacy</p> <p>Select</p>
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Advocacy Committee (Adrienne Carrol, Chair)-

The Advocacy Committee is the engine that drives positive change within our organization and beyond. We are a passionate group dedicated to amplifying the voices of those who matter most, using strategic advocacy initiatives to influence policy, promote awareness, and create a brighter future for all.

Professional Development Committee (Katie Walton, Chair)-

The Professional Development Committee is dedicated to fostering a thriving community of continuous learners. We're your one-stop shop for enriching experiences that ignite your potential and elevate your career. We do this by crafting a diverse and dynamic menu of opportunities, including annual conferences, virtual institutes, and virtual offerings and special events.

Conference Planning Group (Katie Walton, Jenn Wigginton, Co-Chairs)-

The conference planning group is fun. If you want a part in making your conference motivational and inspiring, join the conference planning group. Call for presenters, after-hour fun, and a keynote speaker; you can have a say in all of it when you enter the conference committee.

Collaboration Committee (Angie Reffo, Chair)-

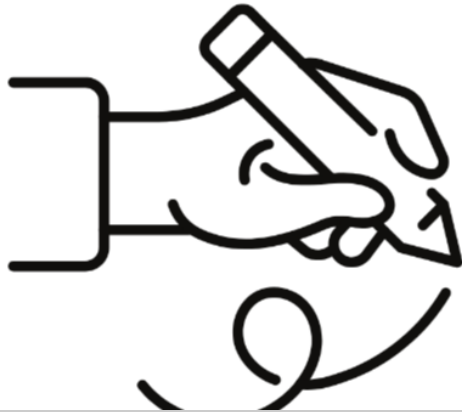
The IAACE Collaboration Committee is the vital hub for connecting and leveraging partnerships within and beyond the organization. It's a dynamic group dedicated to amplifying the impact of adult and continuing education through strategic interactions and collaborations. The responsibilities include communication, history, membership, partnerships, and awards.

Resources Committee (Christy McIntyre Gray, Chair)-

The Resources Committee was formerly the Literacy Committee. Through the strategic plan, we are building a resource from the Indiana Literacy Association. This committee is for all those who understand that literacy is fundamental, and the collaboration between our two organizations is vital for our success.

Visit the page [//iaace.com/committee-sign-up/#!/form/Committees](https://iaace.com/committee-sign-up/#!/form/Committees) to sign up for the committee that interests you the most. If you have questions, [reach out to the chair](#) or [Jenn Wigginton, IAACE Executive Director](#).

iaace *Essay Contest*



**How has adult
education
helped to
forge your
future?**

Top 25 Adult Learner Essays

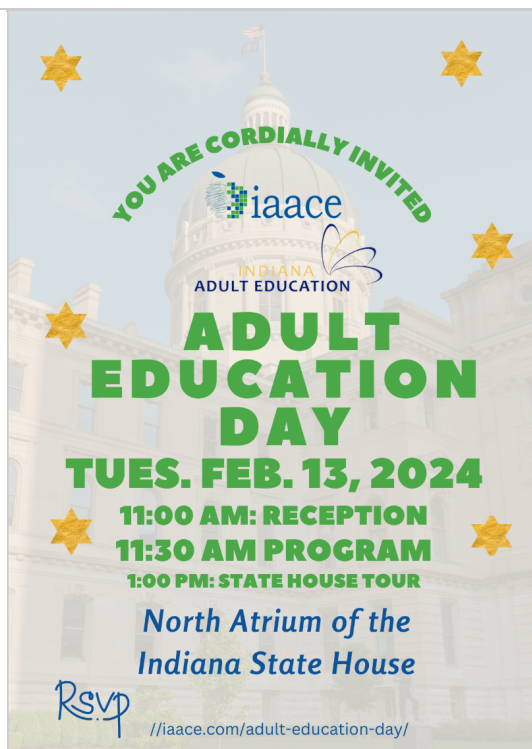
Thank you to the all of the 2024 Adult Learner Essay Contest participants, if you have not downloaded the participation certificate, you may do so at [//iaace.com/advocacy/essay-contest/](https://iaace.com/advocacy/essay-contest/). If you need assistance, [please email out to director@iaace.com](mailto:please_email_out_to_director@iaace.com).

