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From the President's Desk...

Warm greetings to you!

We live during a memorable time of enormous accomplishments, unprecedented challenges, and exciting opportunities.

On August 10, 1922, Elizabeth Farrell (1870-1932) became the first president of CEC. We celebrate her and the accomplishments of CEC through the years. This year, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Join us for the 10th session in the **100th Anniversary Series** hosted by Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC) on Tuesday, May 10. Dr. Debra LeBlanc will be with us, and her presentation is titled ***Leading with Kindness***.

Preparations are underway for the first in-person ICEC Convention, November 3-5 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville. We invite proposals that address this year's theme ***Forging Resilience, Building Positive Outcomes for All!*** Together we are hard at work molding and shaping our knowledge and resources in order to build positive outcomes for students, special and general education professionals, related service professionals, families, and communities. We address the unique challenges and opportunities of our time. See the ICEC website < www.illinoiscec.net> for more detail and *submit your proposal today*: ICECConferenceproposals@gmail.com

Do you have a colleague who day-after-day does outstanding work? If so, it is time to nominate him/her for a professional. ***See the ICEC website for updates***: www.illinoiscec.net

We will celebrate ***Exceptional Children's Week***, May 1-7, 2022. Special events are popping up all over the place! For example, Angie Turpen, President of Illinois State University, Student Council for Exceptional Children, invites us to participate in the Exceptional Children's Walk at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. Walkers will gather outside of Milner Library at Illinois State University. See more details about ***Exceptional Children's Week*** in the Spotlight below.

Together we serve our professional organization with ***Collegiality and Best Practice in the Spirit of Elizabeth Farrell***. Thank you for your membership and the good work you do every day! Best wishes to you as you finish the 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,

Paula

E. Paula Crowley, Ph. D.

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CEC 100th Anniversary Series

**Save the Date
Fall Convention 2022,
November 3-5, 2022**

Spotlight



Next Session of the CEC 100th Anniversary Series

Dr. Debra LeBlanc, Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 7:00-8:00 (CDT)

Leading with Kindness

Session Description

Debra LeBlanc, Ed.D. earned her masters and doctorate degrees at Northern Illinois University. The primary focus of her studies was on curriculum and leadership practices. She devoted her career to those with special needs first as a teacher and then an administrator.

Dr. LeBlanc has been a special education coordinator, a principal in an elementary and middle school district for 25 years. Currently, she serves as the director of student services in a suburban Chicago school district. She was Chair of the teacher leadership and principal preparation programs at Aurora University.

She has received awards for her leadership from DuPage County Schools and Illinois Principals Association. She was Elementary Principal of the Year, Illinois State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel" Award of Excellence, and the Herman Graves Award, the highest award given to an Illinois principal. She is equally as passionate about developing teacher leaders. *We warmly welcome Dr. LeBlanc!*

ICEC: The CEC 100th Anniversary Celebration Series



Leading with Kindness

**Speaker: Debra LeBlanc, Ed.D.,
Special Education Consultant**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

7:00-8:00 p.m. (CDT)

**10th of 12 in a
Virtual Series**

For Zoom link see: www.illinoiscec.net

Or contact epcrowl@ilstu.edu

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 Ms. 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 credit available for each of these sessions. Contact Mr. Pullium at: Pullium93@icloud.com

Dr. Cheryl Watkins and Dr. Ozalle Toms will present keynote addresses at the **Annual ICEC Fall Convention 2022**. Dr. Watkins will focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Dr. Toms will focus on Resilience. See the preregistration form below and *make plans to attend today*.

We need your help: Please see our Call for Presentation Proposals below and hurry, send your proposal today. The members of the Convention Committee are working hard to provide professional development, an array of resources, networking experiences, and more that will enrich, empower, and reenergize all participants. *Please send your proposal today!*



CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS
73rd Annual ICEC Fall Convention Thursday, Friday, Saturday NOVEMBER 3, 4, & 5, 2022
Chicago Marriott Hotel
Lisle / Naperville, Illinois
Theme: *Forging Resilience, Building Positive Outcomes For ALL!*

The Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC) will hold the Fall Convention 2022 in-person at the Chicago Marriott Naperville

Hotel in full compliance with health and safety recommendations. Special educators, related service providers, teacher educators, preservice special educators, administrators, policy makers, parents, and special education advocates are all encouraged to attend this Convention. We invite presentations and posters that address our theme ***Forging Resilience, Building Positive Outcomes For ALL!*** Presentations may address academic and behavior development, co-teaching, collaboration, fostering collaborative work, protecting and enhancing special educators' and students' health, safety, and motivation. Other topics may include enhancing professionals' and students' self-advocacy, competence, confidence, and capacity. For ongoing updates see the ICEC website: www.illinoiscec.net

The deadline for program submissions is Thursday, June 2, 2022. Email proposals to: ICECConferenceproposals@gmail.com

Please note: Presenters are expected to provide the equipment they need including projectors for PowerPoint presentations and videos. All presenters are responsible for their ICEC Convention registration, travel, and hotel expenses.

