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## Message from the President



Jamie Hopkins, CEC Pioneers President, 2014

January 2014 brings a new year with new challenges for CEC and for members of the CEC Pioneers Division. As Pioneers, we have each experienced several years of working in the field of education. As teachers, researchers, administrators, authors, service providers, and more, our combined knowledge and experience should help us to conquer any challenges that lay ahead. I am confident that we can work together to achieve our goals for the organization.

One of the primary purposes of the Pioneers Division as identified in our Constitution and Bylaws shall be to provide a service to the professional community, both general and special education, by rendering time, effort, expertise and leadership to activities which promote the education and welfare of exceptional children and youth.

In 2012, President Bill Bogdan identified the findings of a design work group who reviewed the needs of the organization. These needs focused on communication with members, organizing and assisting with the preservation of the CEC archives, supporting collaborative partnerships with CEC and its divisions, continuing to provide strong support for the CEC Mentoring Program, streamlining division operations, and strengthening linkages with CEC units.

Under the leadership of President Lyndal Bullock, we made considerable progress in implementing plans that began to address concerns raised by the design work group. However, our work is never done and we need to continue to focus on the needs of our organization.

### Priorities for 2014 Include:

- **Communication:** Provide a means of communicating with members that is more frequent than our newsletters in order to more quickly address issues in the field and member concerns. At no cost, we can establish a website through CEC. This “microsite” would enable us to post public or member-only content, post our newsletter, communicate advocacy and public policy information, and blog about events and news of interest to our members. (Newsletters will still be available via regular mail for members who do not have access to a website.)
- **Mentoring Program:** Our current mentoring program is functioning well under the leadership of Linda Marsal and with the support of CEC staff. We are providing excellent leadership for our students and graduate students. However, I would like the Pioneers to also consider the possibility of expanding the mentoring program to support new special education administrators. I feel we can develop a plan that will allow a gradual expansion of the program under the direction of the Pioneers.
- **Archives Organization Completion:** I would first like to recognize the efforts of Linda Marsal, Diane Johnson, and Jean Hebler who have provided considerable volunteer hours organizing the CEC archives. The archives include special collections, governance records, publications, public policy history, CEC activities, and historical data regarding CEC divisions. I am hoping that by the end of the 2014 year an inventory will be completed and we will

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collaborate with CEC leadership regarding next steps to maintain the archives and allow member access to archival materials.

- **Fiscal Sustainability:** We are a small, but mighty, division. As of December 2013, we had 303 members. Our current budget supports the current activities of the organization. However, if we are to maintain and expand our services, we need to determine a means to do this. Due to the generosity and creativity of our members, we have implemented some strategies that provided additional income but this has been limited and short-term. We need a plan of action that will provide stability. Increased membership numbers would help; however, this is not the entire answer. We will be exploring this issue further as we work with our Executive Board and Finance Committee. All member suggestions are welcome!

#### Looking Ahead

As we begin a new year, we look forward to the 2014 Annual CEC Convention and Expo in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 9-12. President Elect Michael Thew has represented the division on the convention Program Advisory Committee. He has also developed an excellent Showcase Session that will be inspirational and enjoyable. Please also plan to attend the annual membership business meeting and dinner/ social event. The CEC PD Executive Board and I look forward to seeing you in the City of Brotherly Love!

*Jamie*

Jamie Hopkins

See you in Philadelphia!



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### 2014 CEC Convention and Expo Pioneers Division Events:

Tuesday, April 8, 2014:

Interdivisional Caucus, 1:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2014:

Opening General Session, 5:00 pm

Thursday, April 10, 2014:

Expo Opening, 9:00 am

Executive Board Meeting, 8:30 am

General Business Meeting, 4:00 pm

Annual CEC-PD Dinner, Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 11, 2014:

CEC-PD Showcase Session, 8:00-10:00 am

Representative Assembly, 12:30-5:00 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2014:

