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Letter from the President

Dr. Amanda Bock, NC-CEC President

Dear Members,

I hope your fall is off to a fantastic start! As always, the NC CEC is busy planning ways to support educators in the field of special education. If you have any suggestions about how NC CEC can support you, please email them to nc.cec.sped@gmail.com. We are always open to new ideas!



The NC Division of Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD) hosted a spectacular mini-conference this month. There were sessions on EC compliance, ECATS, trauma-informed teaching, managing challenging behavior, and many other topics that matter to us. I would like to celebrate the hard work of Xaviera Johnson, who brought so many educators together for a day of professional learning. We are deeply grateful to Envision Science Academy for hosting the mini-conference.

In June, East Wake Academy generously welcomed our annual summer mini-conference. Along with fantastic sessions, mini-conference participants enjoyed an amazing keynote speaker, Chris Hendricks. Chris inspired us all through his music and his words. Thank you to Diann Gunderson for working so hard to create this day of information and inspiration.

Our 2020 Annual NC CEC Conference registration is now open! The pre-conference workshops will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 26 and the general conference will take place Thursday and Friday (2/27-28) in Greensboro.

Registration links are provided below. Don't forget to book your hotel room!

[Pre-conference registration](#) ** [General conference registration](#)

Our annual conference is a time to renew our inspiration for the work that we do. Sessions are presented by experts in the field, and presenters are always happy to continue conversations outside of sessions! It's also a time to connect with colleagues from across the state to share ideas about teaching, scheduling, organization, and work/life balance. Hope to see you there!

Please consider nominating someone you admire for one of our annual awards. At our annual conference, we will celebrate our award winners. The awards are:

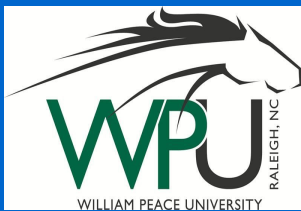
- The Felix S. Barker Award for outstanding leadership in the field of special education. To nominate click [here](#).

• Upcoming Events

NC CEC
2019 Executive
Board ([link](#))

President

Amanda Bock

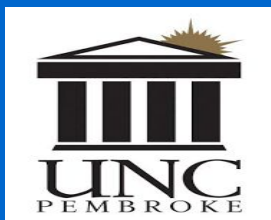


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Mabel Rivera



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President Elect

Natasha Veale

- The Excellence in Teaching Award for outstanding educators of students with disabilities. To nominate, click [here](#).
- The Yes I Can! Award to celebrate the achievements of children and youth with disabilities. You are welcome to nominate your own students! To nominate, click [here](#).
- The Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Award to recognize future teachers who demonstrate commitment to students with disabilities. To nominate, click [here](#).
- You can also submit a proposal for a mini-grant to support innovation in the field of special education. To apply for a mini-grant, click [here](#).

The deadline for all award nominations and mini-grant proposals is November 30, 2019. We encourage you to increase your engagement with NC CEC and take on a leadership role by applying for one or more of the open NC CEC Board Positions.

This year's NC CEC Officers Election will be held in November. We will be filling the following positions:

- NC CEC Vice President (4 yr term)
- NC CEC Treasurer (3 yr term)

The following positions are by appointment, and are a great way to get involved in leadership without taking on the full commitment of an elected position:

- NC CEC Student Coordinator (1 yr term - appointed position)
- NC CEC Conference Co-chair (2 yr term - appointed position)
- NC CEC Membership Chair (1 yr term - appointed position)
- NC CEC Member-At-Large (2 yr term - appointed position)
- NC CEC Communications Chair (1 yr term - appointed position)
- NC CEC Regional Representative (1 yr term - appointed position)
- NC CEC Regional Representative Chair/Co-Chair (1 yr term - appointed position)

Thank you for your commitment to the field of special education and for all the work you do to better the lives of students with disabilities and their families.

Together in education,
Amanda Bock, PhD

A Message from the Past-President

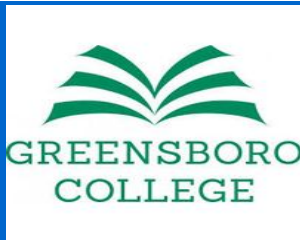
Dr. Mabel Rivera, NC-CEC Past-President



Happy Fall NC CEC Members!

