



**Welcome to the
Hendrick Best Practices
for Adult Learners
Conference**



CAL 101: Who We Are and How You Can Help

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Advocacy; Outreach and Online Education**

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Commission for **Adult Learners**



Shirley Hendrick (1936–2000), was the inaugural chair of the Commission for Adult Learners and the first recipient of an award named in her honor.



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Sponsors of the Commission for Adult Learners are:



Dr. Robert N. Pangborn,
Vice President and Dean of
Undergraduate Education



Dr. Madlyn H. Haynes,
Vice President for
Commonwealth Campuses



Damon Sims,
Vice President for Student Affairs



Dr. Craig D. Weidemann,
Vice President for Outreach



Dr. W. Terrell Jones,
Vice Provost for Educational Equity



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The charge to the Commission is to:

- contribute to a supportive climate for adult learners;
- monitor recruitment and retention;
- recommend changes in policy, practice, and procedures;
- foster coordination and information exchange;
- advocate for adult learners' concerns;
- serve as a repository for initiatives University-wide.





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Penn State's definition of an adult learner is a person who:

- is 24 years of age or older; or
- is a veteran of the armed services; or an active duty service member; or
- is returning to school after four or more years of employment, homemaking, or other activity; or
- assumes multiple adult roles such as parent, spouse/partner, and employee.



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Accomplishments:

- Non-degree students receive advising
- ISIS screens created to identify certificate programs
- ISIS screen created to identify adult learners
- Adult Enrollment Coordinators at each undergraduate campus
- Faculty survey instituted resulting in an OL2600 course
- Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator position created
- Financial Literacy Coordinator position created
- University PLA Task Force charged
- Course Substitution Request System (CSRS)





Awards and Recognition Committee

Chair, Paula Pierce

Task: To review nominations and select recipients for the Commission's awards and recognitions, according to established selection criteria:

- **Shirley Hendrick Award**
- **Annual Recognitions**



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Hendrick Best Practices for Adult Learners Conference Planning Committee Chairs, Judy Wills and Apryl Kadish

Task: To plan, coordinate, and present a conference that showcases best practices of the University's adult learner practitioners:

- Involve current and previous Awards and Recognition recipients;
- Identify a conference focus and keynote speaker;
- Solicit session presenters who have successful programs and services.



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Military and Veterans Committee Chair, Sueann Doran

Task: To create a list of best practice, support service and programs that assures our military and veteran students' needs are met:

- Review the availability of services at each Penn State Campus and its local community;
- Partner with Student Affairs Research and Assessment to gather survey responses;
- Provide informational session during Hendrick Conference.



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Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Committee Chair, Pat Shope

Task: To identify Penn State's use and issues of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA):

- Seek strategic initiatives for utilizing PLA with academic units;
- Support PLA workshops and webinars.



**Thank you for supporting
adult learners.**

Enjoy the conference!