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We appreciate the 2021 Fall Convention logo developed by Mr. Chris Garner, Teacher, Morton High School. The logo represents the six Regions of ICEC.



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Extend a word of gratitude to your Regional Director today! We are very excited to include news of our upcoming ICEC Convention (November 4, 5, 6). As you may remember, we are holding this convention virtually. This is appearing to be a wise decision given the state of the pandemic right now. We are dedicated to providing a meaningful experience for all AND to putting our members' and friends' health and safety first and foremost in our planning.

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children Fall Convention 2021

Our theme, Collegiality and Best Practice in the Spirit of Elizabeth Farrell, seems appropriate as CEC celebrates 100 years of research, service, and support of individuals with disabilities. We have many wonderful proposals that include topics on appropriate behavioral interventions for young children through young adult ages, appropriate use of research in classroom interventions for academic as well as social-emotional supports within classroom settings. There will be legal and legislative updates for returning to classrooms for the 2021-22 academic year. Additionally, presentations include information on what inclusive practices can be used at the higher education level as well. We seek to have something for everyone.

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Additionally, we seek to respect members who work in K-12 settings by beginning sessions at 4pm on Thursday and Friday (November 4 and 5) and end at 9pm both of those days. On Saturday, November 6, we plan on beginning at 8am and ending at 4pm in order to include time for our annual ICEC Delegates meeting and time for Illinois Subdivisions (e.g., Pioneers, ILCCBD, IDEC, and ITED) to present as well. There is still much work that we are doing and will update as we can. There will be another Newsletter in September that will include some final information on this year's ICEC Convention. We are working on setting up registration information and finalizing the presentation schedules for each day as we write this post for the Newsletter.

Please, please, please, stay safe and healthy. You are all very precious to the Illinois CEC chapter.



Tim Carroll, Interim Treasurer of ICEC

I was born and raised in Washington, Illinois. Upon graduation from high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for 5 years. I then worked a couple of different jobs before deciding to become an educator. I enrolled at Illinois State University and graduated with a B.A. in special education in December 2011 and a M.Ed. in May 2018. I am beginning my tenth year as a classroom teacher in a self-contained classroom at Pekin Community High School.

I am happily married to my wife Heather for 27 years and we have 3 adult children and 1 granddaughter. We reside in Bartonville, Illinois. In addition to my roles as an educator and with ICEC, I am an elected official and serve on the Village Board as a Trustee. I have served in this role for two years and have two years remaining in my term.

Governmental/Legislative Corner



Council for Exceptional Children Advocacy – Legislative Summit 2021

The CEC Special Education Legislative Summit 2021 took place in Washington D.C. and online from July 19-23. This hybrid format uniquely accommodated advocates in Congress for the education of students with disabilities, special educators, and parents. For example, this year our Illinois advocates including Kevin Rubenstein, Julie Egan, Cheryl Wagemann, Melissa Grandt, Judy Boyens, Toni Galan, and Laura Boedeker advocated with staff from Mr. Durbin's office. They focused on mental health services, shortages of special educators and staff, and on financial appropriations for preschool special education, professional development, and gifted education. See the CEC website for more information under the Policy and Advocacy tab.

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/policy-and-advocacy>.

CEC 100th Anniversary Series

ICEC: The CEC 100th Anniversary Celebration Series



Elizabeth Farrell and her vision for special education, 1899-1922
Speaker: Michael M. Gerber, Ph.D.
University of California, Santa Barbara

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
7:00-8:00 p.m. (Central)

1st of 12 in a
Virtual Series

Elizabeth Farrell
1870-1932


For Zoom link see: www.illinoiscec.net
Or contact epcowl@ilstu.edu

Clearly, there is much to learn about the life and times of Ms. Elizabeth Farrell. We share a proud history in the Council for Exceptional Children as well as in the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children. We truly do stand on the shoulders of giants!

Dr. Michael Gerber's presentation will be available on YouTube. See link information on the ICEC website www.illinoiscec.net

Next in our 100th Anniversary Series Friday September 10th 7-8 p.m.

