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WINTER WELL WISHES!



*From all of us at the MACAE Office, we would like to wish you
Happy Holidays!*

*MACAE had a wonderful 2019 with exceptional association
growth and engagement from new and returning members.
It is because of YOU, that we are able to do what we do.*

*Our mission for 2020 is to continue to provide you with the net-
work, resources and support you need to be successful.*

We wish you a wonderful holiday season!

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Upcoming MACAE Important Dates:

(SCECHs available!)

Friday, January 10, 2020: MACAE Committees

12:00pm—3:00pm

Networking, Lunch and Learn Series with CASAS and Aztec followed by work in our committees. Join Advocacy, Alternative, Community Ed, High School Equivalency, ABE/Literacy or Workforce Development.

We hope you will join us! Please RSVP to our office.

Friday, January 24, 2020: Grant Writing Workshop

An important part of serving as educational administrators and nonprofit leaders is being able to manage assets and seek out new opportunities. This workshop is a resource for non profit and educational professionals looking to expand program outreach and leverage additional resources. Cost is \$45 for members and \$100 for non members.

Take advantage of our
upcoming Professional
Development today!

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DAILY UPDATES!

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MACAE IN THE NEWS:

MACAE members from around the state are involved in innovative work and practices! If you have an interesting story to share, please contact the MACAE Office.

What's the latest?

Washtenaw Community College, Plymouth Canton Adult Education, and MSU Migrant Student Services all have immediate openings for various positions. [Find more information at the MACAE Job Board!](#)

Southwest Solutions hosted the Midwest Region 5 Youth Build Summit in November. Representatives from all across Michigan were present to share best practices and ideas on contextualized curriculums and educational pathways.

We have hit a new record! Over 300 individuals or program staff members have joined and been added to the **2019-2020 MACAE membership!** Our association continues to grow and become strengthened by each new addition!

Association Member Karyn Goven from

Southwest Solutions, Pam Gosla and Heather Robidoux from **Michigan-Works! Southeast** were selected to each present at COABE 2020. The National Adult Education conference is held in Baltimore during April.

Dominican Literacy Center hosted a fun holiday door decorating competition between staff members! Students, volunteers and benefactors had the chance to vote on the winning door!

Oakland County Community and Adult Education programs hosted their annual Holiday luncheon in early December.

Troy Continuing Education expanded its programming to include institutional learning in Pontiac.

MACAE Outreach visited 6 programs in November and December!

Other Information

Check out these news stories:

- [US Congress increases funding for WIOA youth and adults by \\$10 million](#)

Kids Count Youth Initiative

MACAE continues its strong partnerships with other agencies that have a vested interest in similar populations. One of these projects is the Kids Count Initiative through the Michigan League for Public Policy. The roundtable initiative composed of members from several statewide organizations seeks to establish indicators and provide direct resources, training and support to programs that aid child well being through health, education and safety. Particularly for MACAE we are involved to support alternative education youth, WIOA funded in- and out-of-school youth and homeless adolescents, ages 18-24 years old. For more information, visit: <https://mlpp.org/kids-count/>



MACAE recently attended the Saline Community Education Craft Show!

MACAE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome these new members to the MACAE network as of December 2019:

Kathy Moerland, Zeeland Adult Education

Bobbi Kearns, Zeeland Adult Education

Rida Jones, Comstock Alternative Education

Deb Dally, Branch Intermediate Adult Education

Ingrid Aguay-Fuentealba, Michigan State University Migrant Student Services HSE

Dr. Jeff Lip, St. Clair Shores Adult and Community Education

Jeff Fisher, Maple Valley

Katherine Bertolini, Maple Valley

Kristine Miller, Plainwell

**ADD A
MEMBER?
JOIN TODAY!**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month we take some time to highlight the work of many of our distinguished members in the Member Spotlight.

This month we recognize **Todd Laventure, Career and Technical Education Director and Principal at Tuscola Technology Center.** Todd is a new member to MACAE within the last year!

Prior to his current position his educational professional career included many experiences. Todd taught a daytime GED program at TTC for students who were not on track to graduate. He also has taught at an alternative high school on the Lower East Side of Manhattan earlier in his career.

Todd says that, "Seeing people who are able to grab on to one more chance and finally make it work to earn a GED and/or certification in a high-demand technical field is what motivates me the most about the work that I do".



Additionally, Todd believes that one of the most important things to recognize about the work we do is to emphasize the point, "that it is never too late and we never give up on people who are willing to give it one more shot".

Thank you Todd for the contributions and connections you bring to your region and to MACAE at large. Your work is appreciated!

Family Literacy and Parent Engagement

Are you interested or invested in family literacy? Looking for more resources to support adult learners and their families within your program? Consider joining our task-force! **More information to come in the new year!**

Barbara Bush Foundation

Releases Literacy Gap Map

The national Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy has released a great new tool that gives statistics by US county concerning literacy: <http://map.barbarabush.org/>

Select your county to find stats on health, income, below basic literacy rates, and more.

We want to hear from you! Contact our office with any questions or concerns you might have!

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