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Lifelong
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Resource Center
News and
Activities**



AutoCollage

Laurel Kaae

Another fun activity: Microsoft's Auto Collage. You can download and try a Trial Version of the auto collage to see if you would like to use it. If you like it, you can purchase it online for approximately \$22.

To see some examples of what it can do view the pages on the ND Lifelong Learning Resource Center's webpages. More will be coming!!!

2009 pictures for collage:
<http://www.ndlifelonglearningresourcecenter.com/NDALL/Newsletters/newsletters.htm>

History page has 2008 pictures for collage:
<http://www.ndlifelonglearningresourcecenter.com/NDALL/History.htm>

Professional Development pictures from Spring SIMS training:

http://www.ndlifelonglearningresourcecenter.com/Professional%20Development/Professional_Development_Classes.htm

Auto Collage is very easy to navigate and use!! It is also very affordable!



**Minot Adult Learning Center
In the News!!**

Nice article about the Minot Adult Learning Center's program – Achieving Customized Employment Skills (ACES) program. To read the entire article from the Minot Daily Newspaper on December 2, 2009 please go to:

<http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/534543.html?nav=5010>

Good job Minot ALC!!

Science Saturdays

Another idea for all: Science Saturdays. Maybe your site could partner with a college and offer Science Saturday's different times throughout the semester.

Here are some examples of Science Saturday's:
<http://eu.montana.edu/SciSat/default.htm>
<http://www.princeton.edu/main/news/archive/S22/99/83A35/index.xml?section=announcements>
<http://www.titanmissilemuseum.org/view.php?pg=4>
<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/FamilyPrograms/ScienceSaturdays/ScienceSaturdays.php>

COABE Nominations

COABE has not received any nominations from the state of North Dakota. Please send the attached awards flyer to your ALC's that might be interested in applying or nominating. It's an online process and takes only 10 minutes to complete and winners receive \$1,000 stipend for awards or \$1,500-\$2,000 stipend for scholarships and incentive grant winners. State level winners are qualified to apply for our national level awards and nominators also receive complimentary conference registration.

The deadline is approaching very quickly! :)

Go to:

<http://www.coabe.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=awards>

Thanks for any help you can give!
Sharon Bonney
COABE Manager
888-44-COABE

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!

You or someone you know could qualify for COABE's prestigious national-level awards.

COABE members can apply year round for awards, incentive grants, and scholarships at www.coabe.org.

Winners will be honored at the annual conference
COMING TOGETHER IN CHICAGO
Chicago, IL March 2010.

Members save \$75 off conference registration.

Deadline is December 31, 2009



AWARDS
Award Recipients Receive:

- \$1,650 financial award (includes transportation and hotel accommodations).
- Recognition at the annual COABE national conference during the awards banquet.

Successful Nominators Receive:

- Complimentary conference registration for the annual COABE national conference where the award is presented.

INCENTIVE GRANTS
Incentive Grant Recipients Receive:

- \$1,500 financial award.
- \$750 travel stipend to present on project at the annual COABE national conference.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarship Recipients Receive:

- \$2,000 financial award.

COABE gives the following awards

- Adult Learner
- Administrator of the Year
- Outstanding Teacher of the Year
- Promoting Literacy Nationally and Internationally
- Outstanding Workplace Literacy
- Partner of the Year



"I have been able to take this academic knowledge and translate it into concrete program changes that will impact student retention and achievement. I greatly appreciate the scholarship support of COABE in order to continue my graduate work in Adult Education."—Tracy Noles, Scholarship recipient

Go to www.coabe.org, and click on Awards to nominate someone or apply today.
COABE, PO BOX 620, Syracuse, NY 13206, P: 888-44-COABE

Neat Games for Kids: Parents' Choice Foundation

Parents' Choice - <http://www.parents-choice.org/> has recommended some great games – Not-Your-Ordinary-Gift-Guide. Here are some of their recommendations:

Multiplication Mosaic, Division Mosaic, Fraction Mosaic, and many more educational games and activities can be found at:

<http://www.mindwareonline.com/MWESTORE/Home/HomePage.aspx?>

Fish Stix game: Strategy game for the whole family.
<http://www.pkpress.com/>

Monkey Match: No matching game can hold a child's interest like Monkey Match! To play, just select one of five colorful two-sided match cards and place it in the tray. Then place the magic monkey in the center on the left side of the card and point his banana to the picture, letter, shape, or color you want to try and match. Then select the image on the right side of the card that best matches your selection. To see if you are right, place the monkey in the center on the right side of the card and let go. He will mysteriously spin and point to the correct match. This little monkey's actions will even amaze adults and he does it all without batteries!

http://www.huntarcompany.com/mm5/merchant.mvc?Screen=PROD&Store_Code=&Product_Code=50401&Category_Code=MKL

A variety of games can be found at:

<http://www.pressmantoy.com/>

<http://www.icandothatgames.com/>

Out of the Box games:

<http://www.otb-games.com/>

Innovative Games:

<http://www.innovationfirst.com/>

Blue Orange Games:

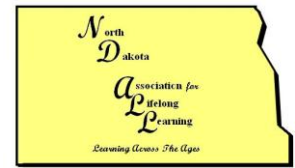
<http://www.blueorangegames.com/>

Clean Water Science:

http://www.4m-ind.com/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Product_Web&-loadframes

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NDALL News



Meet your Board:

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Conference Survey Results For Fall and Spring Conference

After NDALL Fall Conference, Past President Lori Z, sent out a survey for all current members to fill out.

