

Community Collaboration Fuels Exciting Upcoming Conference

Lane's Continuing Education Department successfully anticipates and meets community need due, in great part, to ongoing relationships with local partners. These bonds help further the college's core values, including accessibility, diversity, and sustainability.

Building on this strong foundation, the new Successful Aging Institute (SAI) within the Continuing Education Department strives to enhance the lives of mature adults, and those who nurture their success, through vibrant collaboration, education and innovation. Now in its third year, SAI and more than 25 community partners offer classes and special events for adults of all ages, across a wide range of disciplines for people interested in successful aging.

Heather Hall of Addus HealthCare says, "It's exciting to be a part of SAI. We benefit by having the opportunity to share ideas and cultivate the programs that may educate our future employees."

Terrie Powell of Garden Way Retirement Community states,

"Partnering with SAI is one of the ways we are able to show seniors what 'retirement' means in this 21st century!"

"The community benefits from our partnership through alternative sites, instructors and topics," comments Cathy Casalegno, River Road Park & Recreation.

According to Joyce DeMonnin, of AARP Oregon, "Working together with SAI and other stakeholders, we re-imagine a future in which age is an asset to the community."

On March 7, SAI will partner with AARP Oregon, Senior & Disabled Services, ARC of Lane County, and local employers to present a full-day conference titled "Is Caregiving YOUR Encore Career?"



The focus will be the dual challenges of chronic, long-term unemployment among people age 50+ and the growing need for professional caregivers serving older adults and people living with disabilities. Participants will learn about the skills needed to transition into caregiving as a later-in-life or "encore" career, as well as many local training opportunities. Lauren Kessler, UO professor and author of the Pacific Northwest Book Award winner *Dancing with Rose*, will present the keynote address. In her book, Kessler chronicled her stint as a professional caregiver, and states, "I gave it everything I could, and I got back more than I ever could have imagined." Conference registration through SAI begins December 6.

Is Caregiving YOUR Encore Career?

Wednesday, March 7 • 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lane's Center for Meeting & Learning

Cost: \$10.00

For more information about the March 7 conference and other SAI offerings, contact SAI at lanecc.edu/sai or call 541.463.4634.



Lauren Kessler, Conference Keynote Presenter