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PRESS RELEASE

COABE Scholarship Winner: Julie Scoskie Jefferson County Public Schools, KY

The Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) exists to provide leadership, communication, professional development and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners in order to advance quality services for all adult learners. Ten thousand members strong, COABE provides competitive national-level awards, incentive grants, and scholarships opportunities annually through special funding provided by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Scholarships from COABE fund, or partially fund, college level courses of study that will advance the professional standing of COABE practitioners. Examples of scholarships include employees or volunteers in the field of adult basic education earning a degree or a state certificate/credential; obtaining an ESL certificate; teacher/counselor obtaining counselor/administrative credential; earning an advanced degree in adult education.

Julie Scoskie transformed a desire to help others into a successful 25-year career as an adult education professional. Scoskie, who received the Outstanding Community Leadership Award in 2011 and was named the COABE 2003 Administrator of the Year currently serves as Director of the Jefferson County Public Schools Adult and Continuing Education (JCPSACE) program in Louisville, Kentucky. The JCPSACE program's success is measured by its students' success. In 2010-11, JCPSACE met the needs of nearly 7,000 individuals, achieved 100% of the NRS goals, and had a record number of 1,219 participants earning their GED.

Julie will earn an Ed.D in Instructional Leadership and Organizational Development from the University of Louisville in May, 2012. She is enrolled in the final year of a three-year program at the University of Louisville. She feels that her standing in and contribution to the field of adult basic education will be enhanced by this advanced study because this field is constantly evolving. The Ed.D program will help her stay abreast of the latest on topics such as: effective teacher research, learning strategies for individuals with learning differences, reading strategies, technology, research techniques, leadership skills, and how to embed skills for the 21st century in the curricula. This increased knowledge will result in program changes to more effectively meet the needs of the students served by JCPS ACE. Once program innovations are tried, revised, and have been researched to demonstrate improved performance outcomes, she will continue to share knowledge, lessons learned, and best practices with other programs throughout the nation.

Julie will receive a \$2,000 financial award plus a travel stipend and complimentary registration to attend our annual national conference which will be held in Norfolk, VA on April 10-13, 2012. She will be recognized at a ceremony in her honor with over 500 in attendance.

To learn more about COABE's prestigious awards, incentive grants, and scholarship program, go to www.coabe.org or contact info@coabe.org.

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