

AALL the News

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Letter from the President:

Hello AALL members!

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank you for all the work you do in supporting your students, promoting adult literacy and constantly working on program improvement to better meet future challenges. One thing I have noticed since becoming AALL president is the dedication and commitment of our members in all that they do. AALL would like to continue supporting that level of commitment by offering quality professional learning opportunities like the spring and fall awards conference, scholarship opportunities for members and students and offering a rich source of online resources and materials. A change in support of that effort coming soon will be a new web site which promises to offer better access to member benefits as well as automated renewals and reminders. As we gear up for this new web site, please feel free to let us know what resources and functions would best serve your needs as an AALL member.

AALL is also proud to be bringing the national COABE conference to Phoenix in 2018. This conference will bring presenters from all over the nation to share best practices and professional learning to adult educators right here in the state of Arizona. As the cost of attending a national conference can be sometimes prohibitive, I am excited to see this conference come to Phoenix in 2018! AALL is involved with many aspects of the planning of this conference and we would like to see our members get involved



as well to lend a hand in shaping the theme and direction of the presentations. Keep a look out for upcoming news and opportunities to contribute to the many conference committees we are putting together that will make COABE 2018 a conference to remember!

As AALL considers other opportunities to better support adult literacy and education in Arizona, please consider helping to create those opportunities by sharing your ideas, giving time to the board or joining one of our committees. Our member feedback is invaluable to our efforts and the contributions you give to the association in time, ideas and feedback only help to make us better and stronger.

Thank you again for all that you do and for being a valued member of the Arizona Association for Lifelong Learning.

Philip Suriano
AALL President

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Civics Events Bring Students Together for Active Learning

~Tamara Cochran, Coordinator of Instructional Programs, RSC Thomas



RSC Thomas closed the year with a 2-day and 2-night event where students displayed projects, engaged in hands-on activities, and discussed College and Career Readiness. ELAA, HSE students, and community members were invited to the event titled, "Crossroads: Change Your World." Instructors and students spent the month preceding the event creating class projects, posters, poems, essays, and videos comparing and contrasting past and present trends in education, careers, and technology. Students looked ahead to the future and reconfirmed their goals. Instructors and students dressed in period clothing to celebrate historical events, created Venn diagrams to start deeper discussions and extended learning opportunities, and participated in activity stations to answer scavenger hunt questions about facts and figures from topics throughout history. Julie Jorgensen, Lead ELAA Instructor, facilitated the events.

Cheri Land, our RSC Thomas Academic

Advisor, contacted the office of the Secretary of State, which provided a guest speaker for the event, Voting Rights Ambassador, Joseph Delgarado. Cheri hosted a voting booth, which was one of the event activity stations, where students learned about the importance of civic engagement and could register to vote. Alberto Olivas, Director of the MCCC Center for Civic Participation, attended one of the sessions and provided voter registration forms and additional voting information.

The event would not have been possible without the funding and sponsorship from the Arizona Association for Lifelong Learning and MCCC Center for Civic Participation or the hard work and dedication of the RSC Thomas support staff, instructors, and the event planning team Stacy DiSalvo, Julie Jorgensen, Viola Klype, Cheri Land, Ingrid Lewis, Rosa Zepeda, and Nicole Zhang.

Congratulations RSC Thomas for your teamwork and dedication to student success.



Adult Education Ambassadors Visit Capitol for Adult Literacy Week

~Kathy Budway, Civics & Student Leadership Coordinator, Pima College

On February 18th, nine ABECC ambassadors and six staff, traveled to the state capitol to visit lawmakers with the purpose of building relationships and raising awareness of the importance of adult education in Arizona. Students met with Senator Farley, and with Representatives Gonzalez, Friese, Kopec, and Gabaldon. During floor introductions we were proudly recognized by Senator Farley in the Senate; and on the House side, 2 representatives, Friese and Gabaldon, stood together as a team to acknowledge ABECC's presence and program, calling each student by name.

One particular highlight was when Senator Farley took all of the students onto the Senate floor for the meeting and a quick tour.

In short, our new ambassadors met the proposed goals of:

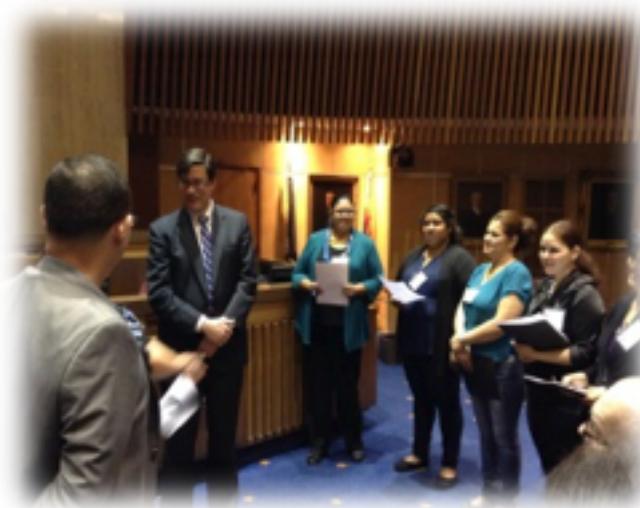
- Helping educate lawmakers about the importance of adult education
- Developing relationships with elected officials
- Experiencing hands-on civic engagement at the heart of state government
- Informing and exciting other members of adult education student body and community about the importance of civic engagement
- Raising awareness among students of the impact constituents can have on lawmakers
- Applying their writing skills by submitting reflections on this experience to ABEECC's online student newsletter
- Sharing their learning and experiences at upcoming conferences

Regarding the role of ambassadors going forward, students are already beginning to spread the word of this event as a recruitment tool to attract future student leaders. They will continue to share their experiences at upcoming HSE 102s, at new student orientations, conferences and at other local events. In fact, ambassadors recently presented at the 3rd annual Civic Learning Conference



hosted by the Department of Education and Paradise Valley Community College on March 4th, 2016. They presented on their trip to the capital, voter registration drives, and how they were able to successfully make changes to the bus stops near the EL Rio Learning Center by working with their City council woman and other City Officials.

