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## FRIDAY FACTS

### FROM JEFF GOVE, ACTING STATE ABLE DIRECTOR ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION

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#### **2010 National Meeting for Adult Education State Directors: Moving Adult Education to the Future – The Time is Now!**

The National Meeting for Adult Education State Directors was held this week in Washington, DC. This was a fitting location due to the significant role that adult education is playing in the national agenda.

Both Donna Albanese and Jeff returned energized and enthused about the value that Ohio ABLE contributes to both the national adult education system and the University System of Ohio.

The speakers included:

- Arne Duncan, Secretary, US Department of Education
- Martha Kanter, Under Secretary, US Department of Education
- Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, US Department of Education

The speakers addressed the significant responsibility that adult educators have in helping achieve the Obama administration's Education Goals by 2020 of increasing:

- students' success in postsecondary education and employment
- teacher quality and program leadership
- capacities of student and program data systems
- overall educational performance.

The conference's focus was adult career pathways/transitions, WIA Reauthorization, national and states' initiatives, and resources to support our achievement of these aggressive national agenda goals.

Ms. Dann-Messier remained with us throughout the conference, repeatedly asking for our input and providing valuable insights. She is a true champion of adult education! We will be sharing the conference resources and other conference information with you in greater detail in the months ahead.

## **Test Review Completed by OVAE**

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) has completed its review of tests to determine their suitability for use under the National Reporting System (NRS) for adult education. This review was conducted under the provisions of 34 CFR 462.12 and included an evaluation by independent experts in assessment. The Secretary of Education has formally announced the list of approved tests in the *Federal Register*. Access of complete report can be found at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>. The State ABLE Program is maintaining the FY 2010 ABLE assessment policy.

## **Clarification for Tests in Spanish**

Please note the policies about the following tests in Spanish:

- The TABE Spanish version is not an NRS approved assessment for measuring student progress. Only assessments listed in the FY 2010 Ohio ABLE Assessment Policy are approved.
- The Official GED Practice Test, Spanish version, can be used only for determining preparation for the GED test and not for placement.
- The Official GED Test, Spanish version, is an acceptable test for earning a GED credential.

## **FY 2011 Grant**

It is that time again to think about grants. We have recommended that the FY 2011 grant be a continuation which will be entered into CCIP with an addendum that will be sent to the State ABLE Program. **The tentative release date is March 1, 2010 with a tentative due date of May 7, 2010.**

## **Congratulations to the FY 2010 STAR Graduates!**

In January, 25 ABLE teachers and administrators from seven programs around Ohio graduated from the STAR initiative (see attached flyer). These programs were:

*Canton City Schools*  
*Columbiana County Career and Tech Center*  
*Columbus City Schools*  
*Mansfield City Schools*  
*Warren County JVS*  
*Project Learn of Summit County*  
*Parma City School District*

These practitioners attended three separate institutes for a total of six days of training packed with information and practice in implementing evidence-based reading instruction for intermediate level readers. In the upcoming months, these teachers will receive technical assistance through visits and calls as they further implement the assessments and strategies learned in the Institutes.

STAR is a national initiative to provide professional development and technical support to programs wanting to bring evidence-based reading instruction into their classrooms. In Ohio, STAR is managed through the Southwest ABLE Resource Center. Congratulations to all these teachers and all the STAR teachers in Ohio for making such a commitment for our students

### **PowerPath Stipend/Reimbursement Information**

Those attending the upcoming one day PowerPath Reunion are eligible for a full day stipend of \$60. Submit appropriate forms to your Director and Regional Resource Center.

Folks attending the five-day Basic Certification are eligible for a full reimbursement of the \$300 registration fee. Those interested in receiving the reimbursement need to make arrangements with their Resource Center immediately to ensure funds are available. Participants are expected to complete all of the course work and submit a Certification of Completion with the reimbursement request.

### **FY 2010 Fall ABLE Directors' Meeting**

The FY 2010 Fall ABLE Directors' meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 18 and 19 (Monday and Tuesday). More details will follow in the weeks ahead.

### **Reminders**

1. ENROLL Ohio - The regional Enroll Ohio events are continuing. The remaining dates are:

Ohio Region	Host Site	Date
Northeast	Lorain County Community College	Thursday, February 11
Southeast	Rio Grande Community College/ University of Rio Grande	Wednesday, February 17
Southwest	Great Oaks Career Center	Thursday, February 18

These events are free and open to the public, although space is limited. For more information, and to RSVP, visit <http://enrollohio.ning.com/events>

2. Ohio Writers' Conference - This year's Ohio Writers' Conference will be held at the Columbus Marriott Northwest on May 14, 2010, Submit your entry at: <http://literacy.kent.edu/beginnings/WritersConference.html>. **Deadline for submission is TODAY February 5, 2010.**
3. OAACE
  - Awareness Grant - Applications are on the OAACE website at [www.oaace.org](http://www.oaace.org). Proposals are due on March 31, 2010.
  - Deadline for all scholarships is March 15, 2010. Scholarship forms are available at the OAACE website at [www.oaace.org](http://www.oaace.org).

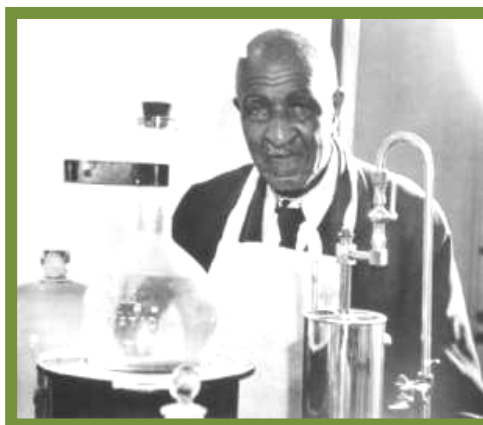
### Quote of the Week

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these."

George Washington Carver

**Born:** July 12, 1864 in Diamond Grove, Missouri

**Died:** January 5, 1943 in Tuskegee, Alabama



## Happy Black History Month

For information about Black History, see the following site which links to other web locations. <http://www.suelebeau.com/blackhistory.htm>