

## ICEC August 2023 Update

### *From the President's Desk...*

Welcome School Year, 2023-2024!

Thank you for your membership in CEC and ICEC. We approach the new school year with energy, confidence, and the assurance that we have all we need to make a big difference every day. CEC and ICEC support you on your journey all year long. Lean in!

Explore the tremendous upcoming CEC events to support our work as special education professionals every day:

<https://exceptionalchildren.org/events>

### *Going Forward:*

1. Renew your CEC Membership and invite your colleagues to join you: <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>

Use the following **code information** and to access the current membership discount:

- Start date: 7/20/2023
- End date: 12/31/2023
- Code: **ILCEC4ME23**
- Promotion: 20% off any category and level of CEC membership
- Restrictions: This code can only be used for CEC membership products and is only valid once per contact and/or once per shopping cart. Cannot be combined with other offers, used for Special Interest Division membership, event registration, merchandise, CEC Store items, webinars, registrations, group membership(s), and/or other promotional products, services, or items.

2. The program for the **ICEC Fall Convention 2023** is available for your review and **Early Bird** registration is open. The special event will take place November 2-4 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville, 1801 North Naper Boulevard, Naperville, IL. Theme: **MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE STUDENT AT A TIME**. **Review the program and register online today at:** <https://www.illinoiscec.net/> **Professional Development** credit will be available throughout the duration of the Convention. Make your **hotel accommodation for the Chicago Hotel Na: 1-800-228-9290 or 1-630-505-4900 and request the ICEC Fall Convention Group Rate.**

3. Finally, a gentle reminder **ICEC Needs You!** I invite you to make this year the year that you will be just a little more involved in ICEC. There are many ways to be involved. For example:

- Explore the CEC and ICEC websites – both are packed with information that is designed just for you.
- Invite your colleagues to join you in CEC and ICEC: <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>
- Nominate a colleague for a professional award - due date September 15:  
<https://www.illinoiscec.net/awards-scholarships/>
- Join your local Chapter and if there is none, now is the time either to reactivate an old one or develop a new ICEC Chapter: <https://www.illinoiscec.net/chapters-subdivisions/>
- Consider getting involved in a subdivision that is of particular interest to you:  
<https://exceptionalchildren.org/engage/special-interest-divisions>
- Enjoy the satisfaction of sharing your knowledge with your professional colleagues and learning new ways to think about the professional challenges you face.

You and your colleagues make a world of difference in the lives of children and adolescents every day. Look to CEC and ICEC as the professional home that supports your professional life and daily decision making. Stay connected while you learn and grow every day.

I close with much appreciation and gratitude for you and your unique professional expertise. I look forward to seeing you in November while we learn and grow together.

Sincerely,

*Paula*

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