



2024 Adult Ed Newsletter

Commissioner Pender Makin joined Franklin County Adult and Community Education Center



This month's episode of the *What Holds Us Together* podcast hosted by Pender Makin highlights a panel discussion with our students. The participants included students working on high school completion, preparing for college, and developing skills needed to open a business or switch careers.



DOE Commissioner, Pender Makin participating in our student panel



DOE Commissioner, Pender Makin met for a day-long 21st Century Vision Planning Event. This was well attended by statewide DOE, DOL, HUB 4 Adult Education Directors along with RSU 9 Adult Education staff and students.

Breakfast was prepared by the Foster CTE Employability Skills Program and Lunch was catered by the Culinary Arts Program.

Following lunch there was a deep discussion regarding, "Mid-Century Visioning." How do we see the role of Adult Education evolving to responsibly shape the pathways of our learning communities?

We were joined by leaders in education and labor as well as students both current and former to engage in a discussion of what the future of adult education should look like.

Graduation Celebration



Wednesday, June 5th

5:00 pm - END

Drive in Theater
123 Narrow Gauge Square,
Farmington

(In case of inclement weather)
Bjorn Auditorium

(If you are not a graduate please
bring your own chair)

Congratulations to
the class of 2024!

It's never too late
To Graduate

Lunch and Learn



Jessica Whittier from FAME taught a lesson on FAFSA, Scholarships and paying for college



Taylor Rittall Health Care Navigator, Discussed how to find insurance options that may work for you.

Hub 4 Conference

Friday May 10th, Franklin County Adult Ed hosted a Hub 4 spring retreat. Highlighted were presentations from those that attended the National COABE Conference. Each made a presentation on all of the tools and skills they learned. Franklin County Adult Ed sent three attendee's to Nashville and two attended remotely.



New Staff Member

Maxen Ryder



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We would like to welcome our newest staff member, Maxen Ryder. Maxen graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2022. He worked as a newspaper reporter in the southern part of Maine before moving back to Farmington earlier this year. Maxen will manage our testing center in Farmington and take on the role of our Rangeley Coordinator. As Rangeley coordinator, Maxen will provide testing and advising for students, publish a local newsletter and partner with Saddleback in workforce development

Student Highlight



Cindy Young our newest graduate

Cindy Young came to Adult Ed to earn her HiSET starting in the fall of 2023. She says, "All the years of working, I had entry level jobs averaging 50 plus hours per week which eventually caused medical issues. I had to stop and re-evaluate my life. I decided to begin by earning my HiSET. In my next chapter, I want to enter the field of Early Childhood Education". Cindy feels that adult education offers a warm and welcoming environment, where students' individual goals and pathways are honored.

She did not let the tough stuff get in the way of her success. What is next ? We hope Cindy comes to AE in the fall when she is taking college classes, so she can still benefit from our teacher's support.

Special Shoutout to Greta Espeaignnette



We would like to say farewell and enjoy your well deserved retirement. Greta has been the Adult Education MSAD #58 Coordinator for over two decades. You will be missed!