

Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children

Summer 2006 Newsletter

A Message from Our LA CEC President

Dear LA CEC Members:

Hi members. I hope your end of the last school year went smooth. You made Super Conference 25 a great success. Thanks again.

Your board is hard at work planning Super Conference 26 and we are considering all of your suggestions. LA CEC members are the heart of this great organization. Without you there would be no conferences. Every year we try to make the Super Conference better, and with your help we can.

This year we are looking for Strand Coordinators to review and select interesting topics in their area of expertise, from calls for papers. These Strand Coordinators along with their team (of your choice) will read all calls for paper in their area and choose the best topics for the conference. If you are interested in being a Strand Coordinator please e-mail me at richard_wanda@hotmail.com.

Hope you enjoyed those last few days of summer. Best of luck in the coming year.

Wanda Richard
LA CEC President

Scholarship and Mini-Grant Opportunities Now Available!

Scholarship applications for student members of CEC who are Junior, Senior, or Graduate level may now be downloaded at www.lacec.org. Application packets must be postmarked by October 2, 2006.

Mini-grant applications will be available at www.lacec.org. Areas in which mini-grants are awarded are: Educating children with exceptionalities, improving relationships between parents and their children with exceptionalities, developing independent living skills or employment, or using technology to enhance the education of children/youth with exceptionalities.

For more information please visit our website or e-mail Marcy Boudreaux-Johnson at mrcb92@aol.com.

A Message from Our Past President

Dear LA CEC Members:

As I have mentioned in a previous letter to you, as Past President, one of my duties is to present the slate of officers to be elected for 2007. Both the office of Vice President and Secretary are open for the 2007 CEC Executive Board. The Vice President of the State Board serves a four (4) year term and the Secretary serves a two (2) year term. Following is a list of the duties and powers of each office:

The powers and duties of the Vice President shall be:

1. To serve in the place of, and with the authority of, the President in case of absence or disability of the President and President-Elect.
2. To serve on any committee as a representative of the President.
3. To solicit vendors and make arrangements for vendors' displays and participation at the annual state convention.
4. To serve as parliamentarian for Executive Committee and General meetings.
5. To keep and pass on all records of the Vice President at the end of the term to the new Vice President.

The powers and duties of the Secretary shall be:

1. To keep a careful record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Executive Committee and any general meeting.
2. To carry on correspondence as necessary for the operation of the organization.
3. To assume custody of all records, including historic, except those specifically assigned to others.
4. To keep accurate rolls of the Executive Committee, committee memberships, and general meetings.
5. To have available copies of the constitution and by-laws, and minutes of all meetings of committees and conventions.
6. To transfer all records to the new secretary.
7. To assist the treasurer in registration responsibilities for annual state convention.

If you are interested in serving on the CEC State Executive Board in either of these capacities, please contact me at davidjd@cox.net. The election will take place in November and the slate must be sent to the entire membership by October 1, 2006. Time is of the essence, so please contact me if you would like to serve. CEC is looking for a few GREAT MEMBERS for these very important positions.

Jackie C. David
LA CEC Past President

A Message from Our President-Elect

Super Conference 26: You spoke and we listened

We asked your opinions on Super Conference 25.

You said you liked Lafayette. We listened. Super Conference 26 will be in Lafayette.

You said you wanted to have the conference earlier in the year. We listened. It will be held in January 2007.

You said the presentation rooms were too small. We listened. Presentation rooms for the upcoming conference are nearly twice as large.

You said that parking was a problem. We listened. Our new venue has over 1,000 parking spaces.

How could we do all of this? Think Cajundome Conference Center.

Super Conference 26 will be held at the Cajundome Conference Center on January 30 and 31. That means 14,000 square feet are available for exhibitors, not the 6,500 feet like last year. That means 7 meeting rooms totaling 16,000 square feet, not the 7,500 square feet like last year. That means parking for all, either at the Cajundome lot (643 spaces), or, if needed, the Cajun Field lot (2,686 spaces which are also used by students) across the street.

So start planning to attend and present at the conference now. More information will be coming. Just know, though, that you spoke and we listened. Space, parking, and time of year (i.e., before the LEAP crunch) are no longer valid excuses for non-attendance. Plan ahead so that we can see you, and many others, in January at the dome.

Bill Rieck

LA CEC President-Elect

SUPER CONFERENCE 2007

WHEN: Tuesday & Wednesday, January 30 & 31, 2007

WHERE: Cajundome Conference Center, Lafayette

Preliminary Program will be out in early December.

Check website at <http://www.lacec.org> for registration forms, presentations forms, hotel information and all other conference information.

REQUEST

If you are not already, consider becoming an active member of LA CEC. Your involvement now can lead to improvement in Super Conference 26. Contact President Wanda Richard (richard_wanda@hotmail.com) for more details.