I hope everyone's school year is off to a good start. Fall is here with a crisp air, beautiful colored leaves and wonderful opportunities for professional

development, like the Mini-Conference hosted by the NC Division of Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD) held in Wake Forest. At NC CEC, we look forward to hearing from you and sharing great news about your programs and school districts through our website and email updates. For continued updates on professional development across the regions, please visit our website at <http://community.cec.sped.org/nc/home>.



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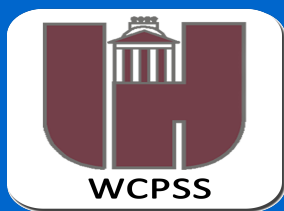


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This year, I have the pleasure to serve as Co-Chair of the NC CEC Conference Committee. This position was created to assist the new Chair in planning and hosting annual and mini-conferences. There are certainly lots of details to attend, and I look forward to our continued collaboration on this task. The committee is already planning another great professional experience with the theme of “Teaching, Learning, Empowering”. Please make plans for the 33rd Annual Conference to be held in Greensboro on **February 26-28, 2020!** Please consider collaborating with our exceptional team as a CEC Board Member (see our President’s call for new officers) and also nominating your colleagues/ students for our 2020 CEC Awards (see below).

I wish you and your students a wonderful fall and holiday season!

~**Dr. Mabel Rivera**, NC CEC Past-President

Call for 2020 CEC Award Nominations

The NC CEC seeks nominations for the 2020 Awards. The submission deadlines for all applications are listed below. To be eligible for consideration, all nominations must be submitted on or before the deadline. Specific nominating criteria and/or application requirements are detailed below. Award Winners and new Board Members must be present on **02/27/20** during the Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC. For more information about the details of these positions, please visit [NC CEC Website](#)

or contact:

Dr. Mabel Rivera, PhD

NC CEC Nominations Committee Chair

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***** 2020 CEC Awards *****

Felix S. Barker Award

The NC Council for Exceptional Children invites anyone interested in nominating a CEC member for the Felix Barker Award. This award recognizes an individual who has shown outstanding leadership in the field of special education. Nominees must be members of CEC. **2020 Felix S. Barker Nomination Form**

Yes I Can! Award

The *Yes I Can!* International Awards Program was established in 1981 to celebrate the achievements of children and youth with disabilities; to encourage children and youth with disabilities to seek their highest potential; and to increase public awareness of the abilities, aspirations, and personal qualities of people with disabilities. Each year children and youth with disabilities are recognized for their accomplishments through the *Yes I Can!* Awards Program. *Yes I Can!* Awards nominations will be accepted in the following categories:

- Academics
- Arts
- Athletics
- Community Service
- Employment
- Extracurricular Activities
- Independent Living Skills
- Self-Advocacy
- Technology

Each individual nominated for the *Yes I Can!* Awards Program will receive a Certificate of Achievement personally inscribed with his/her name suitable for

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Student Coordinator
Gretchen Robinson

framing. Certificates will be mailed for all nominees in each category in February 2018. The top award recipients will be presented with a plaque at the awards ceremony and luncheon. [2020 Yes I Can Award Nomination Form](#)

Excellence in Teaching Award

The NC Council for Exceptional Children invite anyone interested in nominating an outstanding educators for students with disabilities. This award recognizes a teacher who has demonstrated excellence in meeting the needs of children with disabilities.

[2020 Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination Form](#)

Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Award

The NC Council for Exceptional Children invite anyone interested in nominating an outstanding undergraduate student seeking licensure in special education who has shown consistent commitment to students with disabilities through strong and engaged leadership within SCEC. [NC CEC 2020 Student Scholarship Application Information](#)

Mini-Grant Awards

The NC Council for Exceptional Children invites members to submit proposals for a competitive mini-grant related to programs for students with exceptional needs. NC-CEC is sponsoring \$500 grant(s) for the purpose of rewarding members who have innovative ideas for better meeting the needs of students with disabilities. Grants available to any CEC member. [2020 Mini-Grant Award Nomination Form](#)

Region 1 Celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month



Srinivas Pannela, MA, MEd - Region 1 Representative & 2019 Teacher of Excellence Award Winner

Region 1 Representative, Srinivas Pannela, teaches students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

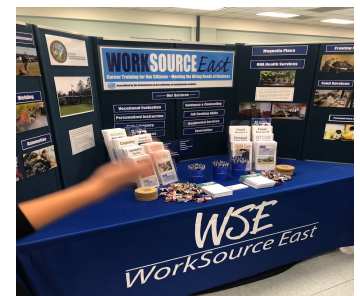
He and his students recently hosted a Vocational Rehabilitation Job Fair as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Their job fair was hosted

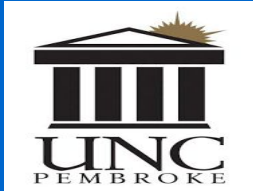


in association with Vocational Rehabilitation Center Rocky Mount Division. The students, parents and



CEC members in region one would like to thank the vendors and organizations such as Work source East in Goldsboro, Independent





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Our NC CEC Subdivisions

NC Council of
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Special Education

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NC Council of Children
with Behavioral
Disorders

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living, Assistive Technology, TCS and WASE and some of the other resource agencies present. The job fair was a great opportunity for the students who attended the vocational resources job fair (including OCS, mild intellectual and Autism and low incidence population). The job fair helped a variety of people including youth and adults with disabilities. Parents also received great information from different organizations, employers and other resources. Students submitted their resumes and job applications to vocational counselors. These are the vocational areas that the students were exposed to (Transportation, Mental Health, Social Service, assistive technology, Independent Living, Housing, Reentry Education and Training and Employment). NC CEC would like to thank vocational Rehab - Rocky Mount Division (and everyone else involved in the program) for their cooperation and efforts to organize the event and support students with disabilities in our state!!

Membership Corner, 2019

Dr. Alicia Brophy-Dick, NC-CEC Membership Co-Chair



We hope your fall is progressing as expected, and you are getting ready for the holidays! One question crops up frequently in our interactions with fellow special educators and future educators pursuing a degree in our field, whether at local or state conferences, or while engaged in professional development. Why should I join the Council for Exceptional Children? Well, without further ado...

Top 10 Reasons for joining the CEC

CEC is the leading voice for special and gifted education. The Council ensures the needs of children and youth with exceptionalities are met in educational legislation, establishes professional standards for the field, and develops initiatives to improve special education practice. Additionally, CEC is known as a quality source for evidence-based information, resources, and professional development for special educators.

Membership Benefits Include:

1. CEC Publications Stay on the cutting edge with the high-impact, up-to-the-minute information you receive from CEC's member publications:

- **Teaching Exceptional Children**- actionable and useful articles to teach and administer programs for children with disabilities and/or who are gifted (6 issues per year).
- **Exceptional Children**- original research on the education and development of children with exceptionalities in practical terms that you can bring into your classroom (4 issues per year).
- **CEC Today**- member newsletter keeps you up-to-date on professional and legal developments (4 issues per year, online).

2. Books, Media and Training CEC's articles, books, videos, and CD ROMS cover the entire agenda of social, legal and educational issues of children with exceptionalities. Our resource catalog is crammed with resources and materials specifically for special educators.

3. Career Development CEC's continuing education programs, including the CEC Annual Convention and Expo, provide groundbreaking information, state-of-the-art resources, and new ways of reaching students. CEC also provides you with essential training programs, materials, planning, and continuing education opportunities.

4. Advocacy and Support CEC members are an integral part of CEC's advocacy efforts for the rights of children and youth with exceptionalities, as well as the special needs of the educators who serve them. CEC is a major voice in Congress, the courts, and the U.S. Department of Education. CEC has launched a comprehensive program to make the educational community and the public aware of teacher shortages and special education teaching conditions. No other organization is more active - or more effective.



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NC Division on Autism
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Transition

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5. Discounts on Educational Resources CEC members enjoy savings of up to 30% on all CEC publications and professional development events including the CEC Annual Convention & Expo.

6. Career Connections Register your resume, view special education job postings, and access a list of recruiters - all on Career Connections, the only job bank on the Internet devoted exclusively to special education professionals.

7. Insurance and other economic benefits New! Comprehensive Health

Insurance. Potentially save thousands on health insurance. Plan options include Health Savings Accounts, Family PPO Plans and Group Employee Health Plans.

- Life, long term care, disability, and Auto Insurance through CEC
- Professional Liability and Other Insurance
- Council for Exceptional Children MasterCard Credit Card
- CD's and Money Market Accounts
- Rental Car Discounts
- Retirement Planning Professional Liability and Other Insurance
- New! Identity Theft Protection

8. Professional Divisions Join one or more of the 17 CEC special interest divisions, allowing you to tailor your participation to your particular area(s) of expertise. Each division publishes journals and newsletters, sponsors conferences and other professional development activities, facilitates political action on issues that directly affect your practice and interests, and provides unique networking opportunities to bring you closer with experts and your professional peers.

9. Peer Networking and Leadership Opportunities CEC's 17 special-interest divisions, 59 state/provincial units and hundreds of local chapters make you part of the most extensive network of professional special educators in existence today. CEC provides a wide range of opportunities for members to serve in leadership positions at the local, state/provincial, and international level.

10. Up-to-the-Minute Access via the Web At the CEC Web site you'll get the latest updates, on news in special education, participate in CEC's listserv, join or renew CEC membership, register for professional development events, and order books and other quality resources online.

It was wonderful to be able to see so many of you in person at the Summer and Fall Mini-Conferences. We even recruited some of you for leadership positions within our state chapter! We are always on the lookout for highly engaged and hardworking individuals who would like to be a part of our team and volunteer! If interested, please send an email to nc.cec.membership@gmail.com. We enjoy celebrating accomplishments and good news from our members, so please let us know so we can share on our website!

You may also be interested in joining one of the subdivisions/special interest divisions.	
CEC Special Interest Divisions Information Link	CEC Membership Renewal Link
NC CEC Active Subdivisions Information Link	CEC Membership "Types" Link



Please share any/all good news and/or celebrations related to Special Education or NC CEC Members with us via

NC CEC [Member "PROPS!" Link](#)

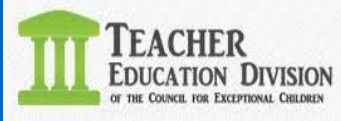
- [Dr. Natasha Veale Granted Tenure Professor Position](#)
- [Dr. Alicia Brophy-Dick - Promoted to Exceptional Children's Director for Sampson County Schools](#)

NC Teacher Education
Division

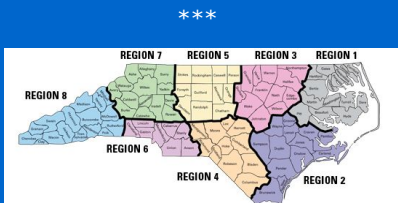
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NC CEC
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Northeast

Meghan Baulch
Meryl Besterman
Srinivas Pannela

Southeast

Xaviera Johnson
Jennifer Palmer

North Central

Pam Jerro
Melinda Pennington
Robin Vincent

Sandhills

Tommy Johnson
Bobbie Grammar

Piedmont - Triad

Julie Bost
Deborah Holzberg

Southwest

- [Dr. Gretchen Robinson - Named Educational Leadership and Specialties Department Chair at UNCP](#)

2020-21 NC CEC Regional Representatives Needed



Tommy Johnson, NC-CEC Regional Representatives Co-Chair

NC CEC Regional Representatives work actively to support NC CEC members and other stakeholders in special education within their region. This includes maintaining accurate records of K-12 institution contacts in their region and sharing information about NC CEC events and/or working with the NC CEC board of directors to sponsor a

mini-conference in your region. If you would like to support NCCEC as a Regional Representative, please submit your application via: [2020 NC CEC Board Application](#)
Description/Responsibilities include:

“The Regional Representative(s) shall support and serve the board and members of their region throughout the year according to the needs of their region.

- These positions require current CEC membership and active participation in at least two board meetings throughout the year.
- NC CEC Regional representatives work actively to support NC CEC members and other stakeholders in special education within their region. This includes maintaining accurate records of K-12 institution contacts in their region and sharing information about NC CEC events such as our annual conference, distributing information about NC CEC awards, nominations and/or applications for board elections and/or working with the NC CEC board of directors to sponsor a mini-conference in your region.
- Respond to CEC requests for assistance from members of the executive board. Representatives should submit a yearly review of activities to the chair(s) of the Regional Representatives Committee at each NC CEC board meeting.
- This is a one year, appointed term. Candidates interested in serving as the Regional

2019-20 Regional Representatives:

Northeast Region 1: *Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Roanoke Rapids, Tyrrell, Washington, Weldon*

Meghan Baulch (nc.cec.region1B@gmail.com)
Meryl Besterman (nc.cec.region1@gmail.com)
Srinivas Pannela (nc.cec.region1A@gmail.com)

Southeast Region 2: *Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Wayne*

Xaviera Johnson (nc.cec.region2A@gmail.com)
Jennifer Palmer (nc.cec.region2@gmail.com)

