

From the President's Desk...

Warm Summer Greetings to You!

The new academic year is upon us. This year offers us countless ways to show our strengths, our resourcefulness, and our capacity to engage with the unique challenges of our time.

Among the highlights of Summer 2022 were the last two sessions of the ***CEC 100th Anniversary Celebration Series***. In June we hosted Dr. Paul Morgan for a memorable presentation on ***Equity in Special Education***. The final session of this series took place on Wednesday, August 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m. when we addressed ***Innovators in Special Education in Illinois Past, Present, and Future***.

Illinois Pioneers, Beverley Johns, Joyce Meyer, and Iris Kerbis Cantor reflected on the amazing people who went before us in ICEC. We looked back and found inspiration in the work of people like Clarissa Hug, Ray Graham, Sam Kirk, Robert Abbott, and so many more. They prevailed over enormous odds, such as, lack of resources, lack of legal mandates, and lack of theoretical and empirical support for their work. They were pathfinders! They made pathways where there were none, while they walked bravely in the footsteps of Elizabeth Farrell (1870-1932). Melissa Taylor, Assistant Superintendent, Belleville Public School District 118, Bellville, IL conducted an analysis of today's challenges and Cody Pullium, special education teacher, Morton High School, Morton, IL provided a response. Jamillah Gilbert, doctoral student at ISU ended this session with a reflection of the future of our profession in Illinois. A recording of the entire CEC 100th Anniversary Series is available on the ICEC website under < www.illinoiscec.net> the Communications tab, recent posts on the dropdown menu.

Make your reservations today for the in-person ICEC Convention, November 3-5 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville. Hear speakers address topics related to ***Forging Resilience, Building Positive Outcomes for All!*** See the ICEC website < www.illinoiscec.net> for more details.

Together we serve our professional organization with *Collegiality and Best Practice in the Spirit of Elizabeth Farrell*. Thank you for your CEC membership and for the good work you do every day!

Best wishes to you as you begin the best ever school year, 2022-2023! Together we do this.

Sincerely,

Paula

E. Paula Crowley, Ph. D., President of ICEC, 2020-2022

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... it is in our hands.

The CEC Leadership Institute 2022 was an especially outstanding event. Chad Rummel, Executive Director of CEC and his staff, and Danielle Kovach, President of CEC provided the attendees of the CEC Leadership Institute 2022 with professional memories of a lifetime. This special event began at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 8 and ended at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 10. E. Paula Crowley, Tarin Kendrick, Allison Kroesch, Camille O'Quin, Lyndsay Palach Shelton, Kevin Rubenstein, and Melissa Taylor were fortunate to be among these attendees. We represented Team Illinois!

On behalf of the 128 individuals who registered for this special event, I extend heartfelt gratitude to Chad Rummel, Danielle Kovach, and to all the members of the CEC staff for this particularly outstanding event. Special education professionals from all over the United States and Canada were represented. I am still distilling the extensive information imparted during these memorable days. I will share more about this event in future ICEC Newsletters.

I came away from the CEC Leadership Institute 2022 convinced even more that Elizabeth Farrell would be proud of what CEC represents today. Her original focus on collegiality and on best practice remains alive and well. We must all learn more about what CEC offers us, and we must spread the word to our colleagues who are yet to become members of CEC. We must activate anew the value of our professional organization: www.exceptionalchildren.org

In CEC we get to know each other. For example, I spent time with colleagues from across CEC Units I have known for many years as well as with colleagues I met for the first time. Our conversations were seamless. We have a shared knowledge of our field, we have shared concerns, and shared hopes and dreams. We are never alone. We are part of a family of special educators.

In CEC we stay abreast of new research and practice; we build the skill sets we need to be the best professionals we can be; we implement new strategies and tools that enhance our professional work performance; and we learn and grow with like-minded colleagues and mentors. We are supported by people we know to call on in time of need. We are not alone. We are not isolated in the throes of demands that seem at times so very overwhelming. This is precisely what Elizabeth Farrell intended for CEC.

Finally, I urge you to consider whether you are sufficiently involved in the life and work of CEC. The more you are involved, the more you will get to know the value of CEC and of course, of ICEC. As ICEC President, I celebrate your involvement and your generous contribution to the work of developing collegial relationships, your search for the knowledge and skills you need to maximize your potential as a special educator. Roll up your sleeves even further and get involved today. Nominate a colleague for an award, write a letter that matters, or contact me if you have questions: epcrowl@ilstu.edu



We follow in the footsteps of Elizabeth Farrell and CEC when we advocate for special education: support special educators, provide mental health services, and the full funding of IDEA.

Resources:

The CEC PD Team [Council for Exceptional Children](#) invite us to ***Check out the [Teacher Repository!](#)***

More information [here](#)

[Customer Service Center](#)

The CEC Special Education Legislative Summit 2022 (SELS) was held at the Westin Hotel in Arlington, VA July 10-13. This special event was sponsored by CEC and the Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE). At least, 250 special educators and related personnel from across the country gathered to organize and conduct visits to their Representatives in Congress. Dr. E. Paula Crowley, President of ICEC was among these advocates.