Some of the results and comments are listed below:

North Dakota will host the seven-state regional MVAEA (Missouri Valley Adult Education Association) Conference April 13-15, 2011 in Fargo.

If we choose a Spring Conference only for 2010-2011, a strand would be offered for 21st CCLC educators in addition to adult education programs.

Please consider your budget as you identify below your interest in attending NDALL Fall 2010 Conference, the MVAEA Regional 2011 Conference and the Fall 2011 Conference.

Results:

Spring Conference only (MVAEA/NDALL):
 68% voted for one conference – Spring 2011
 32% voted for to have both conferences

A Few of the Comments:

I think that by combining the 2 conferences into one, it would make better use of time and resources and allow for more choices of presentations perhaps.

To costly to attend both in one year's budget.

Has rotating the NDALL conference between the four major cities ever been considered? That would be nice for several reasons. Some of the planning would fall on the host city

site, the atmosphere would be different, sites could then be showcased, distance would be evenly distributed, ????

It would be nice to have staff be able to attend MVAEA regional conference but it's not possible unless the usual fall NDALL is cut out. I can't afford to have staff attend both conferences in 1 budget year.

I believe that this may give participants more options with other nationally known experts in the field. I am concerned that this may also lessen the identity of the NDALL.

Right now, our budget cannot allow for two major meetings. I am already making less than last year and the same is true of many other instructors. I believe that the fall conference is a great motivator for teachers and unites us as a team, the budget does dictate just what is and what is not feasible. Right now, I really doubt that our center could afford both conferences. WE really can't even afford one to be honest. If money was no object, I'd love to see a big conference in the fall and a regional 9 East/West one in the spring as I feel they are so important for new ideas and interaction. We are in a stressful career and the support of other teachers is what keeps us rejuvenated.

Having a combined conference will minimize travel expenses, maximize time and resources in planning only one conference, and promote a quality training opportunity at MVAEA.

Budget cuts drive how many conferences we can attend. CCLC and Adult Ed can be well represented at the MVAEA/NDALL Conference.



Wall Wisher

Jennifer Kraft, Minot ALC

I have created a wallwisher for the NDALL participants to post a wish, idea, comment, joke to their fellow NDALL friends. It's just pretty darn fun!

<http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/NDALL2009>

It's simply a fun thing to do with NDALL members, but the implications are great for classroom too.

WallWisher is an online noticeboard maker where a group of people can easily communicate with each other by sticking virtual notes. These notes can have text, images or include online videos such as from Youtube.

You can build your own wall by going to:

<http://www.wallwisher.com/build>

More Conference Survey Results

Overall opinion about the conference.

I liked the main presenters because they were very stimulating. The pace of the conference was such that it moved right along and kept one interested.

It was great because I gained a lot of new information about study skills and the job outlook for people with math skills. I enjoyed the inspirational speakers as well.

Of the conferences I have attended in the past, this was one of the top two if not the top one! Good job to all! The conference was wonderful. I could tell a lot of hard work went into it.

I think Laurel and Cindy, along with the conference committee, did a super job.

I wish that the 21 CCLC groups were able to move out of the same room, but I liked that there was a track for them to go on to get info intended for them!

I liked that the sessions were directly geared to 21st Century programming.

The speakers were very empowering. It is always hard to leave your regular position to attend conferences etc.; but when they provide you with empowering speakers like this, it is well worth the time away. Congratulations on a great conference.

The sessions for After-School Programs were much stronger this year.

The conference was very enlightening and professionally done.

I feel that Bob Upgren and Ashley Alderson were very inspirational. The break out sessions were all very helpful as we move towards a new battery of official tests and focus on the reality of self sustaining employment for our students after they complete their GED's. the Math wizz presentation was fabulous. I realize we do not usually invite salesman, but this was so good, I hope that we invite another next year.

Conference rooms are too far apart. Radisson has a much better conference arrangement.

The sessions in various rooms were too far apart. It would have been easier if the mtg. rooms were only on one or two levels. When we have a good presenter like Bob Upgren, we need a larger room.

I enjoyed the entire conference. Bob Upgren was a terrific motivational speaker. I attended both of his sessions, also. I spent my other three sessions with Kent Ellis. He has an incredible depth of knowledge of the world of work in ND. His handouts concerning ND's job market will be valuable to our students.

I greatly appreciated the motivational pieces of the conference as well as the "how to do" pieces. I also liked that I could earn 1 credit for attending. I do think the Seven Seas food is great; however some of the conference rooms

are far out of the way.

This was my first conference and I really enjoyed it. It was well planned and had some great presenters. Bob Upgren and Ashley stood out



Awards

Margaret Olheiser sent the awards brochure to be posted on the NDALL award web page. Everyone received the awards brochure at the Awards Luncheon and can now access it online.

To view the awards participants please go to:

<http://www.ndlifelonglearningresourcecenter.com/NDALL/index.htm>

To download a copy of the 2009 Awards brochure in pdf format:

<http://www.ndlifelonglearningresourcecenter.com/NDALL/Awards.htm>

More Conference Survey Results

Overall Opinion: Please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements pertaining to your overall opinion about the conference.

Overall, the conference was valuable to your professional roles.

Neither agree or disagree:	3%
Agree:	43%
Strongly Agree	54%

Overall, the conference content covered your informational needs

Neither agree or disagree:	4%
Agree:	48%
Strongly Agree	48%

Overall, the organization of the conference was satisfactory.

Neither agree or disagree:	3%
Agree:	49%
Strongly Agree	58%

Overall, the conference schedule was adequate.

Disagree	5%
Neither agree or disagree:	1%
Agree:	47%
Strongly Agree	47%

