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**News from the Colleges****Plus 50 Initiative & Grantee Colleges Featured in the New York Times**

AACC's Plus 50 Initiative and students from two of the fifteen colleges participating in the grant were featured in the New York Times on October 23, 2008. "More Second Acts in American Lives," discussed how plus 50 adults are re-tooling their careers and lives. The story featured plus 50 students Linda Doak from Joliet Junior College and Anthony O'Brien at Central Florida Community College. [See the article online](#) (free registration may be required to log-in).

**Demonstration Colleges Visit Mentor in Spokane**

Mentor Community Colleges of Spokane (Washington) hosted Richland College (Texas) and Luzerne County Community College (Pennsylvania) Oct. 16-17. Pictured during the June conference in Washington, DC are (left to right standing): Sharon Niblock (Community Colleges of Spokane); Teresa Love (Richland College), Penka Farina and Christine Donnolo (Luzerne County Community College). Seated are (left to right): Joanne Murcar (Community Colleges of Spokane) and Mitzi Werther (Richland College).



*Richland College and Luzerne County Community College visit Community Colleges of Spokane. Pictured in June 2008 are (left to right): Mitzi Werther (Richland College); Sharon Niblock (Community Colleges of Spokane); Teresa Love (Richland College); Joanne Murcar (Community Colleges of Spokane); and Christine Donnolo (Luzerne County Community College).*

### **Call to Action!**

#### **WANTED: Your Plus 50 Student Stories**

When people hear the impact a Plus 50 program has on one student, then they can understand how our programs could benefit thousands. We need your help to collect Plus 50 student success stories.

Stories may be used on the soon-to-be-launched Plus 50 Initiative Website or with the media. The information needed is:

- student name,
- student age (range is ok!)
- student contact information (phone/email)
- why the student came to your program
- type of coursework or activity student pursued
- and how the program is impacting the student's day-to-day life

This is an ongoing need, so you can send your student stories at any time. Please send your Plus 50 student stories to Mary Sue Vickers at [mvickers@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:mvickers@aacn.nche.edu) and cc Ami Neiberger-Miller at [ami@steppingstoneLLC.com](mailto:ami@steppingstoneLLC.com).

#### **Reminder: Proposals Wanted for AACN Convention. Submit Yours by Nov. 3, 2008**

"Diversity: Our Vision. Our Value." is the theme of the 89th annual AACN Convention being held April 4-7, 2009, in Phoenix, Arizona, and we want to make sure that Plus 50 programs are highlighted at the event.

It's easy to submit a proposal and there are several opportunities to feature your work. Programs for Plus 50 learners are mentioned in the Call for Convention Events in tracks: 2. Student Access, Learning and Success; 4. Diversity and Inclusion; and 6. Economic and Workforce Development.

If you are interested in submitting a convention proposal, go to: [www.aacc.nche.edu/convention](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/convention). The link will take you to the topic tracks as well as information about how to submit a program proposal. Deadline for submissions is Monday, Nov. 3, 2008.

### **College Updates: Your Plus 50 Program Could Be Featured Here!**

When Our e-Newsletter shares information and successes with all our grantees and Plus 50 program supporters. Your program could be featured right here!

Is there a classroom success you are proud of? A new organization or group engaged in the Plus 50 Initiative? Something interesting happening with Plus 50 programs at your college that relates to learning, training & re-training, or volunteering and service?

We want to hear from you! One and two-paragraph stories are much appreciated. Please send your Plus 50 program news to Mary Sue Vickers at [mvickers@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:mvickers@aacc.nche.edu) and cc Ami Neiberger-Miller at [ami@steppingstoneLLC.com](mailto:ami@steppingstoneLLC.com). For consideration for the next issue, please send by **Thursday, October 30**.

## **Resources to Support Your Plus 50 Program**

### **Learning**

[Learning Style Preferences of the Cohorts: Generation X, Baby Boomers, & the Silent Generation](#)

Researchers compared similarities and differences among generational learners in this 2001 study, offering valuable insight for educational administrators and academic faculty working with Generation X, the baby boomers, and the Silent Generation.

### **Training & Re-Training**

[Older Workers - Are There More Older People in the Workplace?](#)

The labor force participation by 55 to 64 year olds is expected to increase 36% between 2006 and 2016, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. These charts and statistics explore dynamic changes in the US workforce as many people continue working past traditional retirement age. Excellent graphics and an audio file make the data in this study accessible.

### **Volunteering & Service**

[Issue Brief: Baby Boomers and Volunteering, Findings from Corporation Research](#) resources on reaching out to involve plus 50 adults in service and practical tips for organizations. Examines how state volunteer centers and the Points of Light Foundation are engaging plus 50 adults.

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The American Association of Community Colleges is a national association representing close to 1,200 community, junior and technical colleges nationwide. Community colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education, serving close to 12 million students each year. AACC is headquartered in Washington, D.C. See [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu).

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