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## **This Week: Adult Education and Family Literacy Week**

This week is National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week! In honor of this week, every day, KY Skills U will feature a different student success story on our social media outlets:

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/KYSkillsU](http://www.facebook.com/KYSkillsU)

Twitter - [www.twitter.com/KYSkillsU](http://www.twitter.com/KYSkillsU)

Please feel free to repost these stories. Additionally, you will find other NAEFL Week resources below. When you post any NAEFL Week activities, etc., in which your programs are participating, please tag them @COABEHQ.

If you are doing anything of note for NAEFL Week, I'd love to know! Please send pics and information and/or tag KY Skills U on social media.

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## Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

Dear Members,

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is next week, and I wanted to encourage you to join your fellow adult educators from around the country as we celebrate this important week! Coming together as a field makes such a difference and will help us elevate the important work that each of us are engaged in!

As you are likely aware, COABE and many state leaders, along with some students, will be in Washington D.C. for COABE's fifth Capitol Hill Day. They will be meeting with legislators as well as the newly appointed Assistant Secretary Stump. We hope to have over 100 appointments with legislators thanking them for the additional \$60 million in the WIOA budget. We hope you will join us in this important effort. Here are a few ways YOU can engage:

1. Check out COABE's Educate and Elevate campaign site [HERE](#) for resources including a sample proclamation, fact sheets, and so much more!
2. Contact your legislator and encourage your fellow educators and students to contact their legislator(s) as well. COABE has made it super easy to do this via their quick fire software. You can contact your mayor, governor, state, and federal legislators with 3 quick clicks! Click [HERE](#).
3. Tag COABE on [social media](#) and/or upload pictures of your activities to the COABE App!
4. New this year, COABE is offering a national level award entitled Local Advocate of the Year, and will be tracking efforts in the field. Get involved, and you just might win this competitive, national level award (\$2,000 plus expenses paid to COABE 2019 in New Orleans, LA in March 2019)!

Also, I want to thank those of you who made it possible for me to serve as your Regional Representative to the COABE board. I am excited to get to know as many of you as I can and to learn about the great work that you are doing in your programs and states.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the benefits available to all COABE members:

- **COABE Conference 2019:** Members receive a registration discount to the COABE Conference 2019 in New Orleans, March 31-April 3, 2019. Join more than 2,000 conferees and enjoy numerous networking opportunities with your peers in adult education and around the country. Registration for the 2019 COABE Conference will open on December 1, 2018. NOTE: The **Call for Proposals** is out, with proposals due by October 15th.
- **Virtual Conference 2018:** COABE will hold its fall virtual conference on Thursday, October 25, 2018, and Friday, October 26, 2018. Collaborate with your colleagues from around the country in the virtual world. If your state has purchased a pass, you can attend for free and hear from national level expert presenters from the comfort of your laptop! Register for the virtual conference **HERE**.
- **COABE Journal:** Members can download the latest edition **HERE** of the *COABE Journal* which has been very popular due to the Career Pathways focus and the quality of the articles that are written by national level experts as well as local administrators. You can purchase a hard copy as well (members save \$35).
- **Employment Bulletin Board:** COABE's nationwide bulletin board was created to assist our members in finding or posting employment opportunities.
- **Adult Educator Resources:** The repository of best practices created by and for members contains many national conference presentations.
- **National Institute for Literacy Scholarships:** NIFL endowed \$20,000 in gift funds to COABE for members that wish to attend our conferences. One \$1,000 award is granted annually.
- **VIP Vendor Partners:** COABE partners with leading adult education vendors to provide our members with special opportunities and substantial discounts.
- **Conference Mini Grants:** With generous funding provided by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, COABE will award fifty mini grants to defray conference registration costs to attend the national conference.
- **Awards, Incentive Grants, and Scholarships:** Prestigious, competitive awards valued at \$2,000-\$10,000 are given at the COABE Conference. Incentive grants and scholarships are also available.
- **Webinars:** Members receive FREE access to more than 50 webinars annually that help bring professional development beyond the brick and mortar of the national conference. These educational webinars are delivered on trending topics by the top presenters at our national conference.

If you have questions about national Adult Education and Family Literacy Week or would like to discuss member benefits, please reach out to me.

Best Regards,

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