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### PAST GAINS, FUTURE GOALS (Part II)

Some of you may know that CAAL is moving toward closure at the end of 2014. But we still have more program work to do. With enactment of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)--the President signed the bill into law on July 22--Adult Education has an expanded context and new opportunities. In response to this transformational development, the field needs to regroup and refocus its attention. To that end, CAAL has just completed a project to help stimulate new thinking and action.

We invited a group of state and national leaders from many operational settings to participate in a "futures" project. They were asked to offer their views on the field's biggest recent gains and its highest priority future goals. They had free reign to address any one of a number of topics, and their contributions run the gamut--e.g., policy development, research, distance learning, ESL for immigrants and others, new approaches to funding, family literacy, professional development, regional planning, serving older Americans, the federal role, the state role, and other areas.

We are pleased to present this collection of short essays by our amazing team of 30 leaders in a special (albeit lengthy) CAAL Blog, [Past Gains, Future Goals \(Part II\)](#)\*. We hope you'll agree that this is an outstanding collection, and that it is both inspired and

thought provoking.

A more detailed message about CAAL itself will appear in a subsequent E-News issue. But please note for now that the CAAL website and its blogs will remain active through 2017.

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