

# ICCE Newsletter

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## **President's Corner:**

### **The Changing Face of America – Heightening Awareness of Tectonic Shifts in Perspectives**

The United States of America is undergoing, and will continue to undergo, a demographic transformation the likes of which have never been experienced in this great Nation. The demographic changes which surfaced in the literature and became more pronounced over a decade ago, are now at the precipice of tectonic change, and their impact on society at large and higher education is already being felt. The year 2035 will see the culmination of three major forces: (1) the last of the Baby Boomers turning 65+ years of age (2030), (2) the cross-over where the number of people 65+ years of age outnumber the youths under the age of 18 (2035), and, (3) the recognition that the primary driver for population growth in the U.S. will be from international migration (2030); this as the native born population continues to see a declining birth rate and a subsequent population decrease.

These three changes, together, are shaping higher education's practices and policies as well as the culture in which we live. The most obvious implications, manifest from: (1) the new face of the student body and the implications suggested therein, (2) the new efficiency and cost consciousness in higher education, and (3) the cultural implications in recognition and acceptance of these new demographic changes.

This dialogue continues when addressing the social, political and educational perspectives of our youngest generational cohorts in our collective educational programs, namely Gen Y (Millennials) and Gen Z.

We are standing at the precipice of great demographic change in our Nation. Our ability to move forward rests in the hands of the many who work feverishly to help ensure our understanding that growth comes from innovation, innovation comes from ideas, and ideas come from people; all people.

This message goes to the heart of ICCE. ICCE is laser focused on heightening awareness to the many educational opportunities across our great State. ICCE brings some of the most influential thought leaders together for the purposes of heightening awareness on student populations, programs, training and educational offerings.

ICCE is truly here to help us grow, as individuals, organizations and as a society.

Dr. Mitchell L. Springer  
President, ICCE



### **Meet Dr. Deb Page**

Dr. Deb Page is the Director, Education and Community Engagement for Purdue University Global. Page was previously the Dean of Purdue Global's Indianapolis campus. With a background in counseling and social work, Page is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Page has a PhD in Human Services-Counseling Studies from Capella University, a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Butler University, and an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Defiance College. Deb brings to the organization not only her experience at Purdue Global but over 15 years' experience in K-12 guidance counseling.



## **TrineOnline offers enhanced path to degrees**

"FORT WAYNE — Trine University is enhancing and expanding its online degree programs with the launch of TrineOnline, a new approach designed to be convenient and cost-effective for students seeking to complete an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree.

Offering professionally focused associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees entirely online, TrineOnline is designed to fit the schedules of those who are in the workforce. New classes begin every eight weeks, and degrees are able to be completed in as little as a year, or at a slower pace if preferred.

TrineOnline offers comprehensive academic support, with unlimited access to academic tutors, available online any time day or night, as well as personal attention from dedicated faculty. Students enrolled in TrineOnline also gain access to Trine University's Career Services, with continued support after graduation. Trine University graduates have a more than 99 percent employment rate over the past several years."

For more information, visit:

[https://www.trine.edu/news/2019/trine\\_online.aspx](https://www.trine.edu/news/2019/trine_online.aspx)

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**Upcoming events:**

## Indiana Association of Adult & Continuing Education Conference

Theme: Superheroes-There is a Hero Inside All of Us

April 24-26, 2019

French Lick Convention Center

Please join us this year in French Lick as we come together to learn and discuss new strategies with experts in our field, network and connect with our peers, and become the superheroes needed to make a difference in the adult education community!

*Please note: Our annual conference is an approved DWD activity for the required professional development points.*

*\* A certificate documenting hours of attendance will be given out at the conference. You may ask your administrator if this counts for hours towards renewal of your license.*

<https://iaace.com/2019-attendee-registration/#top>

## 68<sup>th</sup> American Association of Adult & Continuing Education (AAACE) Conference

Theme: "Adult Education for Human Rights, Economic Empowerment, and Environmental Sustainability"

October 8-11, 2019

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the ARCH

St. Louis, MO

The agenda for human rights is a central tenet of adult education, which has a long history of advocacy with and for learners in the United States and around the world. Economic empowerment is part of our daily engagement in work and learning in such settings as for profit, non-profit, government, and higher education. The theme of environment sustainability provides an important areas of exploration regarding how we move through shared spaces of our and the interdependency among health, economic sustainability, and human growth and development.

<https://www.aaace.org/page/2019ConfLanding>

Call for Proposals due by April 3, 2019, 11:59 pm EDT

MailChimp.