Student CEC News

If you are a student CEC member and want to get involved at the state level and / or develop a student CEC chapter at your institution, please contact Gerlinde Beckers at gbecke1@lsu.edu. You can make a difference in your current or future profession.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

During your summer respite, I hope you had time to peruse those back issues of Teaching Exceptional Children (TEC) and Exceptional Children (EC) that you received this past year by being a member of national CEC.

TEC is published six times per year for teachers of students with disabilities and students who are gifted. TEC presents methods and materials to use in your classroom, as well as current issues in teaching and learning. TEC also contains the latest information on technology and assistive technology for students with exceptionalities. You can even go to the CEC website (www.cec.sped.org) and take quizzes from recent issues of TEC to earn 0.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for each issue.

EC is a quarterly peer reviewed journal that publishes original research on the education and development of students with exceptionalities, as well as articles on current issues of concern to special educators. It has been in existence for the past 65 years.

So if you didn't take the time to read those back issues, go ahead and find a comfortable reading chair, turn on a Mozart piano concerto, and delve into them. Ah, the joys of learning and CEC membership!!

Dr. Reed Rhodes
2006 Membership Chair

Super Conference 25



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HAVE ANY NEWS?

If you have division, chapter, or person news you would like us all to know about, please submit it to Dr. Paul Mooney, LA CEC newsletter editor, at pmooney@lsu.edu. Please submit your news via e-mail attachment and use Times 12 point font. Thank you.

Super Conference 26

The Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children's 26th Annual Super Conference on Special Education will be held January 30-31, 2007, in Lafayette. The location for Super Conference 26 is the Lafayette Cajundome.

Super Conference program director Dr. Donna Wadsworth of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is planning for timely presentations on a host of relevant topics, including assessment, instructional strategies, families, assistive technology, and teacher training / professional development (see insert for call for papers). Presentations will be designed for newcomers to the profession as well as those who have been practicing for many years. As in previous years, program attendees will have a chance to choose from lecture or demonstration presentations or poster sessions. Participants will also have the opportunity to view the latest in education-related products and technologies.

Although the 25th Super Conference in Lafayette was a success, participant input contributed to two major changes (see page 2 of newsletter for message from the president-elect). First, the location was changed from the Lafayette Hilton to the Cajundome. Second, the time of year was adjusted from April to January.

As you get yourselves oriented to the new school year, please also make plans to attend and participate in the 2007

Advocacy News

Dear LA CEC Members:

As this article goes to press, I am in Washington, D.C., representing LA CEC at the annual Children Action Network (CAN) meetings. I will be speaking with Congressmen Charles Boustany, Bobby Jindal, David Vitter, and Charles Melancon. I will be representing Louisiana members and our students on important legislation concerning special education issues. I am again asking any members interested in assisting me in this endeavor to contact me at laaucoin@cox.net. I will have a follow-up article on the results of these meetings in our next newsletter.

Larry Aucoin
LA CEC Governmental Relations Chair
Children Action Network Coordinator

Call for Papers

26th Annual Super Conference on Special Education -Lafayette, LA January 30-31, 2007

Sponsored by the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Session Title (Limit to 12 words) _____

Brief Description (Limit to 50 words. Attach.) _____

Learner Outcomes – Provide one to three outcomes for the presentation. Outcomes should concisely describe skills, knowledge and or behaviors participants will know or have after the session. For example At the end of the session participants will know three strategies for using social stories with students with autism.

ATTACH A 300-500 WORD DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL.

Topic Areas – Select no more than one primary and one secondary topic area – indicate with 1 and 2.

Assessment Collaboration, Co-Teaching & Consultation Instructional Strategies
 Alternative Education Programs Compliance/Legislative Issues Reading
 Arts Cultural/Linguistic Diversity Sensory Impairments
 Assistive Technology Early Childhood Teacher Training/
 Autism Families Professional Development
 Behavior/Classroom Management Gifted/Talented Transition

Target Audience Select no more than one primary and one secondary audience- indicate with 1 and 2.

Special Educators – All levels General Educators – All levels Administrators/Supervisors
 Special Educators – Early Childhood General Educators – Early Childhood Paraeducators
 Special Educators – Elementary General Educators – Elementary Families
 Special Educators – Secondary General Educators – Secondary Related Service/Please specify

Content Knowledge Level of Presentation:

Beginning _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Preferred length of session: 1 hour 2 hours

Format: Lecture Demonstration Poster

Session Leader _____ Agency _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact phone number(s) _____

Email address _____

Other presenters and their agencies:

1. _____ / _____
2. _____ / _____
3. _____ / _____

PLEASE INDICATE AUDIO VISUAL NEEDS: TV/VCR OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

NOTE ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT MUST BE SUPPLIED BY THE PRESENTER.

****Exhibitors desiring to present should contact Dr. Wadsworth about Vendor Showcase Times****

If your proposal is accepted, ALL PRESENTERS ARE EXPECTED TO PRE-REGISTER AND PAY FOR THE CONFERENCE. The Session Coordinator will be responsible for contacting the other presenters. Submit 2 copies of this form and your detailed description by SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 to:

Dr. Donna Wadsworth, SC Program Director

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