

From the President's Desk...

Warm greetings to you!

We remain resilient as we navigate the unparalleled challenges resulting from the ongoing pandemic. We enter 2022 with much grief and sorrow in our acknowledgement of so much loss. We too enter with the gratitude, optimism, and confidence that data-based knowledge brings. Our best hope is for all of us to follow CDC guidelines every day and during every social exchange. Thankfully, it does look the pandemic is easing and brighter days are ahead.

I attended the CEC Convention 2022, in-person and in Orlando, FL from January 15-19. This event took place at the *World Marriott Resort* that spans 450,000 square feet, contains at least 74 breakout rooms, cavernous hallways, home to more than 2,000 bedrooms, and is the largest facility of its kind in the world. Social distancing was a breeze there!

A virtual CEC Convention will take place February 1-4, 2022. You are invited to attend. Your in-person registration includes this event. See the CEC website for details: [CEC 2022 Convention & Expo | Council for Exceptional Children](#)

Illinois was well represented at the in-person CEC Convention. More than 50 presentations were accepted in the program from special education and related service professionals from Illinois. Congratulations to all ICEC members who participated, presented, or exhibited this year. Well done! We wish you well as you continue your work.

Among the highlights of the Convention were meeting professionals from all over the United States and the world, choosing from among up to 250 professional presentations and at least 112 exhibits, the *CEC Legacy Leadership Lunch*, 11:00-1:00 p.m., Monday, January 17, *Representatives Assembly*, Tuesday, noon-2:30, the *Yes, I Can!* Award Ceremony, Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., and the *CEC 100th Birthday Bash*, Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Using *Whova*, the Convention app, Cody Pullium and I invited Illinois participants to join the first ever *ICEC Morning Coffee Party* on Thursday, 7:00-8:00 a.m., and it was so fun! We simply gathered with our own beverage in hand and shared our knowledge and experiences. We look forward to doing this again in Illinois and at CEC Conventions in the future.

Save the Date: The *CEC Convention and Expo in 2023* will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, March 1-4. Let us make plans to attend, learn, network, and grow professionally there!

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Special Education Convention & Expo
100th Anniversary
CEC 2022
Schedule At-A-Glance

Saturday, January 15
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Badge Pickup/Registration

Sunday, January 16
7:00 - 8:00 AM Badge Pickup/Registration
8:00 - 5:00 PM CEC Hub Open
9:00 - 4:00 PM Pre-Convention Workshops (ticket required)
1:00 - 2:00 PM Programming Sessions A101-A112
2:15 - 3:15 PM Programming Sessions B100-B112
3:00 - 4:30 PM Research-to-Practice Deep Dive D2
3:30 - 4:30 PM Programming Sessions C100-C113
5:00 - 6:30 PM Opening General Session
6:30 - 8:30 PM Welcome Reception & Expo Opening; CEC Hub Open

Monday, January 17
7:00 - 5:30 PM Badge Pickup/Registration
8:00 - 5:00 PM Expo Hall & CEC Hub Open
8:00 - 9:00 AM Programming Sessions
8:00 - 8:45 AM Poster Session Round A
8:00 - 9:00 AM Programming Sessions D100-D118
9:15 - 10:00 AM Poster Session Round B
9:15 - 10:15 AM Programming Sessions E100-E117
9:15 - 10:15 AM Student & Early Career Forum
10:30 - 11:15 AM Poster Session Round C
10:30 - 11:30 AM Programming Sessions F100-F118
10:30 - 12:00 PM Research-to-Practice Deep Dive D3
11:00 - 1:00 PM Legacy Leadership Luncheon (ticket required)
11:30 - 1:30 PM Food Pavilion Open
11:45 - 12:30 PM Poster Session Round D
11:45 - 12:45 PM Programming Sessions G100-G117
1:00 - 1:45 PM Poster Session Round E
1:00 - 2:00 PM Programming Sessions H100-H118
2:30 - 3:45 PM Second General Session
3:45 - 5:00 PM Snacks in the Expo Hall
5:00 - 7:00 PM Social Events