Here is the top 25 essay participants in alphabetical order:

Zamanova	Albina
Farida	Aziz-Zadeh
Erica	Ballard
Aurryanna	Bennett
Naomie	Bondo
Kaitlyn	Bowling
Aaron	Cabello
Samuel	Cardova
Maria	Cuautle
Ronisson	de Souza de Oliveira
Nelson	Ernest
Zzalek-seanta	Gill
Jose	Gomez
Quentin	Guy
Barbara	Hinds
Tamara	Hulbert
Ava	Johnson

Tanya Bac Thanh	Le Tran
Marie	Ludie Paul
Marquettea	Palmer
Joseph	Pierre
Keith	Pressley
Amethyst	Sanders
S. Garrett	Stefanopoulos
Ian	Stutz

The judges are reading the essays, and we will have the top three winners announcement next week; 1st place will receive a \$250 gift card, 2nd place will receive \$150, and 3rd place will receive \$100.



Celebrate Lifelong Learning and Empower Your Community: 2024 Adult Education Day Invitation

Join us on February 13th, 2024! It's time to celebrate the transformative power of Adult Education at our annual **Adult Education Day**, held at the Indiana State House North Atrium, [200 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN](#), from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm ET. The reception begins at 11:00 am, the program will start at 11:30 am, and a tour of the State House will begin at 1:00 pm.

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Business Partner List

The business partners submitted for recognition at Adult Education Day on Feb. 13, 2024, are below:

TA Services, Inc.

Toyota Material Handling, Inc.
Cummins
Stone City Products
Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana
Perdue Farms
ITAMCO
Boston Scientific
Wieland Design
Buzzi Unicem, USA
Ascension Medical Group (Evansville)
Crown Point Library & Friends of the Crown Point Adult Learning Center
Comcast
Enkei America, Inc.
Parkview Health
B&W Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Drains
IU Health Mosaic Center
Center for Global Children
H.T. Hackney
Southeastern Career Center
Morning Breeze Retirement Community and Healthcare Center

RSVP for Adult Education Day, Feb. 13

JOIN THE
MOVEMENT

Advocacy Committee

CALLING
ATTENTION TO
ADULT
EDUCATION



The Advocacy Committee will meet on Friday, January 19 at 11:00 am CT/12:00 pm ET via Zoom. If you are interested in advocacy, guests are welcome. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83372788737?pwd=5deG9IHtHk0L56h6OfKbPhx3ok7Yvz.1>

**Meeting ID: 833 7278 8737
Passcode: 972456**

Join the Advocacy Committee Meeting on January 19

Unveiling the 2024 Conference Logo **Get ready for a rootin' tootin' conference!**

The **2024 IAACE Conference** will be on October 2, 3, and 4 at the Belterra Conference Center in Florence, Indiana. The theme, Round Up Your

Knowledge and Saddle Up for Success promises to brand us all! The committee meeting this past Friday started the talks on keynotes, sponsors, and strands. We will begin recruiting early bird sponsors very soon. You can expect the call for proposals to be released in March. If you want to be in the loop all the time on all things conference, get a wiggle on and join today!





Save
The
Date

VIRTUAL INSTITUTE

[//virtual.iaace.com/](http://virtual.iaace.com/)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

The IAACE Virtual Institute, hosted by the Indiana Association for Adult and Continuing Education (IAACE), is an annual professional development event held entirely online. It's geared towards individuals working in the field of adult education and aims to provide them with valuable tools and resources to enhance their skills and knowledge. The focus of the institute is in the planning stage. If you have ideas to share, visit [//iaace.com/virtual-institute/](http://iaace.com/virtual-institute/).

COABE

COALITION ON ADULT BASIC EDUCATION



Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year - \$2,000

Samuel Gabaldon - NM
Luna Community College

Outstanding Teacher of the Year - \$2,000

Adriana Galvan - MN
Saint Paul Public Library

Outstanding Administrator of the Year - \$2,000

Laurie Kierstead-Joseph - AZ
Pima Community College Adult Basic Education for College & Career

Outstanding State Innovation of the Year - \$2,000
Indiana Department of Workforce Development - IN

