

End of the Year Newsletter

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From the President's Desk...

Happy Thanksgiving!

We have so much to be thankful for in ICEC.

We are thankful for that we came through an unforgettable year together. We extend deepest condolences to all who endured unimaginable loss this year. Please know that we remember you and extend our heartfelt appreciation of you and the extraordinary days you lived through in 2021. We are better and stronger together.

We are deeply thankful for all who worked so hard to make our ICEC Fall Virtual Convention 2021 a superb event. Our presenters addressed the challenges of our time including the coronavirus pandemic, culturally responsive practices, what makes special education special, behavior management, academic programming, and so much more.

We honored the life and legacy of Elizabeth Farrell, we honored six professionals in Illinois who follow in her footsteps today, and five students who are learning and growing in ways that Ms. Farrell intended.

We asked our participants to tell us the most meaning session they attended and here is a sampling of their responses:

"The session on restorative justice..."

"Kindness in Crisis"

"Students increased behavioral concerns since the pandemic"

"An Increase in Student Aggression: Why and What We Need to Do"

"I got some real nice insights to UDL planning, which is something I had not been trained in previously."

"The two sessions that stood out to me were both on Saturday. 'Adapting Made Simple' and 'Unlocking Classroom Success'."

"The high functioning autism session Inclusion of students with significant disabilities"

"Opening session on Elizabeth Farrell."

"They all were very meaningful and pertinent to what I do on a daily basis."

Please join us in person next year, November 3-5, 2022, Chicago Marriott Naperville. See the website for details: www.illinoiscec.net



**The CEC 100th Anniversary Series is designed to celebrate
Elizabeth Farrell, Foundress of CEC
August 10, 2021-August 10, 2022**

Please see the ICEC website www.illinoiscec.net for information on the remaining sessions in this series. You are invited to join us for the next session in this series. Professional Development hours will be available:

ICEC: The CEC 100th Anniversary Celebration Series

Assessment of Dyslexia



Speaker: Nancy Mather, Ph.D.

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Saturday, December 11, 2021

1:00-2:00 p.m. (Central)

**5th of 12 in a
Virtual Series**

For Zoom link see: www.illinoiscec.net

Or contact epcrowl@ilstu.edu

We are thankful to Mr. Cody Pullium, Chair of Professional Development does the work it takes to make professional development hours available for each of these sessions. Please contact Cody if you have questions: Pullium93@icloud.com

Please invite your colleagues to join CEC today!

Remind them of the great benefits in joining our Professional Organization including collegial relationships with your professional peers and learn about the best professional practices to engage in every day. For more details, including insurance coverage, fee reductions for members and so much more. Welcome aboard!



STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations!

Illinois State University Student Chapter of ICEC!

President: Angie Turpen

Vice President: Haley Moore

Membership: Josh Rockey

Publicity/Communications: Breegan Billings

Secretary: Julia Freedman

Fundraising: Sam Dietrich

Member At Large: Katie Klinn

Faculty Advisors: Ms. Nancy Braun

SPOTLIGHT - ISU STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The students at Illinois State University (ISU) have been busy. The Active Chapter Report Form on the ICEC website provides an ideal structure to focus the planning of an exciting year. The most important ingredient of all is a group of highly motivated students who are organized, who have learned how to manage their time, and balance the many demands on their lives.

We celebrate and welcome the newly developed ISU ISCEC Chapter. Currently, they are considering participating in the local Polar Plunge, raising awareness about students with special needs, Exceptional Children's Week and more. Their next meeting will take place on Monday, November 29. We look forward to hearing about their plans for the Spring semester.

Congratulations to the leadership team of ISU ISCEC. We wish you a great Spring semester 2022. We look forward to meeting you virtually and in person when that time comes.

A WARM WELCOME



**ILLINOIS DIVISION OF
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(IDDEL)**

ILLINOIS DIVISION OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS (IDDEL) DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations!

