

NC CEC NEWSLETTER

North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children

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Letter From the President



Dear NC CEC Members,

It seems that I begin every newsletter with a statement of how much is going on in your North Carolina Branch of the Council for Exceptional Children. And this time is now different. We have held a successful election for new board members, will be saying good-bye to a few board members, and finishing up final touches on the upcoming annual conference.

Welcome!

The election results are in! Please join me in welcoming our new 2016 Executive Board Members. We are very fortunate to have these well-qualified and dedicated professionals join our board.

Dr. Mabel Rivera, Assistant Professor at UNC-Pembroke will be coming on as Vice President. Dr. Rivera has worked in the field for over 20 years. Most recently she has been involved and has served as Student Chapter Advisor to the Student Council for Exceptional Children at UNC-Pembroke, encouraging students to attend professional events and become avid advocates of inclusion and higher quality of education for children with exceptionalities.

Ms. Sara Newman, lead special education teacher in Alamance-Burlington Schools, will become our next Secretary. Ms. Newman has been a member of CEC since 2010, and is currently serving as a NC CEC Regional Representative for the Piedmont-Triad Region. She is looking forward to continuing to support our organization and the members we serve.

Mr. William Carter, special education teacher and department chair in Wake County Public School System, will join our board as CAN (Child and youth Action Network) Coordinator. Mr. Carter will help our membership and organization advance policy affecting students with disabilities and gifts and talents, by working to make governmental changes at the local, state, and federal levels that will make possible the implementation of CEC policies relating to the education of exceptional children.

Please join us in welcoming Mabel, Sara and William to our board.

Thank You!

As we have three new board members joining our team, we also have three leaving. Past President, Dr. Rose Matszny (ASU), worked to increase our collaboration with our state-level subdivisions and other like-minded organizations. Her work has certainly had a positive impact on our organization and community.

Dr. Charles Wood (UNC-Charlotte), joined the executive board member of the NC-CEC in 2010, served a three-year term as Treasurer for NC-CEC, before serving as Secretary. He has consistently supported those with disabilities as well as the professionals working with them. He will be missed.

Ms. Luann Ley Pavlu, a doctoral student at UNC-Charlotte, is finishing up a term as CAN Coordinator. Before joining our North Carolina branch, Luann also served as CAN Coordinator in Colorado. We were very fortunate to have her bring her expertise and social media experience here. These will be hard shoes to fill.

29th Annual Conference: "Change, Challenge, Opportunity"

The 29th Annual Conference is just around the corner. In fact it is less than a week away. If you have not yet registered, there is still time. Register for the Pre-Conference here: <http://tinyurl.com/pqxacr5> and the General Conference here: <http://tinyurl.com/ot4ctpe>.

President-elect/Conference Chair, Glenda McKeithan and the rest of the conference committee has been working diligently to put on another great conference. We are very pleased and excited to have the Drs. Ann and Rudd Turnbull deliver the keynote presentation titled "Keeping IDEA's Promise for Equality of Opportunity, Independent Living, Full Participation, and Economic Self-Sufficiency: Embracing the Full Lifespan."

We also have four powerful Pre-Conference Sessions. They include:

- Special Education Compliance and Procedures Training
- Instructional Coaching
- Literacy Strategies
- MindSet Training

Our general conference is filled with sessions on topics ranging from assessment, behavior, instructional approaches and data-based decision-making, and range from pre-kindergarten through adulthood, and every category of exceptionality. All members, special education teachers and administrators are sure to find plenty of sessions to expand their expertise and knowledge.

In addition, we have several outstanding students and professionals that will be honored. Please join us Thursday, January 28th in the Cardinal Ballroom as we celebrate the accomplishments and work of these outstanding award winners.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Exceptionally yours,

Jessica

Jessica Wery, Ph.D.
President (2015)
NC CEC

2016 Annual NC CEC Conference!

“Change, Challenge, Opportunity”



Dates	January 27 - 29, 2016
Location	Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina (http://www.pinehurst.com)
Description	<p>The NC CEC Conference offers various ways for you to become involved in the lives of individuals with disabilities and those who support and teach them. This conference is the annual gathering of the North Carolina membership of the international organization, Council for Exceptional Children. This offers companies, organizations, colleges & universities and individuals the perfect opportunity to not only advertise useful products but also support those who value the products and use them on a daily basis.</p>
Register	https://www.cec.sped.org/Professional-Development/Events-Calendar/2016/01/2016-Annual-NCCEC-Conference

Announcements

Seeking NC CEC Regional Representative in these areas:

Southeast (old Regional 2)

Sandhills (old Regional 4)

Southwest (old Regional 6)

Northwest (old Regional 7)

Western (old Regional 8)



Regional Representatives:

- work with other regional representatives to engage the membership of your region
- attend at least 2 board meetings (either in person or teleconference),
- participate in 2 committees,
- attend the annual conference,
- be a CEC member and
- be able to commit for 1 year

Seeking Applications for Early Childhood Special Education (B-K) Associate/Full Professor

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Specialized Education Services is seeking applications for Associate/Full Professor - Tenure Track in Early Childhood Special Education (Birth - Kindergarten).

Position/Rank: Associate/Full Professor - Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-Kindergarten) in the Department of Specialized Education Services. Date of appointment will be August 1, 2016.

Application Deadline and Procedures: Review of applications began November 1st, 2015 and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit (1) a letter of interest, (2) a current vita, and (3) three letters of references electronically via: jobsearch.uncg.edu.

For questions, please contact Jean Kang (Co-Chair of the Birth through Kindergarten Position Search Committee) at j_kang@uncg.edu

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