

**FRIDAY FACTS**  
**FROM JEFF GOVE, STATE ABLE DIRECTOR**  
**ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION**  
**May 28, 2010**

**Spring ABLE Administrators' Meeting**

The State ABLE Program Staff want to thank all of you for attending this week's Spring ABLE Administrators' Meeting in Dublin.

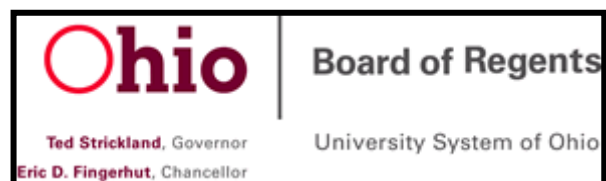
- The breakout sessions, presentations and panel were all very informative.
- Chancellor Fingerhut's inspirational words were encouraging.
- The venue was great.
- Each of you was terrific.



All of these factors contributed to a very productive event.

We are collating information from the facilitated sessions and will make that information available to you soon. Please remember to complete the online survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGHN63S> Your certificate of participation will be issued once the survey is completed. Thank you.

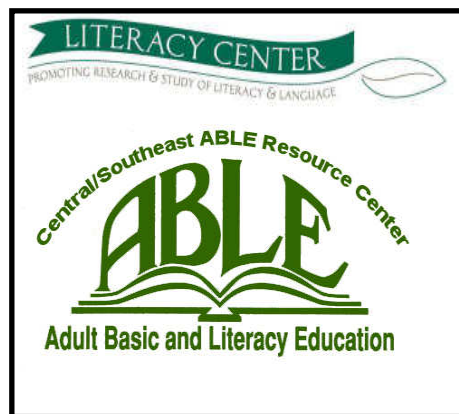
The following links can help you better understand other organizations in addition to OAACE that support the University System of Ohio. The organizations offer opportunities for you to form partnerships and collaborations that facilitate student transitions to postsecondary education.



- Ohio Association of Community Colleges at: <http://www.ohiocommunitycolleges.org/> - Check out the 2010 Spring Edition newsletter, *The Forum*, for an excellent article about Ohio's Developmental Education Initiative.
- The Ohio Association for Developmental Education at: <http://www.oade.org/>
- The Ohio Association for Career-Technical Education, the Adult Workforce Division at: <http://www.ohioacte.org/Default.aspx?pageld=651676>

Chancellor Fingerhut challenged all of us to continue to focus our collective expertise on assisting more adults to transition to postsecondary education or training to help bolster Ohio's economy and quality of life. We are up to the challenge. It can start as easily as explaining to our students at orientation that they have entered into the University System of Ohio. This is a no-cost strategy that can have significant benefits to students and our success as an important part of the larger system.

## **Annual Symposium Sponsored by Central/Southeast Resource Center**



Stevens Literacy Center and the Central/Southeast ABLEResource Center are hosting the Annual Central/Southeast Symposium on Friday, August 20, 2010. The meeting is at the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) in Dublin, Ohio and will be a full, informative day on "Transitions and Universal Design: Unlocking Students' Potential." The keynote speaker is the wonderful Nancie Payne. In addition, the tech expert Christopher Lee will provide sessions on assistive technologies. A technology lab will be

available all day, along with a choice of breakout sessions - including smaller sessions with Nancie Payne.

To register go to: <http://tinyurl.com/cs Symposium>

REGISTRATION: \$50 (includes breakfast and lunch). Registration may be paid by:

1. cash or check (*made payable to Ohio University*) on the day of the event
2. check (*made payable to Ohio University*) and mailed to Stevens Literacy Center - attn: Brian McCoy, 336 McCracken Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701
3. invoice - contact Brian McCoy, [mccoyb@ohio.edu](mailto:mccoyb@ohio.edu) or 740.593.4419 to have an invoice mailed to your program.

## **Learning to Achieve Comes to Ohio ABLE**

The first *Learning to Achieve* training was held in Columbus on May 17-22 with over 15 ABLE programs represented. *Learning to Achieve* is an intensive five-day "train-the-trainer" instruction based on the latest research from the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) on students with learning disabilities.

Each day, attendees learned about learning disabilities: from *legal information and confidentiality* to *explicit instruction* then to *workforce preparation strategies*. Every night the participants reviewed their notes and prepared a presentation on the information for the following morning. Presenting to small groups and critiquing each other's work gave the participants a great opportunity to polish their training skills in preparation for the next phase of the project.



Each *Learning to Achieve* attendee has agreed to train 20 other instructors, program directors, support staff, or other community members (Developmental Education people, for example) on four or five of the *Learning to Achieve* modules.

If you would like more information on bringing a *Learning to Achieve* training to your area, contact Sharon Reynolds ([reynols1@ohio.edu](mailto:reynols1@ohio.edu)) or MB Hanna ([totten@ohio.edu](mailto:totten@ohio.edu)).

### **Reminders**

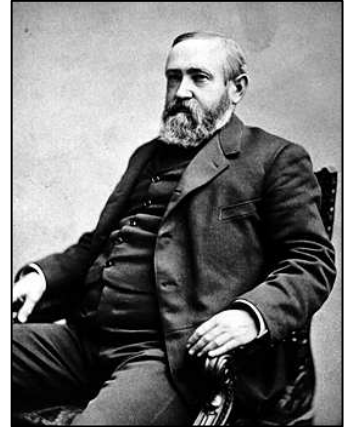
1. All FY 2010 budget revisions must be in CCIP no later than **May 31, 2010**. No revisions will be processed if they have not been received by this date.
2. The Technology Training Report is due **no later than May 31, 2010**. This report must be submitted to both the State ABLE Program and the Regional Resource Center.
3. The FY 2010 4th Quarter ABLELink Report is **due no later than June 25, 2010**.
4. Updates to the online LD Policy and Planning Guide for the upcoming FY 2011 project year are to be made and a verification form sent to the State ABLE Program **no later than June 30, 2010**. Refer to Friday Facts from April 30, 2010 for more details.



## Quote of the Week

“I have never been able to think of the day as one of mourning; I have never quite been able to feel that half-masted flags were appropriate on Decoration Day. I have rather felt that the flag should be at the peak, because those whose dying we commemorate rejoiced in seeing it where their valor placed it. We honor them in a joyous, thankful, triumphant commemoration of what they did.”

*~Benjamin Harrison, 1726-1791,  
signer of the Declaration of Independence*



## Did you know...

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day**, has many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, giving his official proclamation in 1868 by his [General Order No. 11](#) and was first observed on 30 May 1868. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be held on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is still a time to remember those who have passed on, whether in war or otherwise.

For more about the history check out: <http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html>

For lesson plans related to Memorial Day check out:  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/lesson119.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson119.shtml)