Title of Program: _____

Lead Presenter: _____ **Position:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Other presenters:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Presentation: Yes _____ No _____

Poster session: Yes _____ No _____

Provide a brief description of the proposed presentation or poster session (50 words):

ICEC FALL CONVENTION 2022 PREREGISTRATION FORM

ATTENTION: YOUR PREREGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022

PREREGISTRATION CREDIT CARD PROCEDURE:

1. Credit Card Payment Accepted ONLINE at <https://www.illinoiscec.net/> for **PREREGISTRATION**.
2. We **DO NOT ACCEPT** Purchase Orders, or FAX registration for preregistration or on-site registration.
3. We will accept credit cards for **ON-SITE REGISTRATION** using a PayPal card reader.
4. For specific questions use the Contact Us feature of the ICEC website: www.illinoiscec.net/contact-us/

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: (Please Print)

NAME (Last, First) _____
 ADDRESS (Including City and Zip Code) _____
 EMAIL (FOR CONFIRMATION) _____
 CHECK ONE: () ICEC Member – CEC Membership # _____
 () Non-Member
 () ISCEC Student Member – Membership # _____
 () Student Nonmember

IEIN Number (For PD Hours) _____

Special Requests

Please list any accessibility, interpreter or food allergy needs you have so our preparations may be adequate

Send completed form per person with payment to above address. Please do NOT staple check to form.

REFUND POLICY: Written refund requests must be received on or before Friday, October 14, 2022 at the address listed above.

THURSDAY REGISTRATION (Box Lunch Provided)

ICEC Member.....
 Nonmember.....
 ISCEC Student Member.....
 Student Nonmember.....
 Retired

	<u>Preregistration</u>	<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
ICEC Member.....	\$75.00	\$150.00	_____
Nonmember.....	\$100.00	\$200.00	_____
ISCEC Student Member.....	\$35.00	\$35.00	_____
Student Nonmember.....	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____
Retired	Donation at Door/ \$35.00 if eating lunch	Donation at Door/ \$35.00 if eating lunch	_____

FRIDAY REGISTRATION (Please Check Lunch Choice**)**

___ Chicken ___ Veggie

ICEC Member.....
 Nonmember.....
 ISCEC Student Member.....
 Student Nonmember.....
 Retired

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SATURDAY REGISTRATION (Please Check Ray Graham Luncheon Entrée Choice**)**

___ Chicken ___ Veggie

ICEC Member
 Nonmember
 ISCEC Student Member
 Nonmember
 Retired

	<u>Preregistration</u>	<u>On-Site Registration</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
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Nonmember	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____
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**** Dollars for Scholars Donation (Benefits ICEC Student Scholarships) **** _____

Total Amount _____



*****Spotlight*****

**Exceptional
Children's Week,
May 1-7, 2022**

Meghan Wurst, Chairperson of Exceptional Children's Week invites us to develop and participate in events all week long, May 1-7, 2022:

Monday, May 2: Monday Musings – Share literature featuring exceptional children!

Tuesday, May 3: Talk About it Tuesday – Use social media to spread advocacy and awareness!

Wednesday, May 4: Wacky Socks Wednesday – Wear your wackiest socks!

Thursday, May 5: Thankful Thursday – Write a note to your favorite teacher, mentor, or student!

Friday, May 6: Friendship Friday – Share your favorite activity with a new person!

Saturday, May 7: Saturday Stroll – Participate in ECW's virtual 5k!

Finally, nominate your students for the "Yes, I Can!" Awards. All completed nominations are due May 15th 2022. See more information on the ICEC website: www.illinoiscec.net

Thank you for your attention and participation in the work of CEC and ICEC. Please let me know if you have questions or about any item in this Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Paula

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Thank you for your membership in CEC and ICEC!