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## Tell Us Who's Outstanding in ABE! Nominations Due March 1, 2012

The field of adult basic education in Massachusetts is rich with outstanding educators, students and community leaders, and we're sure you know someone who deserves recognition!

This year, MCAE will present its annual recognition awards at 2 separate special events:

- **The Outstanding Educator Award will be presented at the Network Conference on March 23.**
- **The Outstanding Student and Special Recognition Awards will be presented at MCAE's new event, the ABE Showcase, at the State House on May 17.**

**The Outstanding Educator Award** is presented to a teacher, counselor, administrator, support staff member, or volunteer who has made outstanding contributions to adult education at an individual, classroom, or program level.

**The Outstanding Student Award** is presented to a student who has overcome difficult circumstances to pursue adult education.

**The Special Recognition Award** is presented to an individual, organization, business or labor partner whose lifetime contributions to adult education merit special recognition.

### To make a nomination:

- You must be an MCAE member. The nominee is not required to be an MCAE member.
- Nominations must be received by email (preferred) or mail on or

before **March 1, 2012**.

- Nomination forms can be found at the [MCAE website](#).

## **Save the Date: MCAE's ABE Showcase Thursday May 17, 2012**

What else is new with MCAE in 2012? The ABE Showcase at the State House!

### **The ABE Showcase will feature:**

- ABE programs from all regions of the state so every legislator can meet and speak with the service providers in his/her district;
- High event visibility and accessibility throughout the day in The Great Hall, a prominent area of the State House;
- Multiple opportunities for legislators, staff and students to interact;
- Presentation of MCAE's Outstanding Student and Special Recognition Awards.

Please save the date and watch your emails for more information regarding this exciting event!

### **Working Conditions Blog Post!**

Check out the latest post "Can ABE Piggyback off Early Childhood Education Unionization?"

Join the conversation at "[Making a Living \(?\) in Adult Education](#)" and post your comments! Let's continue the conversation about our ABE working conditions! Poor working conditions not only impact ABE practitioners, they impact ABE students!

If you would like to submit your thoughts, send articles or posts to Working Conditions committee blogmaster Jana Pickard-Richardson ([janapr02@gmail.com](mailto:janapr02@gmail.com)) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you. [Check it out!](#)

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