

Working In America

Older Workers Can Bring A World Of Experience

(NAPSM)—Increasingly, older workers are putting off retirement and are staying on the job. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that by 2018, 22 percent of older workers will forego retirement and continue to work.

This may be good news for both workers and employers, given the favorable characteristics that are often attributed to older workers.

Some workers are still on the job at age 100 and beyond. In fact, one organization, Experience Works, celebrates this fact with an annual award that recognizes America's Outstanding Oldest Workers.

Nominees for the award must be 100 years of age or older, currently employed, work at least 20 hours each week for pay and involved in his or her community. Additional information, including the nomination form, is available at www.experienceworks.org. The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2011.

Last year's honorees were 105-year-old Emilio Navarro of Ponce, Puerto Rico and 101-year-old Sally Gordon of Lincoln, Nebraska.



Emilio Navarro, 105

Mr. Navarro is thought by many to be the world's oldest former baseball player, softball player and



Sally Gordon, 101

coach. Known by the nickname Millito, he has been inducted into the Puerto Rican Baseball Hall of Fame and the Puerto Rican Sports Hall of Fame. He currently works for a company that he founded after his baseball career.

The first female sergeant at arms for Nebraska, Ms. Gordon continues to serve the state's legislators. With an employment history that spans 84 years, she has worked for three of Nebraska's governors and several other government agencies. Her experience also includes court reporting, advertising, retail work and professional modeling.

Experience Works is a national nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of low-income older people through employment, community service and job training.

In 30 states and Puerto Rico, Experience Works operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor to provide skills training, work experience and community service opportunities for low-income older workers.

To learn more, visit www.experienceworks.org or call (866) 397-9757.