On Sunday afternoon and Monday July 10 and 11 the participants in SELS spent time learning how to advocate for special education with their Representatives in Congress. They discussed the needs of our time and focused on three main concerns: (a) the shortage of special education personnel; (b) mental health; and (c) full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Of the advocates assembled, up to 20 of them comprised Team Illinois. Each team organized and went Capitol Hill and visited with their Representatives. They formed teams of three and off they went with a plan! For example, on Tuesday, July 12 one group from Team Illinois met in the Longworth Building and visited the offices of Representative LaHood, Bost, Newman, and Davis.

If you would like to learn more about these extraordinary days at SELS see the CEC website: <https://specialeducationlegislativesummit.org/> For more information enter SELS in the CEC Search Bar.

Please consider being part of **SELS 2023**. Save the date: July 9-13, 2023. Staff at CEC and the CASE Subdivision do all they can to make this an extraordinary learning experience as well as easy and seamless. Arrival at the National Airport in DC and the short trip to the meeting headquarters at the Westin Hotel on the Metro is so accessible.

As a member of Team Illinois, I strongly encourage you to find a way to be involved next year. This might involve participating as a member of Team Illinois; financially supporting a colleague who wants to attend SELS; writing a letter to a colleague who will attend; or writing a letter to your representative in Congress to affirm the needs of our field. You make a difference as a Constituent in a Democracy. ***Determine how you want to make a difference.***



Register for the ICEC Convention 2022 today!

<https://www.illinoiscec.net/convention/online-preregistration/>

Why: (a) Meet your professional colleagues; (b) Learn all you can about how to address the unique challenges you encounter; (c) Receive support for your professional peers; (d) Be a mentor to your peers; (e) Celebrate successes; and (d) all the while receive professional development credit.

Make your Hotel Reservations at the Chicago Marriott Naperville for the ICEC Convention 2022 today and receive ICEC Convention rates. ICEC has a block of rooms reserved and these are going fast.

Use this link to make your accommodations:

Chicago Marriott Naperville for \$122.00 per night – Use CTRL+Click to follow the link
[Book your group rate for Ill Council for Exceptional Children](#)



ICEC Archives News

The ICEC Archives, a treasure trove that documents decades of hard work is now in able presence of April Anderson-Zorn, Archivist, Illinois State University (ISU). Forty boxes were transported from the Cube Storage Unit in Gurnee to ISU's Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives on July 19, 2022.

Valerie Howerton, ISU Anthropology Student, will begin sorting and organizing the ICEC Archive on Monday, August 21, 2022 under the direction of Archivist Anderson-Zorn. This work is designed to collect, preserve, and make historic materials accessible for research and teaching purposes. For more information about using the University Archives, such as, what services are offered, how to use these services, Archives Finding Aids, Archive Guides, Online Collections, visiting the ISU Archives, and more see:

<https://library.illinoisstate.edu/services/archives/>

We look forward to updates from April and Valerie on the progress of this work during the 2022-2023 school year.



CEC
2023
March 1-4

LOUISVILLE
CONVENTION & EXPO

CEC is our Professional Home and supports us every day. Check out the following resources:

- Learning Library <https://exceptionalchildren.org/learninglibrary>
- Exceptional Teacher Resource Repository <https://exceptionalchildren.org/teacher-resources>
- CECCommunities <https://exceptionalchildren.org/engage/cecommunity-all-member-forum>
- Partner Solutions Directory <https://exceptionalchildren.org/solutions>
- Convention 2023 <https://ceconvention.org/>

The staff at CEC hope your school year is amazing! They invite us to feel free to reach out with questions or even just to say hi – ceconlinelearning@exceptionalchildren.org

Don't miss out: A sampling from the ICEC Fall Convention 2022 Program, **Register today!**

Forging Resilience, Building Positive Outcomes For ALL!

<https://www.illinoiscec.net/convention/online-preregistration/>



Illinois CEC Annual Fall Convention

WITH
Cody Pullium, M.Ed. & Ed.D., Student
(Speaker)

November 3-5, 2022
Naperville, IL

Seeking Positive Outcomes from the Pandemic

Student Session!

Relax, Have a Positive Mindset Going Into Pre-Service Teaching

Access for All—LGBTQ Identities Are Not Disabilities. However, Exceptional Learners Can Be LGBTQ+

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. Checks, payable to ICEC and send to: ICEC Fall Convention, P.O. Box 2820, East Peoria, IL 61611-2666
5. 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)

____ Vegetarian ____ Nonvegetarian

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	\$35.00	\$35.00	_____

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

____ Chicken ____ Veggie

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	\$35.00	\$35.00	_____

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>
ICEC Member.....	\$75.00	\$150.00	_____
Nonmember.....	\$100.00	\$200.00	_____
ISCEC Student Member.....	\$35.00	\$35.00	_____
Nonmember.....	\$50.00	\$50.00	_____
Retired	\$35.00	\$35.00	_____

**** Dollars for Scholars Donation (Benefits ICEC Student Scholarships) **** _____

Total Amount _____

Announcing the ICEC Awards 2022

Do you have a colleague who day-after-day does outstanding work? If so, it is time to nominate him/her for a professional award today. ICEC awards include:

1. The ICEC Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award;
2. The ICEC Meritorious Service Award;
3. Dean S. Hage Student of the Year Award;
4. ICEC Legislator of the Year Award;
5. The ICEC Outstanding General Education Teacher of the Year Award; and
6. The ICEC Robert E. Abbott Outstanding Contributor Award.

See the ICEC website under Awards and Scholarships for descriptions of each award: www.illinoiscec.net

Nominations are due September 15



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,

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Thank you for your membership in CEC and ICEC!