Tuesday, January 18
7:00 - 5:30 PM Badge Pickup/Registration
8:00 - 4:00 PM Expo Hall Open
8:00 - 5:00 PM CEC Hub Open
8:00 - 5:45 AM Poster Session Round F
8:00 - 9:00 AM Programming Sessions I100-I118
9:15 - 10:00 AM Poster Session Round G
9:15 - 10:15 AM Programming Sessions J100-J118
10:00 - 11:30 AM Research-to-Practice Deep Dive D6
10:30 - 11:15 AM Poster Session Round H
10:30 - 11:30 AM Programming Sessions K100-K117
11:30 - 1:30 PM Food Pavilion Open
11:45 - 12:30 PM Poster Session Round I
11:45 - 12:45 PM Programming Sessions L100-L118
12:00 - 2:30 PM Representative Assembly
12:00 - 1:45 PM Poster Session Round J
1:00 - 2:00 PM Programming Sessions M100-M118
2:15 - 3:00 PM Poster Session Round K
2:15 - 3:15 PM Programming Sessions N100-N119
3:15 - 2:45 PM Snacks in the Expo Hall
4:00 - 5:00 PM Yes I Can Awards
5:00 - 7:00 PM Social Events
7:00 - 9:00 PM 100th Birthday Bash (ticket required)

Wednesday, January 19
8:00 - 11:00 AM Badge Pickup/Registration
8:00 - 9:00 AM Programming Sessions O100-O103
9:15 - 10:15 AM Programming Sessions P100-P118
10:30 - 11:30 AM Programming Sessions Q100-Q117



This captured a sample of all that the Conventions and Expo had to offer attendees.

FORWARD.
TOGETHER.
Council for Exceptional Children Strategic Plan
2022-2026

Council for Exceptional Children

A focus on the CEC Strategic Plan was the focus of the work of the Representatives' Assembly.



It all happened in this beautiful setting!
CONGRATULATIONS to all the CEC staff and to all who, behind the scenes, orchestrated this outstanding professional event.



Next Session of the CEC 100th Anniversary Series
Dr. Dave Edyburn, February 10, 2022, 7:00-8:00 (CST)
Special Education Technology Past, Present, and Future

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. See the details below. Thank you to Haley Caulfield, senior at Eastern Illinois University for the beautiful poster. Professional Development hours will be available: We thank *Mr. Cody Pullium, Chair of Professional Development who 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*

ICEC: The CEC 100th Anniversary Celebration Series



*Special Education Technology Past, Present,
and Future*

Speaker: Dave L. Edyburn, Ph.D.,
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Thursday, February 10, 2022
7:00-8:00 p.m. (Central)

7th of 12 in a
Virtual Series

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

Session Description

Special educators were among the early adopters of microcomputer technologies in the 1980s. As a result of the long-term investments in research and development, assistive technologies have emerged to become essential tools for fostering independence and enhancing quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Join us for this session where Dave Edyburn will provide an overview of the significant historical developments in special education technology, emerging trends impacting classrooms across the country, and a provocative glimpse of the future where technologies drastically alter the nature of individualized instruction.

Please invite your colleagues to join CEC today!

[Home - Illinois Council for Exceptional Children \(illinoiscec.net\)](http://www.illinoiscec.net)

Remind your colleagues and friends 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 conferences and publications for members, and so much more. Welcome!



**Please join us in-person
for the
ICEC Fall Convention
November 3-5, 2022**

Chicago Marriott Naperville

**See the ICEC website for
updates: www.illinoiscec.net**

SPOTLIGHT: Adriana Schmidt, presenter at ICEC Annual Convention, November 4-6, 2021

As we begin 2022, I have been reflecting on the things I am most grateful for. I am grateful for the opportunities that 2021 brought to my life personally and professionally. Coaching and training teachers across Chicago Area public school districts, supporting parents of children with Autism, and teaching at Northern Illinois University were learning and fulfilling experiences for me in 2021. Attending and presenting at the ICEC Fall 2021 Virtual Convention was one of the many other wonderful experiences that 2021 brought. Virtual teaching and presenting are still new for many of us and as we learn to navigate this new world due to COVID 19 pandemic, we need to embrace the good and bad of this new world. ICEC team worked very hard to bring many educators and experts together in November 2021 Convention. We were able to share our knowledge and pass on a wealth of experiences across many different professional paths. In my presentation *“Three Key Components to Unlocking Classroom Success”* I had the opportunity to share my knowledge and current evidence-based practices that I observed in many different special education classrooms during my coaching visits (in-person and virtual). It was a positively rewarding moment during the Convention. My audience engaged in productive conversations about the importance of classroom organization and visually clear expectations for our students with Autism and other disabilities. Let’s face it, we all function better when we are organized, know what to expect, and are positively rewarded for our performance.