ICEC: The CEC 100th Anniversary Celebration Series



The Importance of Inclusion
Speaker: James M. Kauffman, Ph.D.
University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Friday, September 10, 2021
7:00-8:00 p.m. (Central)

2nd of 12 in a
Virtual Series

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Dr. James M. "Jim" Kauffman, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, dedicated his life to teaching, research and service primarily focusing on the education of students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Dr. Kauffman completed his undergraduate studies at Goshen College and began his career as a classroom teacher. He completed his graduate studies at Washburn University and his doctorate degree at the University of Kansas. He taught in a psychiatric clinic associated with the Children's Division, Menninger Clinic at Southard School in Topeka, Kansas. Dr. Jim Kauffman has authored numerous books and articles and has clearly established himself as a leader in the field.



Awards at ICEC Convention

We want to recognize outstanding achievement!

We will present an assortment of awards at the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children Fall Convention 2021. Mr. Tim Carroll will present the Yes, I Can! awards. These awards recognize students' outstanding achievement in academics, arts, school and community activities, self-advocacy, use of technology, and transition. Students' applications for the Yes, I Can awards are submitted in May every year in conjunction with Exceptional Children's Week.

Presently Ms. Bethanie Whittaker, Chair of Professional Awards is accepting nominations for the ICEC Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award, the ICEC Meritorious Service Award, Dean S. Hage Student of the Year Award, ICEC Legislator of the Year, the ICEC Outstanding General Education Teacher of the Year Award, ICEC Robert E. Abbott Outstanding Contributor, as well as the Ray Graham Memorial Grant and the ICEC Pioneers Scholarship. Please see nomination and application details on the ICEC website and under the Awards/Scholarships tab <https://www.illinoiscec.net>. Nominate someone today! Their outstanding achievement and commitment to special education deserve our recognition.

ILCCBD Summer Institute



The Illinois Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders Virtual Conference took place on Friday August 6 and 120 people attended. It was a jam-filled day with excellent sessions. We started the day with Dr. Dean Cantu talking about: After the Coronavirus: What Will This School Year Look Like. Dr. Cantu is known for his excellent sessions, and he did not disappoint. His session was followed by one conducted by Dr. Gerardo Moreno on Cultivating Equity in our Disciplinary Referrals. Dr. Moreno gave excellent information about implicit and explicit bias. Dr. Christalyn Brown discussed Evidence Based Tier 2 and Tier 3 Behavioral Interventions. Michelle Laird and Lisa Cipriano gave a lively session filled with practical ideas on: "Taking Care of the Community of Caretakers." After lunch, Jonte Taylor talked about the importance of educators being performing artists and offered some theatrics. Dr. Rick Van Acker gave an impressive presentation on meeting the mental health needs of students. The day ended with a panel led by Dr. Michael Scaletta, President of Illinois CCBD of Coping with the Aftermath of the Coronavirus: Moving Forward. It was a great day with valuable information. Many thanks to the entire Illinois CCBD board for all their hard work, to our speakers, and our participants. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the Winter Drive In Conference on Feb. 4-5, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Lisle Hotel. For a conference flyer, contact Bev Johns at beverleyjohns@gmail.com



Please continue to consult
the ICEC website for
updates on Fall deadlines

<https://www.illinoiscec.net>



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND
WELCOME YOUR STORY FOR THE ICEC
NEWSLETTER, 2021. THE SUBMISSION
AND PUBLICATION DATES ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

SUBMISSION DATES	PUBLICATION DATES
SEPTEMBER 11TH	SEPTEMBER 27TH
NOVEMBER 5TH	NOVEMBER 22ND



ICEC Social Media



Upcoming dates for ICEC

- The ICEC Fall Convention 2021 registration link will be available on the ICEC website forthcoming
- Saturday September 11th, 2021
ICEC Board meeting



- November 4-6, 2021--Virtual
Convention of the Illinois Council for
Exceptional Children



- February 4-5, 2022--Drive In
Conference of the Illinois Council for
Children with Behavioral Disorders--
Lisle, Illinois
- February 11-12, 2022--Teach to Lead
Conference, an opportunity open to
school district personnel all over
Illinois on Teacher Leadership--
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois