

NC CEC NEWSLETTER

North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by **Alicia A. Brophy-Dick**



Happy Fall North Carolina
CEC Members,

I hope your school year is off to a great start! Please take a moment to peruse our fall newsletter before the busy holiday season approaches, as we have a lot of news about upcoming events to share with you. I know our CAN Coordinator, William Carter, has also been busy sending out CAN announcements about the latest legislation, and news from the world of special education. I would like to take a moment to thank him for keeping all of us all so highly informed. Speaking of upcoming events, please remember to vote for our new NC CEC officers by November 30th; we are voting on a new Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and CAN Coordinator. Your input is vital to continuing to make NC CEC the amazing professional organization that it is today!

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Letter from the President cont.

Speaking of upcoming events, we hope you will join us at the Winston-Salem Marriott on Wednesday, January 17th for the 2018 NC CEC Pre-Conference, and from Thursday, January 18th through Friday, January 19th, for our 2018 NC CEC General Conference. This year's theme, "Teaching for Tomorrow," will motivate us as we propel forward through this school year full of change, in addition to providing remarkable professional development opportunities. Every year, I come away with marvelous new tools and information that I love sharing with my students and future special educators at UNCW.

Dr. Mabel Rivera has done an excellent job coordinating this year's conference and bringing in a variety of vendors, highlighting new and innovative educational tools, as well as proving resources to support our students with exceptionalities. I look forward to networking with all of you, and learning from our over 50 presenters. I'm especially excited to hear this year's keynote speaker, Dr. Marilyn Friend! If you aren't yet familiar with her work, she is a pioneer and one of the foremost experts on the area of Co-Teaching. You don't want to miss this opportunity to see her in person! Registration forms are on our website. Please remember to register by December 15th in order to receive the early bird rate.

Last but not least, we are avidly recruiting Regional Representatives! If you are passionate about special education, interested in becoming more involved in our great organization, but not yet ready to take the leap into becoming one of our officers, then now is the perfect time to become Regional Rep! Regional Representatives are an essential part of the NC CEC Board, and are responsible for disseminating NC CEC information and events to their regions. We depend on their support and enthusiasm! Please see here [Regional Representative Information](#) for additional information.

Happy Holidays, and I can't wait to see you in January!

Sincerely,
 Alicia A. Brophy-Dick

Final Message from the Past President

by **Glenda McKeithan**

Season's Greetings!

It is hard to believe we Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner! There are so many exciting events happening in next several months. I hope you all will visit our NC CEC Web page (<http://community.cec.sped.org/nc/home>) for information about the important events in the state and around the nation that are designed to support educators and students with disabilities.

Part of the responsibilities of Immediate Past President is to chair the Constitution Committee as well as the Nomination/Awards Committee. This year, we have made some minor changes to the Constitution to clarify duties/expectations of board members, and the most recently approved version is posted in the "our mission" section of the webpage (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzI0AFYwwULoMkpsWG5qTk0zTms/view>); we hope you will consider reviewing and offering feedback if you are interested in some light reading over the holidays! I

The Nomination Committee has been advertising several open positions for the 2018 NC CEC Board of Directors. We were fortunate to have seven people volunteer to serve on the 2018 board, and we are so appreciative of their willingness to serve this amazing organization. Information about all the candidates are posted on the website (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l8cXUoFaEgHUxfvkZi0MNyeU-ZR2sluVlynPloxrv0/edit?usp=sharing>).

Voting starts 11/1/17 and will continue through the month of November. I encourage all current CEC members to vote. You must be a current member to vote, but we do not want you to be discouraged from voting if you do not have access to your number.

You have three options if you do not know your CEC number:

- 1) you can write in your name/email address so we can verify your number
- 2) you can contact CEC for the number
- 3) you can contact NC CEC to find out your number (email nc.cec.past.pres@gmail.com)

We continue to recruit for NC CEC Regional Representatives. Currently, we do not have any applications for Regions 1 (Northeast), 2 (Southeast), 4 (Piedmont-Triad), 6 (Southwest) & 7 (Northwest). A map of each region is currently on the website (<http://community.cec.sped.org/nc/about/new-item>).