In 2022, let us maintain clutter free classrooms and embed positive behavioral supports. In this way, we will be even more effective and successful as special educators. Thank you ICEC for your continued support and opportunities to grow as an educator during this challenging time.
Adriana Schmidt, MA BCBA

To Do List

1. Nominate eligible students for the **Lesley Graham Postsecondary Scholarship**. For details, review the ICEC website: www.illinoiscec.net – see Awards and Scholarships. Questions: Contact Dr. Lisa Liberty, ICEC Scholarship Chair.
2. Nominate eligible students for the **School-to-Work Scholarship**. Review the ICEC for details: www.illinoiscec.net – see Awards and Scholarships. Questions: Contact Dr. Lisa Liberty, ICEC Scholarship Chair.
3. Plan for Exceptional Children’s Week, May 1-7, 2022. For details scroll down on the front page of the ICEC website www.illinoiscec.net and look for the ECW tab.

A WARM WELCOME TO ANITA BAUSMAN



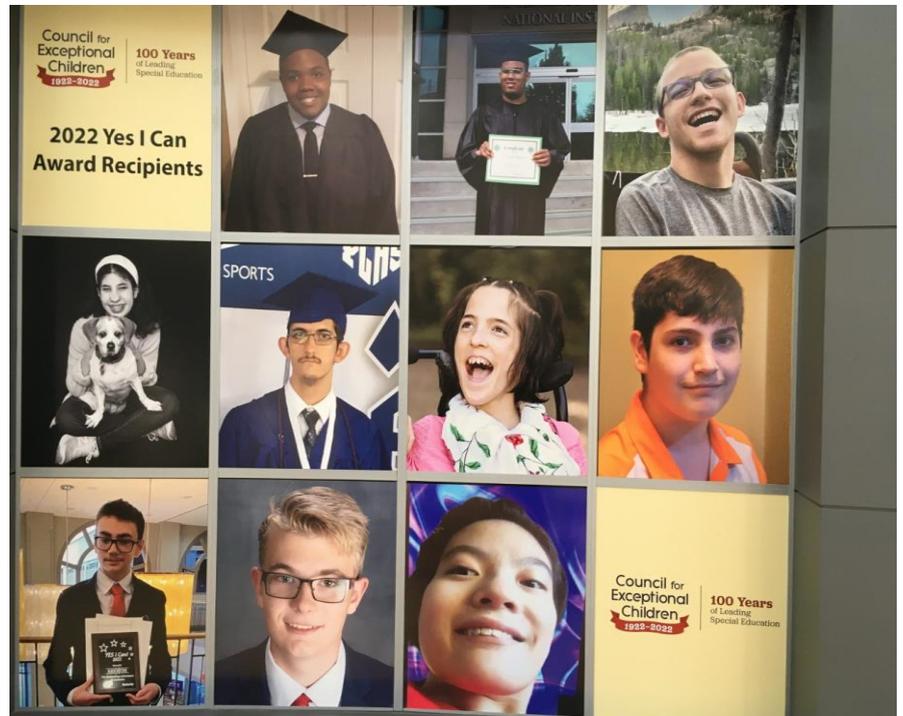
Anita Bausman, ICEC ByLaws and Policy ... in her own words!

Greetings!

I am excited to be joining ICEC's Executive Board as Chairperson of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. I have been a member of ICEC since 2015 and have greatly benefited from the wealth of information available to me through the Council of Exceptional Children. I began my career in education as a paraprofessional for 9 years at the high school level. As a paraprofessional, I began attending ISU to pursue a degree in Social Science Education with an emphasis in History. I acquired my bachelor's degree December 2012 and immediately began searching for a teaching position. While searching for a permanent position, I was a substitute teacher for several school districts around the Peoria area. In August 2014 I decided to pursue an endorsement for Special Education at Eureka College. I began working for Farmington Central High School in August 2015 as a Special Educator, and I am delighted to continue working there. I teach Grammar at all four levels, General Science, U.S. History, Study Skills, and any other discipline my students need to graduate with a diploma. I look forward to my work as the ICEC Chair of ByLaws and Policy.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CEC YES, I CAN! AWARD RECIPIENTS 2022, ORLANDO, FL



Yes, I Can! Award winners, CEC Orlando, Florida, 2022. Congratulations to all these outstanding students, their parents, and teachers.



Save
the
Date

***February 1-4:** Online CEC Convention

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/convention>

*Registration is open for the ILCCBD Winter Conference at the Hyatt Regency Lisle on **February 4** beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, **February 5**. To register go to:

www.ilccbd.org

CEC 100th Year Anniversary Series

***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

Deepest condolences to all who endured unimaginable losses 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.

Best wishes to you as we navigate this year together. ICEC and CEC is your professional family. Together we collaborate and seek best practices in the spirit of Elizabeth Farrell, the first president of CEC.

Wishing you and all those dear to you good health, strength, and courage to face the challenges of our time.

Sincerely,

Paula

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Collegiality and Best Practice in the Spirit of Elizabeth Farrell

Thank you for your membership in CEC and ICEC!