President: Dr. Wendy Gonzales, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

President Elect and ICEC Liaison: Chanita Jones-Howard, Horizons for Youth, Chicago

Vice President: Rosalba Garduno, Bilingual Special Education Teacher, Valley View School District, Romeoville

Secretary: Dr. Molly Buren, National Louis University, Chicago

Treasurer: Dr. Rocio Del Castillo, Huntley Community School District 158, Huntley

Members at Large: Dr. Rita Brusca-Vega, Professor Emeritus, Purdue University System; Dr. Norma A. Lopez-Reyna, Professor Emerita, University of Illinois Chicago

Immediate Past President: Dr. Sheila Marie Trzcinka, Professor Emerita, Indiana University Northwest

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COLLEAGUES ON THE ICEC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Anita Bausman
Mollie Minard
Adriana Schmidt
Lyndsay Palach Shelton
Dr. Quentin Wherfel
Meghan Wurst



MEGHAN WURST will lead **EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK 2022**. Meghan is very excited to take on this role and we look forward to doing all we can to support her in this leadership role. She is currently in her third year as a special educator, in the Chicago Public School System. She graduated from Eastern Illinois with my LBSI and is currently working on my LBSII in Curricular Adaptations at Eastern Illinois. She is also going to be starting her thesis in Spring 2022. She is currently working in a co-taught and resource setting. Her dream is to one day work in a cluster setting. In the meantime, her current goal is to finish her master's degree program and start a doctorate program. Welcome Meghan!

LYNDSAY PALACH SHELTON is working on the redevelopment of the **ILLINOIS DIVISION OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSITION**. Meghan is a graduate of Illinois State University and was a special educator at Barrington School District for ten years before she developed FUTURE SLTP, a first-of-its-kind consultancy that provides highly individualized guidance to families looking to plan and facilitate a successful transition from high school to their next step. Lyndsay works alongside families to help students of all ability levels to reach their full potential by proactively planning for college and careers. The goal is to create meaningful connections to postsecondary resources and programs. Elizabeth Robbins, Autism Specialist coaches clients on social tools and strategies so that they can achieve their goals in school, the workplace, and the community. Welcome Lyndsay!

CONGRATULATIONS

YES, I CAN! AWARD

RECIPIENTS 2021



PAUL ROSLAND III: Transition, York High School

FRANCO BIBBIANO: School & Community Activities, Bryan Middle School

CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ: Transition, Field Middle School

ALFONSO HERNANDEZ Jr.: Academics, Field Middle School

OMAR FARROUKH: Academics, Worth Junior High School

WE CONGRATULATE OUR ICEC PROFESSIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS 2021!

Clarissa Hug: Tim Carroll, Special Education Teacher, Pekin

Meritorious Service Award: Wendy Iverson, Special Educator, District 87, Bloomington

Dean S. Hage Student of the Year: Haley Caulfield, Eastern Illinois University

Legislator of the Year: Elizabeth Hernandez, 24th district, Chicagoland

Outstanding General Education Teacher of the Year: Michelle Stalter, Sarah Raymond School, District 87, Bloomington

Robert E. Abbott Outstanding Contributor: Martha Vaché, Special Educator, Retired, Jacksonville

Ray Graham Memorial Award: Chapter 99, Jacksonville

Upcoming Events

Save
the
Date

December 10, 2021: Dr. Nancy Mather *Assessment of Dyslexia*

Nancy Mather, Ph.D., Professor Emerita, University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. She served as a learning disabilities teacher, a diagnostician, a university professor, and an educational consultant. She published numerous articles and books and conducts workshops on assessment and instruction both nationally and internationally. Dr. Mather is a co-author of the Woodcock-Johnson IV. Her most recent book on dyslexia is *Essentials of Dyslexia: Assessment and Intervention*. She is currently working on the *Tests of Dyslexia*, a comprehensive measure designed to help identify individuals with dyslexia.

We welcome the New Year 2022

January 10, Dr. Kimberly Kode Sutton *The Lasting Impact of Elizabeth Farrell on Special Education*

January 15-20: CEC Convention, Orlando, FL

February 10: Dr. Dave Edyburn, *Special Education Technology, Past Present and Future*

March 10: Dr. John W. Lloyd *Seventy-three Requirements for Succeeding in Graduate School*

April 10: Dr. Daniel P. Hallahan *The History of Learning Disabilities*

May 10: Dr. Debra LeBlanc *Leading with Kindness*

June 10: Dr. Paul L. Morgan *Equity in Special Education*

July 10: Illinois Historians *Innovators in Special Education in Illinois Past, Present, and Future*

August 10: Dr. Michael Gerber *Elizabeth Farrell Part II*

See the ICEC website for more information www.illinoiscec.net

Please let me know if you have questions about anything in this Newsletter.

Wishing you and all those dear to you a peaceful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

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Collegiality and Best Practice in the Spirit of Elizabeth Farrell

A Blast From Our Most Recent Past: Professional Award Ceremony on Zoom, ICEC Fall Virtual Convention 2021