If you would like to be considered for a regional representative, please complete this form (<https://goo.gl/forms/cbSVTHbC9dWn4pVg2>):

2017 Executive Board

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Dr Cayce McCamish
Laura Winter (President Elect)

NC DADD

Dr. Melissa Hudson
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NC CEC Regional Reps

Northeast

Dr. Lora Lee Smith - Canter
Dr. Paula Dowd

Southeast

Anna Strickland Weaver

North Central

Dr. Ben Gootman
Diann Gunderson
Christina Spears

Sandhills

Bobbie Grammer

Piedmont - Triad

Margaret Blackwell
Dr. Julie Bost
Jennifer Enter

Southwest

Dr. Charlie Wood
Dr. Eileen Yantz
Ann Jolly

Northwest

Dr. Rose Marie Matuszny
Dr. Emily Summey

Western

Dr. Charmion Rush
Dr. Lisa Bloom

Past President Final Message Cont.

We have the information posted on the website

(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d0_zBqa_1Uc9jPMulqrGgQjGvZQh36YVS1bRUZ_ahMs/edit) for

CEC members interested in nominating themselves or some other worthy member for the many awards we will present at the 2018 conference. Please consider applying on/before 11/15/17. Contact me at nc.cec.past.pres@gmail.com if you have any questions/concerns about the nomination process.

As my time in the presidential leadership roles of NC CEC comes to a close, I thank you all for enabling me to work with and learn from so many capable, dedicated and generous professionals on the board and throughout our state as I learned about and assumed the responsibilities for VP, President Elect/Conference Chair, President and finally...Past President. Honestly, I did not fully realize the time/effort demands of each role, but working collaboratively with other members of the board – especially those in current/past leadership roles – has made all the difference.

We have several active board members who were past presidents that continued to serve NC CEC, and their help has been invaluable over the years....thank you all so much (MaryAnn Baldwin, Margaret Blackwell, Bobbie Grammar, Dr. Julie Bost and Dr. Rose Matuszny). I have especially enjoyed my time working with our current president – Dr. Alicia Brophy, president elect – Dr. Mabel Rivera and Vice President – Dr. Amanda Bock. I am confident that I am leaving the board in very capable hands!

I wish you all a very joyous holiday season!

Glennnda McKeithan, PhD

NC CEC Immediate Past President



31st Annual Conference

TEACHING FOR TOMORROW

PRE-CONFERENCE: JANUARY 17

GENERAL CONFERENCE: JANUARY 18-19, 2018

Our conference moves to Winston-Salem! Join administrators, policy makers, teacher educators, special educators, parents, and other advocates from around the country as we collaborate and learn more about the best thinking in the field, informed by theory, research, and practice!

Pre-Conference Sessions:

Achieving Meaningful Outcomes for Students with Autism

Early Childhood Education

Establishing and Maintaining a Safe Environment

Multi-Tier System of Support

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in NC

Special Education Compliance and Procedures

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marilyn Friend

Dr. Friend has spent her career as a teacher, teacher educator, and staff developer. She has consulted with school professionals nationally and internationally as they collaborate to educate their students, assisting them to form productive and efficient work teams, to learn the best ways to manage awkward or adversarial conversations, and to communicate effectively with parents. Her particular areas of interest include skills for collaboration, co-teaching, inclusive school practices, team building, shared problem solving, interpersonal communication, conflict and controversy, and home-school communication. We are HONORED to have her speak at our conference, and we hope you will join us!



Registration is now available online!



Reserve your room at the Winston-Salem Marriott

NCCEC Conference rate \$71.20 Single or \$199 Double

For more information, please contact: Dr. Mabel Rivera
at ncceconference@gmail.com

NC CEC Regional Representatives News

by **Dr. Charmion Rush, SCEC Faculty Advisor at Western Carolina University**

Congratulations to Amber Henry, the new Board Student Coordinator!

Amber is a junior at Western Carolina University (WCU), majoring in Inclusive Education / Adaptive Curriculum. As of now, Amber plans on pursuing her masters in Inclusive Education/Transitional Services.

At WCU, Amber is the Secretary for her local Student Council for Exceptional Children chapter & was last year's recipient for the NCCEC Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship.