North Central Region 3: *Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Chatham, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Nash, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wilson*

Pam Jerro (nc.cec.region3@gmail.com)
Melinda Pennington (nc.cec.region3A@gmail.com)
Robin Vincent (nc.cec.region3B@gmail.com)

Sandhills Region 4: *Bladen, Clinton, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Whiteville*

Bobbie Grammar (nc.cec.region4@gmail.com)
Tommy Johnson (nc.cec.rep.chair@gmail.com)

Piedmont Triad Region 5: *Alamance, Asheboro, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Elkin, Forsyth, Guilford, Lexington, Mount Airy, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Thomasville, Surry, Yadkin*

Julie Bost (nc.cec.region5@gmail.com)
Deborah Holzberg (nc.cec.region5A@gmail.com)

Southwest Region 6: *Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Kannapolis, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Mooresville, Rowan, Stanly, Union*

Janice Bennett
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Mike Marcella

Western
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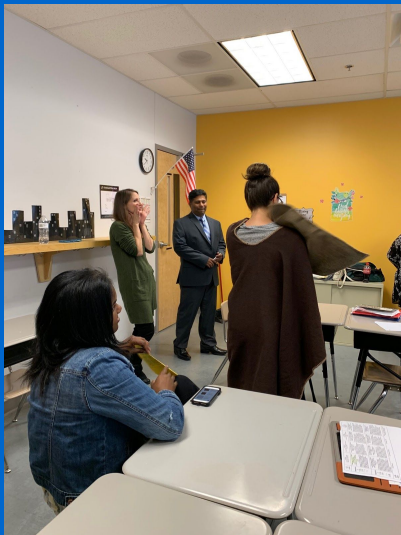
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Fall Mini-Conference

Envisions Science Academy,

Wake Forest, NC

10/5/19



Janice Bennett (nc.cec.region6@gmail.com)

Sharon Jackson (nc.cec.region6B@gmail.com)

Northwest Region 7: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Hickory, McDowell, Mitchell, Newton-Conover, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey

Mike Marcella (nc.cec.region7@gmail.com)

Western Region 8: Asheville, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania

Charmion Rush (nc.cec.region8@gmail.com)

Additional Spots for Regional Representatives Available - contact nc.cec.sped@gmail.com for more information about serving as a member representative

NC CEC Summer Mini-Conference, 2019

Diann Gunderson, NC-CEC Member-At-Large

The NC-CEC Summer Mini-Conference was held at East Wake Academy on June 19, 2019. A special thanks to Superintendent Stephen Gay and High School Principal Darrell Johnson for opening up the High School to us. We offered three strands of engaging information for educators.



The Special Education Strand offered sessions discussing Dyslexia, Understanding Autism - Classroom strategies & Challenging Behavior, and Co-teaching. The Inclusion & Behavior Strand offered sessions on Universal Design for Learning, De-escalation, Female Bullying, and Peer Tutoring. The Administration & Student Services Strand offered sessions on Teacher Recruitment & Retention, Occupational Course of Study, The Do's & Don'ts of Special Education and How School Counselors Can Support Teachers & Students. Our guest speaker was Chris Hendricks. Chris is a motivational speaker, musician and an inspiration to special education teachers and students. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful vendors who joined us: Imagifriends, Perfectly Afflicted, NCCAP, Usborne Books, PENC, I CAN Hemp, Red Room Sewing and Promethean. Planning for the 2020 Summer Mini-Conference will begin soon and we will share that out early next year. We hope to see you there!

NC SCEC Highlights



Dr. Gretchen Robinson, NC-CEC Student Coordinator



We Welcome New Student CEC Chapters!

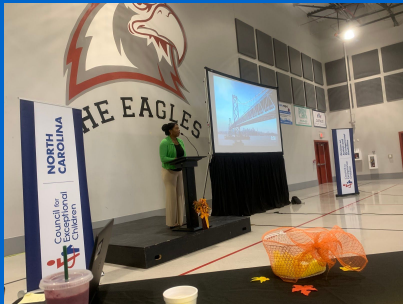
To get started, your college or university chapter will need at least 10 members. See the link below to the CEC Student Membership webpage which gives you much more information. Contact Dr. Gretchen Robinson, NC CEC Student Coordinator, with any questions as you begin or reestablish your chapter.

