The conference committee has been hard at work planning the MAACCE 2012 Conference! Mark your calendars for this exciting event to be held at Tan-Tar-A June 20-22, 2012.

As usual this will be an educational and entertaining experience! There will be a full schedule of outstanding speakers, informative break-out sessions, great food, fun activities, and exciting entertainment-- plus plenty of time for socializing and for networking!

See page 2 for more details and a message from our President-Elect/Conference Chair.

Join the Fun and Get Involved in the Planning!

Everyone is welcome to join the MAACCE 2012 Conference Planning Committee. It is a great way to get involved and contribute to the organization.

Contact President-Elect Dana Thorp-Patterson at 417.447.8888 or pattersd@otc.edu for information on how to participate on this important committee.
2012 Conference News

Mark your calendars and get out your togas! Save the dates of June 20, 21 and 22, 2012 A MAACCE Olympics: One Conference, One Goal. Your MAACCE Planning Committee is hard at work scheduling events, speakers and activities that will tie in nicely with our theme. We already have a number of session proposals underway including pre-conference and conference topics of management, supervision/leadership, finding funding sources, third party partnerships, AEL director/instructor topics, and a myriad of others.

This year we have some new exhibitors/vendors to our conference. Boston Reed Company has opted to be a Platinum Sponsor of our event and to also provide some prizes, a breakout session and information sessions. In addition, we have a Gold Sponsor of Career Step, who will also be providing some great information on their products. World Instructor Training Schools (WITS) and Ed2Go/Gatlin are on board to bring new ideas for increasing enrollment in your programs. Mad Science of Southwest Missouri will be sponsoring our conference and providing some mid-day entertainment for our attendees – get ready, this one will be EXCITING!

The Committee has reached out to some past members and are looking forward to see them return to our organization. A number of MAACCE Past Presidents have agreed to participate in a leadership session and share their sage advice and ideas with all of us. We’re excited to be getting calls and emails from folks who are new to the educational world – I think we’ll see a lot of newcomers this year.

We are excited to offer the Leadership Development Institute and want to invite you to attend. If you are a manager, supervisor, or want to prepare to step into a more challenging role, this preconference Institute is a great place to start. Also, I encourage you to take a look at the award opportunities and nominate someone in your area who has shown excellence in our fields. This is a fantastic way to give public recognition to someone who has gone above and beyond. Don’t forget our Hovland Award for those innovative programs. This award is a $1,000 gift to fund your project – and then you get an opportunity to share your outcomes with us at a later conference.

Finally, if you are interested in helping create a great conference, contact me. My grandmother used to say, “Many hands make light work.” We welcome you to get on board as we “search for excellence” and “go for the gold” for our 2012 conference. (I see a theme here!) Our next planning meeting is January 27, 2012 via e-conference; new attendees welcome!

Best wishes to all for a happy and rewarding 2012!

Dana Thorp Patterson, President-Elect

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2012 MAACCE Awards

Please support and recognize the contributions of our MAACCE members or colleagues by nominating them for an award. Winners will be announced at the 2012 MAACCE Olympics – One Conference, One Goal in June. Nominations deadline is May 1, 2012.

Award Categories

**Don Fancher Outstanding Educator** - Nominee must be a member of MAACCE at time of nomination and have served a minimum of five years in adult, continuing, or community education. The Don Fancher Outstanding Educator Award is presented to a member who shows a commitment to excellence in practice and a dedication to students and constituents. Nominees will have contributed to research and/or improved practice. The award winner shows evidence of sustained interest in the field and a commitment to the philosophy and advocacy of adult education principles.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is given to a MAACCE member who has given a solid contribution of sustained service in the field of adult, continuing or community education. Nominees will have contributed to improved delivery of adult education and served as a mentor or resource to colleagues and practitioners in the field. This person has made an effort to promote MAACCE at the local, state, or national level and exhibits a continued commitment to preserving excellence of practice. Nominee must be a member of MAACCE at time of nomination and have served a minimum of ten years or more in the field.

The **Special Achievement Award** is given to a MAACCE member who has helped improve practice or delivery of adult, continuing, or community education. Nominees will have demonstrated a positive impact on and betterment of an individual, community, or constituent base. Nominees will have contributed to innovation in the development or delivery of practice. Nominee must be a member of MAACCE at the time of nomination. Please include the date and a description of special achievement.

The **Award of Merit** is presented to an organization or individual who demonstrated an active interest in promoting and developing adult, continuing, or community education. Nominees will have exhibited dedication to the advancement of constituents and individuals in the field through a commitment to the philosophy of adult education practices and employed the use of adult education and principles through programming and leadership in adult, continuing, and community education. Nominee does not have to be a MAACCE member.

**Newcomer of the Year** - Nominee must be a member of MAACCE at the time of nomination and have been a member for less than five years. The Newcomer of the Year Award is given to an individual who exhibits enthusiasm and willingness to serve in the field and practice of adult, continuing, and community education. Candidates should exhibit interest and investment in personal continued learning and development as a practitioner. Other attributes include a willingness to consult other professionals and networks to further personal learning and growth plus a level of innovation in the promotion of adult, continuing, or community education.

Nomination forms for these awards can be found on the MAACCE web site at [www.maacce.org](http://www.maacce.org).

**Hovland Award (MAACCE Development Fund Award)** - This award is designed to provide MAACCE members with the opportunity to undertake a special project with some financial support for expenses. The award may be used by itself or in combination with other resources to improve practice in adult, continuing, or community education. Nominee must be a member of MAACCE at time of nomination. **Note: There is a separate application to fill out. You can download the 2012 Hovland Award Application at [www.maacce.org](http://www.maacce.org).**

Deadline for Nomination Submission - May 1, 2012 - Mail or email award applications to:

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Call for Presentations

Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education invite you to submit a proposal for presentation at the 2012 MAACCE Conference!

Early Bird Special- Submit your proposals by March 15th for $50 off the registration fee!

The biggest benefits in presenting at our conferences are to share your experiences with your peers.

Concurrent sessions will be approximately 60 minutes in length and there are many possible topics that could be of interest to participants. Categories include Adult Education & Literacy, After School, Community Education, Teaching Technology, Higher Education, and Administration.

This year the conference theme is **MAACCE Olympics: Once Conference, One Goal.** Be creative and adapt your presentation title and description to match the conference theme!

If your presentation is selected, you will be notified by May 4, 2011 NOTE: All presenters are asked to register for the conference by May 11th. Proposals can be submitted by email or fax using the "Request for Presentations" form from the MAACCE website (http://maacce.org/conference.php).

For more information contact Juli DeNisco, Category Chair at deniscoj@health.missouri.edu or Tina Bueneman, Category Co-Chair at BuenemanTina@rockwood.k12.mo.us

Community Education Category News

Submitted by Mary Reed, Category Chair

We are delighted to announce Barbie Banks as a CE Category Co-Chair. Barbie is the Program Coordinator at the Columbia Area Career Center and she brings a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm to our community education category.

Please plan to join us for the MAACCE conference in June. We will be awarding four MAACCE conference scholarships. Applicants must be in the field of community education and complete registration in time for the “early-bird” discount. We will host a “community education roundtable” as part of the pre-conference.

The next Missouri Community Education Coordinators Meeting will be April 20, 2012, 9am to 2 pm at the Columbia Area Career Center. This meeting is a laid back, free (you only pay for your lunch) event that gives you the opportunity to meet other coordinators, share ideas, troubleshoot issues, and have some fun! Please contact Barbie Banks at bbanks@columbia.k12.mo.us if you would like to attend or have any questions. Also, shoot Barbie an e-mail if you want to be added to the Missouri Community Education Coordinators list serv. You will be in the know about community education happenings in Missouri.

AEL Teacher Category News

Submitted by Jeannie Gilbert, Category Chair

The AEL category will be offering two scholarships of $175 to an AEL teacher(s) who has never attend MAACCE and who would not be able to attend in 2012 due to lack of funding. More information on how to apply for these scholarships will be coming out at a later date.

Check out our website! [http://maacce.org](http://maacce.org)

Comments and contributions to the web page can be sent to Tina Bueneman at BuenemanTina@rockwood.k12.mo.us
About MAACCE

The Missouri Association for Adult Continuing and Community Education furnishes you an important link with other disciplines concerned with community development and lifelong learning. From the annual meeting with opportunities for professional development and discussion of current topics in the field, to publications that keep you informed of adult and community education activities in Missouri, MAACCE is your link to professionals in practice.

The MAACCE organization only works because of the contributions of many dedicated individuals. Become an active member. Volunteer your time to help with the next conference. No matter what your talents, we will find a way for you to help!

Contact President-Elect Dana Thorp-Patterson at 417.447.8888 or pattersd@otc.edu for more information.

2011 Presenter Materials on the Web!

The 2011 MAACCE Conference featured 48 informative breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Many of the presenters have made their materials available for download on our website at http://maacce.org/pastconferences.
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- Public/private universities, community college, and public school continuing education
- School-age child care
- Volunteer programs

MAACCE Membership is included with your Conference Registration!

If you are not attending the conference and would like to join MAACCE, simply print and complete the form from the MAACCE website (www.maacce.org) or the Membership form link below (Ctrl+Click), write a check payable to MAACCE, and mail to:
Amy Whittaker, St. Joseph AEL, The Webster Learning Center, 1211 N. 18th St., St. Joseph MO 64501

Membership fees are as Annual -- $25.00 or Lifetime -- $250.00

Mark Your Calendars for the 2012 Conference- June 20-22, 2012!