On behalf of all ABECC ambassadors, we'd like to thank AALLL for its gracious and generous support of this important civic education and leadership-building event.



Students from Phoenix Indian Center Travel to State Capitol Museum & Legislature

~Olivia Hendricks, Phoenix Indian Center

On February 17th, seven students and one staff traveled to the State Capitol Museum and Legislature. Upon departure, all students were given flyers for our next orientation and were encouraged to inform people along the way about the importance of Adult Education and the program, in general. Each student shared their experience with the program and targeted individuals lacking a high school diploma. As we arrived at the Capitol, students were guided by a tour guide and had the chance to learn about historical activities and artifacts. They enjoyed learning and interacting with the government of the great state of Arizona. In addition, Legislation was in session and students were able to sit in on their meeting. Students were amazed that they actually got a chance to see and hear bills being talked about, passed, and reviewed. Lunch was then provided for students.

On February 18th, five students and one staff traveled to the 2016 Arizona Adult Literacy Week Ceremony at Rio Salado College. Students traveled to the ceremony to celebrate adult literacy and lifelong learning in Arizona. They will be able to celebrate their projects and meet adult education students from other adult education programs in Arizona. Student who participated in the contest were rewarded with Certificates. Upon returning to the center, student enjoyed lunch.



ABOVE: Darryl Goseyun is sharing program information and the importance of Adult Education to two individuals waiting at the light rail station.

BELOW: Keneah Torralba and Loren King Jr. listen to discussion being held at the legislature



Students from Phoenix Indian Center Travel to State Capitol Museum & Legislature (cont.)



Group photo in front of the State Legislature. (L-R: Darryl Goseyun, Loren King Jr., Jacob CamaGho, Theresa Sylvia, Khobe Growler, Olivia Hendricks, Keneah Torralba and Brenda Bronston)



A group photo of students with the banner and their certificates. (L-R: Mikayla McRoye, Brenda Bronston, Loren King Jr., Khobe Growler and Darryl Goseyun)

Record Number of Ambassadors Trained

~Diane Jackson, Queen Creek

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Class of Adult Education Student Ambassadors. Thirty-eight student leaders and adult education staff from five counties, seven programs, and the Department of Education (Adult Education Services) completed the Statewide Ambassador Training January 29 and 30, 2016. Underwritten by AALL and hosted by Queen Creek's Adult Ed Program, this class is one of the largest in Ambassador Training history.

According to participant feedback and evaluations, the highlight of the training was an opportunity to test newly developed Ambassador skills during a visit by Arizona House Member T.J. Shope (LD8). Representative Shope shared his invaluable perspective on "what works" for reaching out to policy makers.



AALL Member Wins Scholarship to MPAEA Conference

~Blair Liddicoat, AALL Scholarship Committee Chair

For a number of years, AALL has provided a full-cost scholarship to an AALL member to attend the Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) Conference. The winner is selected in a blind drawing of all the members. This year's conference is in Boise, Idaho on April 27-29. And this year's winner is **Britney Lieze**.

The board wants to thank Britney for being an association member and we offer her our congratulations. We are sure she will have an interesting, learning experience in Boise. We look forward to reading her conference article in the AALL Newsletter upon her return.

If you would like to be eligible for next year's conference scholarship drawing, be sure to maintain your AALL membership.

NPC Student Wins 2 Medals at Arizona SkillsUSA Competition

~ Kenneth Wilk, NPC Student Sponsor

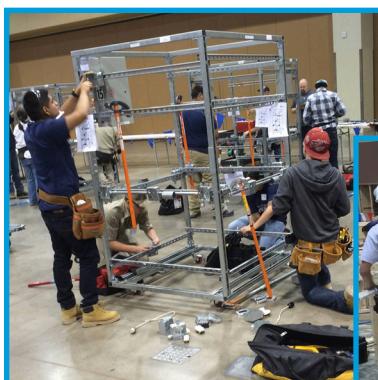


A student enrolled in career and technical education programs and the College and Career Prep. Program at Northland Pioneer College brought home 2 medals from the Arizona SkillsUSA competition in Phoenix, March 29–30. He was one of 40 NPC/NAVIT students competed in 14 events, with 14 students earning one or more medals in 9 of those events.

"I am extremely proud of our CTE students," said Peggy Belknap, NPC's CTE dean. "To take the top ...medals, [it] shows how well prepared our students are for the workforce. I applaud all of the students who competed."

Earning Silver Medals were NPC-IBEST student Antonio Soto (Carpentry); The Quiz Bowl team of 4 students that Antonio Soto competed on brought home a bronze medal.

Following the two days of competition, students broke into groups to tour Rummel Construction and other employers in the Phoenix Metro area. SkillsUSA serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations. More than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA.



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to improve opportunities for educational growth by promoting and inspiring lifelong learning and adult literacy in the state of Arizona

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- Local professional development opportunities for certification
- Student and program staff scholarships, awards and mini-grants

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