<https://www.cec.sped.org/Membership/Chapters>

See current NC Student CEC Chapters listed here:

<http://community.cec.sped.org/nc/new-item2/new-item>

Seeking Nominations for Student Representative to NCCEC



NC TED & NC TASH & Western Carolina University 4th Annual Inclusion Summit

June 14-15, 2019

“Transitions Across the Lifespan”



Looking to be more active with NC CEC? Want to help out other colleges and universities across the state? Send your name and a 250 word statement about yourself to Dr. Gretchen Robinson, Student Coordinator (nc.cec.student.coordinator@gmail.com) by November 15, 2019.

Responsibilities:

- Serve for a one year term
- Attend at least 2 NC CEC executive board meetings either in person or virtually.
- Attend the NC CEC conference and help facilitate student activities and volunteers.
- Preside over student state meeting during NC CEC conference.
- Work with Student Coordinator to facilitate and assist state colleges and universities in setting up and continuing local student NC CEC groups.
- Provide updates to the NC CEC newsletter regarding statewide student chapters and organizations.
- Be a member of the national CEC organization.

NC CEC 2019 Student Scholarship

NC CEC Student Scholarship Applications are being accepted! Been busy with your student CEC chapter this semester? The NC CEC Student Scholarship is given each year to an outstanding undergraduate student in the field of special education who is an engaged leader within SCEC. Interested applicants can download the application from the following link:

[Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Award Application Form](#)

The application includes two letters of recommendation and a letter from the applying student. All applicants must be members of the national CEC organization. Please email completed applications to Dr. Gretchen Robinson at: nc.cec.student.coordinator@gmail.com

Deadline is November 30, 2019.

Calling all 2020 Conference Student Poster Presentations!!!

Student Poster Presentations provide an opportunity for Undergraduate and Master-degree level students to share their completed or in-progress research project or share about teaching strategies, practices, or programs in a poster format. Presenters are sponsored by a faculty advisor. The student must be in attendance and will be available at the poster presentation to answer questions during the session. Poster easels will be provided to support flat posters (not tri-folds).

Additional information for poster presentation guidelines will be provided after proposals are reviewed and accepted. Please submit your proposal to the following link: [submit the student call for proposal form](#)

Deadline is November 30, 2019.

Calling all 2020 Conference Student Volunteers!!!

Interested in attending and helping out at our annual conference in Wilmington, NC? Current students can apply to be a volunteer at the conference on February 27 or 28, 2020. The three-hour shift might include: helping out conference presenters, helping out with registration or keynote speakers, promoting the conference on social media, or assisting with the student scholarship auction. Conference registration fees are waived for volunteers. Applications are available at the following link: [Student Volunteer](#) * Deadline is December 31, 2019.

NC CEC Subdivision News



NC CEC Summer Mini-Conference

East Wake Academy, Zebulon, NC
June 19, 2019



NC DADD Subdivision News!

Dr. Kristi Morin, & Xaviera Johnson,
NC DADD Co-Presidents



NC DADD held their first North Carolina conference at Envisions Science Academy in Wake Forest, NC on 10/5/19. There were 16 professional development sessions related to Special Education Compliance, ECATS, Evidence Based Practices in Inclusion Settings, Practical Implementation of High Leverage Practices across grade levels and student abilities, 21st Century Bullying: Building an Environment of Tolerance and Acceptance, Promoting Active Parent Involvement in the IEP Process, Understanding Autism: Characteristics & Practices for Challenging Behavior, Supporting Trauma Survivors in Educational Settings, Understanding Autism: Strategies for Classroom Success, Evidence-based Practices in Adapted Curriculum Settings, Predicting and Improving Graduation for Students with Emotional Disabilities, 21st Century Bullying in K-12: Strategies to Promote Tolerance & Acceptance, Establishing & Maintaining Effective Home/School Collaboration, and Understanding ASD: Practices for Challenging Behavior. Over 90 special education and general education teachers, teacher education students, parents and support providers around our state attended.

There may be a SPRING DADD Mini-Conference in 2020! Keep checking the [NC DADD website](#) for updated information.

