



# Adult Education<sup>MAINE</sup>

*Learning for Work and Life*

## MAINE ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE UPDATES

CONFERENCE 2009

JUNE 23, 24, 25

COLBY COLLEGE, WATERVILLE ME

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

***Pre-Conference: Creating Career Pathways: Connecting College Transitions/Readiness and Careers; June 23, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM*** A day focused on College Transitions Best Practices. Additions to the response panel include Chris Legore of UMS and Jeff Fantine of MDOE.

***Keynote Speaker: Dr. Holly Moore, Education and Workforce Solutions***, a consulting firm focusing on the connectivity between the economy, the workforce and all aspects of education. Dr. Holly L. Moore is a nationally recognized educational leader with over 25 years of executive and faculty experience. Her work involves bipartisan federal and state legislation regarding Life Long Learning Accounts (LILAs) for incumbent and low-wage workers; a state, regional and national campaign entitled “Skills 2 Compete” sponsored by The Workforce Alliance; and policies and programs directed toward re-engaging youth in education and training. Dr. Moore will present at the Pre-conference on Tuesday, and also deliver the keynote at the Conference at 1:00 PM on Wed., June 24.

***Awards Luncheon, Thursday, June 25:*** This event is in Cotter Union and the Buffet Luncheon will be served first and will be followed by the Awards Ceremony.

***Lobster Bake and Music:*** Ray Therrien and his band will play from 8:30 pm to 11:00 pm on Wednesday night in the Cotter Student Union, following the Lobster Bake where the bar will open at 7:00 pm and the meal starts at 7:30. The Conference planners and Entertainment Chair Steve Pound promises a great time with these musicians as we had a wonderful time at last year’s conference.

### EARLY BIRD SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

***Wednesday, June 24, 7:45-8:45:*** “A New Look at Maine Adult Education and University of Maine System ITV & Distance Learning; Building on Our 20-year Partnership”. Chris Legore of UMS, Larinda Meade of Maine College Transitions and Cathy Newell of MAEA will conduct a roundtable on a new vision for the role of Maine Adult Education as the University System moves into new delivery modes for distance learning.

***Thursday, June 25, 7:30-8:30:*** “Checking in on MAEA’s 2007 Strategic Plan”. MAEA President Zane Clement and Executive Director Cathy Newell will conduct a listening session on reaction to progress to date and gather ideas for the 2009-2010 year.

**Wednesday & Thursday:** More than 60 workshop sessions are being offered for adult educators. Check out the listing on the [www.maineadulted.org](http://www.maineadulted.org) web site. Contact hour certificates will be issued based on completed attendance forms at each session.

**Wednesday, June 24, 11:45-12:45:** Local Workforce Investment Board Regional Meetings in Diamond Building. Those attending who have registered for the Conference may get their lunch at the Dining Center and bring it back to the meeting.

**Presider Volunteers Needed:** If you know of specific workshops you plan to attend and are willing to lend a hand with attendance/certification and evaluation forms, please e-mail [info@maineadulted.org](mailto:info@maineadulted.org).

## **BYOB**

***It's not what you think...MAEA proudly announces a Bring Your Own Bag*** initiative for the 2009 Conference. Our small effort to Save the Planet, and control costs, has led us to encourage the reuse of bags at this conference. As an incentive to get attendees to root through their closets, prizes will be given in a number of categories for bags brought to the conference. Categories: Most Artistic, Most Amusing, Most Historic, Most Connected to New Technology, and Coolest. For those who do not bring a bag to use, we will have bags from the 2008 Conference available for purchase for \$5.

## **DIRECTIONS TO COLBY & TIPS FOR DORM LIVING**

**Directions to Colby** may be found on the College web site, [www.colby.edu](http://www.colby.edu), or use the following: Take Interstate 95 to Exit 127 Waterville/Oakland (formerly Exit 33). Turn toward Waterville (east) on Kennedy Memorial Drive (Rt. 137) and follow the blue signs to Colby. After nine-tenths of a mile on Kennedy Memorial Drive you will turn left onto First Rangeway, opposite Inland Hospital. Proceed 1.1 miles on First Rangeway, to the first stop sign, and turn left onto Mayflower Hill Drive. In a half mile you will arrive on campus, where the Conference is in the first building on the right, Diamond Building. It is next to the Admissions office so you may look for signs for that.

**Tips for Dorm Living:** The dorm rooms are basic college rooms. You may want to bring a fan, a small reading lamp, and a mattress pad. The college provides bedding and a towel. Come to the Diamond Building for check-in instructions if you have signed up for a dorm room. Breakfast in the dining hall is included with your room charge.

**Computer use:** We will have log-in instructions for the use of the wireless network. Colby requests that you have the latest version of virus protection and Microsoft Office security patches on your laptop.

## **COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE MAINE ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

**[www.maineadulted.org](http://www.maineadulted.org)...**click on About MAEA and then on Conference 2009. The Conference Brochure has a complete schedule, workshop descriptions, and list of exhibitors. Registration forms are available to be downloaded.