Outstanding Local Excellence in Advocacy - \$2,000

Cheryl Heister - PA

Literacy & Learning Success Centers

Advancing Workforce Development - \$2,000

Briya Public Charter School - DC

State Association Leadership Institute Award - \$2,000

Michigan Association of Community
And Adult Education (MACAE) - MI

Scholarship Award - \$2,000

Dakota Shelton - AR
NorthWest Arkansas Community College Adult Education

Incentive Grant - \$2,000

Tammy Armond - LA
Louisiana Association for Public, Community & Adult Education

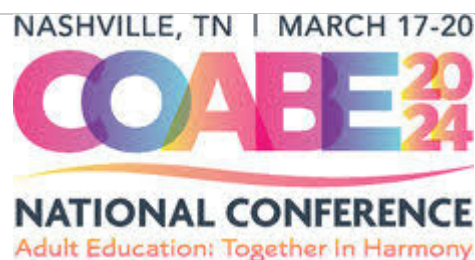
Behind Every Employer Incentive Grant - \$2,000

Beyond Literacy - PA

Programs Succeed When Learners Lead Grant - \$2,000

School District of Palm Beach County - FL

Congratulations to all winners especially Indiana Department of Workforce Development.



Want to see the list of 2024 COABE Presentations? [Click here.](#)
We plan to get all our Indiana peeps together at COABE. Please share if you are attending by emailing_director@iaace.com or [connecting on the Whova App.](#)

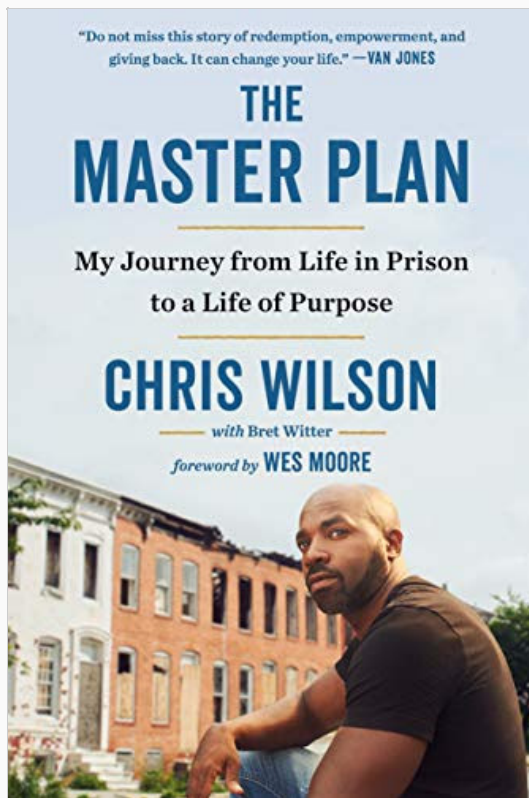
A COABE membership is a benefit of IAACE membership.



[//iaace.com/book-club/](https://iaace.com/book-club/)

IAACE Reads Book Club poll has chosen the book: The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose By Bret Witter and Chris Wilson

Join the book club at <https://bookclubs.com/clubs/6000247/join/36dd75/>



If you want to participate in the read, order the book on Amazon or check your local library or book store. For details on availability, [click here](#).

The discussion will be in late March at a date to be determined.



 iaace wishes a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
TO THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE BIRTHDAYS
ARE THIS MONTH!

Happy Birthday to January Birthdays!

Laura	Palomino	3
Mark	Newell	5
Keyla Gallardo	Yerovi	8
Deb	Sherwood	10
Julie	Fregien	10
Nancy	Mitchell	11
Tracey	Jones	13
Jackie	Bailey	14
Jessica	Gensic	16
Shalmon	Radford	18
Kristi	Brumley	21
Deborah D.	Graves	22
Dietchyne	Aime	24
Thomas	Mungle	24
Alecia	Conrad	26
John	Shaw	26
Gayle	Brooks	27
Christina	Matthews	28
Elizabeth	Alber	28
Linda	Ransom	29
Bonnie	Flint	31
Sherry	Weldy	31

The [blog that requested birthdays](#) was released on July 15, 2020. New Memberships are asked for birthdays; if your birthday is missing, [sign in to your profile](#) and add your birthday month and date. It may also be that your membership is expired.

**ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED, UNDEREMPLOYED,
REENTERING THE WORKFORCE, OR DISPLACED?**



**LOOKING FOR
A CAREER?**

**LOW-COST
TRAINING WITH
HIGH VALUE
REWARDS!**



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