Many of the participants shared very positive feedback about the conference with DADD members. NC DADD is committed to helping serve students with DADD in our state. If your organization is interested in receiving professional development or would like more information, please contact the NC DADD Co-Presidents, Dr. Kristi Morin and Ms. Xaviera Johnson at nc.dadd.president@gmail.com. Also, please like our Facebook page (NC CEC Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities - DADD) to stay current with NC DADD activities and for resources related to autism and other developmental disabilities. For questions and more information about the details of these positions, please contact:

Dr. Kristi Morin & Xaviera Johnson
NC DADD Co-Presidents
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Special Education Legislative Summit



Dr. Julie Bost, NC-CEC Regional Representative, CEC Board of Member, and Membership Chair for The Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)

North Carolina had a STRONG Presence at SELS, 2019!!!

In July, 289 special education advocates from 46 states stormed Capitol Hill for the annual Special Education Legislative Summit





(SELS)! North Carolina had a strong team and visited eight offices including both Senators, two Congresswomen, and four Congressmen. Our points of advocacy included education appropriations and the request for Congress to fully fund IDEA, keeping public funds in public schools, mental health, IDEA investments for young children, and shortages of special education teachers. Click [here](#) for more information about the summit along with the [Issues Briefs](#). Interested in participating in 2020? Visit <https://cec.sped.org/Policy-and-Advocacy> or email jibost@uncg.edu.



NC Team pictured left to right: Hollie Mason, Cathy Boshamer, Nancy Mamlin, Julie Bost, Lynn Zuboy, Charmion Rush, and Debbie Holzberg.



The NC team visited the offices of Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis along with Virginia Foxx, Alma Adams, Mark Meadows, George "G.K." Butterfield, Patrick McHenry, and Mark Walker.



Some of the NC Team with Congressman Mark Meadows.

**UPCOMING
Events**

11/05-11/09/19

International TED Conference LINK

(New Orleans, LA)

11/01-11/30/19

NC CEC Executive Board Elections

11/20-11/22/19

NC DPI 69th Conference on Exceptional Children LINK

(Greensboro, NC)

International DADD Conference LINK

(Sarasota, FL)

02/05-02/08/19

International CEC Conference LINK

(Portland, OR)



Some of the NC Team with Congresswoman Alma Adams, Ph.D.



Another highlight of the summit included the opportunity to hear from Rep. Huffman (D-CA), Co-sponsor of the IDEA Full Funding Act (Part B) H.R. 1878. He was truly inspiring (pictured below)



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02/26-02/28/20

NC CEC Conference LINK

(Greensboro, NC)

02/26-02/29/20

SC CEC Conference Link

(Myrtle Beach, SC)



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NC TED Subdivision News!



Melinda Pennington, NC-CEC TED Secretary & NC CEC Regional Representative



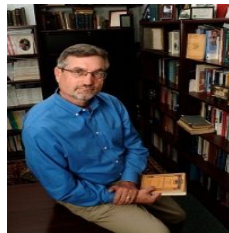
NC TED and NC TASH collaborated with Western Carolina University to provide the 4th Annual Inclusion Summit on June 14-15, 2019. The theme was “Transitions Across the Lifespan.” On Friday, Participants enjoyed a social hour while checking out a variety of exciting poster presentations. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Jennifer Kurth of the University of Kansas who challenged the audience to consider inclusion opportunities for all students.

Saturday featured multiple breakout sessions with options for educators, administrators, and higher education professionals. After several successful Summits in beautiful Cullowhee, NC TED and NC TASH members are spreading this amazing professional development opportunity across the state. Look for information soon about a new location for 2020!

NC CEC 2020 Conference Information

33rd Annual Conference
February 26-28,2020

Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro Airport
204 Centreport Dr, Greensboro, NC 27409



NC CEC would like to invite you to attend our 33rd Annual Conference on February 26-28, 2020 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Greensboro Airport! We encourage you to join administrators, policy makers, teacher educators, special educators, parents, and other advocates from across



the state to collaborate and learn about the best thinking in the field, informed by theory, research, and practice. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Wehmeyer. Dr. Wehmeyer is the Ross and Marianna Beach Distinguished Professor in Special Education and Chairperson, Department of Special Education as well as Director and Senior Scientist at the Beach Center on Disability, all at the University of Kansas. Dr. Wehmeyer specializes in self-determination, the application of positive psychology to the disability context, the education of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and technology use and access for people with intellectual disability. **You don't want to miss this!** The Pre-Conference, General Conference (and vendor) registration links are “LIVE” on the NC CEC website (<http://community.cec.sped.org/nc/home>).

We are so excited for the 2020 NC CEC Conference and look forward to seeing you there!

Dr. Natasha Veale (NC CEC President-Elect/2020 Conference Co-chair)