Amber currently works with Western's University Participant Program where she discovered her passion for working with students with disabilities. She is also a member of WCU Dean's Advisory Committee, College of Education and Allied Profession Student Ambassador and a member of the Honors' College. As a member of Entourage, she serves as a student tour guide.

Lastly, Amber's community service commitments include leadership within the Bridge Kids Ministry (at her local church), as well as being an instructor of a group exercise program.



Meet Amber Henry...
NC-CEC Student Representative
for 2017-18!

NC CEC Regional Representatives News Cont.

by Dr. Charmion Rush, Western Region & Regional Representative Chair &
Bobbie Grammar, Triad Region & Regional Representative Chair

Meet the 2017-2018 Regional Representatives...

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Dr. Paula Dowd

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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 haven't met your Regional Representative, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself.

THE MATTHEW C. GRAZIADEI SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FOR AN
OUTSTANDING NC HIGH
SCHOOL SENIOR WITH A
DISABILITY
Application deadline:

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Students enrolled in the Occupation Course of Study (OCS), Graduation Certificate and Future Ready Course of Study are eligible for this \$1,500.00 award.

Download your application here:

<https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/the-matthew-c-graziadei-achievement-scholarship-award-package-available-now/>

Presented Annually by:

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

<http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/>

NC CEC Student Chapter News

by Dr. Gretchen Robinson, Student Coordinator &
Amber Henry, Student Representative

NC CEC 2018 Student Scholarship

NC CEC Student Scholarship Applications are being accepted! Been busy with your student CEC chapter this semester?

The 2017 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:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m7bLRS+GSdvl6kCZKbk5CNX-4uNjVY7wyCiIIRS0/edit>

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:
gretchen.robinson@uncp.edu

Deadline is November 30, 2017

Calling all 2018 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 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:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kJKKw0ay5ETB93YEWCCZxuKnBT6luRLS--hHrBtS_X8/viewform?c=0&w=1&edit_requested=true

Deadline is November 30, 2017



NC CEC Division News

by Jenny Enter, NC CCBD Vice President and Awards Committee Chair



2018 CCBD Awards

NC CCBD is pleased to announce two opportunities to recognize outstanding leaders and practitioners in the field of behavioral disorders.

Outstanding Leadership Award

The purpose of this award is to honor an outstanding leader in the field of behavioral disorders who has made significant contributions and has had a significant impact on the field. This individual will have made significant contributions to the field of emotional/behavioral disorders through: his/her research; leadership in district, state, regional, or national efforts; leadership in teacher education or practitioner preparation; leadership in state or national organizations; or state and national policy development or implementation.

Outstanding Practitioner Award

The purpose of this award is to honor an outstanding practitioner in the field of behavioral disorders who has made significant contributions and has had a significant impact on the field. This individual will have made significant contributions to improved outcomes for students with behavioral disorders through the provision of effective behavioral management/supports, innovative implementation of behavioral interventions, effective behavioral intervention/program planning, comprehensive programmatic supports, integrated service provision and collaboration, or other behavioral support services that significantly improve the educational outcomes for students with emotional/behavioral disorders.

Nomination Considerations:

A nomination should be made by someone who is familiar with the nature and quality of the nominee's work, and who can speak to the nominee's contributions to the field of behavioral disorders in correspondence to the award description.

Nomination Materials:

A letter of nomination to include the following information: (a) name, address, email, and phone number of the person/organization making the nomination; (b) nominee's name, address, email, phone number, and CEC identification number; and (c) reasons for making the nomination and other information which might be helpful to the Awards Committee in determining the extent of the contributions the nominee has made to the field. Two letters of support from other leaders in the field of emotional/behavioral disorders.

Submit completed nomination materials to NC CCBD Vice President and Awards Committee Chair, Jennifer Enter, Ed.S., to jennentere@yahoo.com in one single email by November 15, 2017 (midnight, Eastern Standard Time). Please include "NC CCBD Awards" in the subject line. Award recipients will be notified by December 15, 2017 and will be recognized at the NC CEC Annual Conference held on January 17th - 19th in Winston-Salem, NC.

Don't Forget!

Share celebrations/accomplishments of NC CEC members with NC CEC Member "Props" located on the website!

Check out the **NC CEC Website** for
New Information!