Convention and Expo Ends

# Pioneer Division Showcase 2014

## Honoring Partners: Parents and CEC Membership

The 2014 CEC Pioneer's Showcase session, **Honoring Partners: Parents and CEC Membership: Sharing Benefits Through Partnerships/ Collaborations**, will be presented as a panel discussion on Friday, April 11 from 8am to 10 am in Franklin Hall 7 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel. Join us as we hear from CEC members who are parents of students with special needs and how the partnership with CEC has helped them in a variety of ways. We have a panel that includes an Educational Service Agency Director of Special Education, a state-wide Parent Training Initiative Executive Director and the Executive Director of a Learning Disability Association. Others will be joining in the discussion and we welcome all to come and share how we can honor our many partners that begin with parents. Look for more news and announcements closer to the Convention.

Please join us on **Friday, April 11, 2013, from 8:00-10:00** in the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.



Save the date for the CEC 2014 Convention & Expo in Philadelphia, *the* premier professional development event for special and gifted education.

Thousands of special education teachers, administrators, researchers, professors and students from around the world will discuss pressing issues and share information in areas such as Common Core State Standards, administration, autism, co-teaching and collaboration, emotional and behavior disorders, instructional strategies for math, reading, and science, policy, technology and response to intervention.

The CEC Convention & Expo offers hundreds of educational sessions conducted by leading experts and endless opportunities to network with others working with children and youth with exceptionalities and their families. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about new and pending legislation and explore cutting-edge products and services in the exhibit hall.

# CEC PIONEERS DIVISION ANNUAL DINNER

## Family Style Menu

2 Salads

2 Pastas

2 Entrees

Chef's Dessert Choice

Coffee/Tea, Iced Tea,  
Soda

\$50.00

*(includes tax and gratuity)*

Thursday, April 10,  
2014, 7:00 p.m.

**MAGGIANO'S**  
Little Italy

1201 Filbert Street  
Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania

(Next door to the  
Philadelphia Marriott  
Downtown)



**Dinner: \$50.00 (includes tax and service charge)**

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**Detach here and mail by March 15    Reservation Request**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinner Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Reservations for the dinner may be emailed to: [mdthew@gmail.com](mailto:mdthew@gmail.com) along with your name and address. Then pay at the Conference. All emailed reservations are nonrefundable - no shows will be billed for the full price of the dinner.

Please make checks payable to  
**CEC Pioneers Division Dinner** and mail  
to this address by **March 15, 2013.** ►

**Mail to:** Michael Thew  
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York, PA 17406  
Phone: 717-891-2316; Email:  
[mdthew@gmail.com](mailto:mdthew@gmail.com)



# Important CEC-PD Events

2014 Annual Convention and Expo  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
April 9-12, 2014

## Convention Events

We hope you are planning to join us in Philadelphia at CEC's annual Convention and Expo. Come and enjoy the nation's first capital city offer with its arts, culture, shopping and distinctive cuisine. Participate in the many educational sessions and reunite with colleagues and friends. The convention officially opens on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 and continues through Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Below are important events scheduled during the Convention:

- **Interdivisional Caucus (IDC)**, Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 1:00-4:00PM
- **Opening General Session**, Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 5:00-6:30PM
- **Expo Opening, Thursday**, April 10, 2014, 9:00AM
- **CEC-PD Executive Board Meeting**, Thursday, April 10, 2014, 8:30-3:30PM
- **Teacher of the Year Panel**, Thursday, April 10, 2014, 10:30AM-12:00PM
- **CEC-PD General Business Meeting**, Thursday, April 10, 2014, 4:00-5:00PM
- **Annual CEC-PD Division Dinner**, Thursday, April 10, 2014, 7:00PM
- **CEC-PD Showcase**, Friday, April 11, 2014, 8:00-10:00aM
- **Representative Assembly**, Friday, April 11, 2014, 12:30-5:00PM
- **Yes I Can! Awards, Friday**, April 11, 2014, 5:30-7:00PM

## Convention Housing

CEC has secured room blocks at several area hotels, including the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, the headquarters for the 2014 CEC Convention and Expo. Pioneers business meetings will take place in the Marriott Downtown. The Annual CEC-PD Dinner will be next door at Maggiano's Little Italy. Visit CEC's website for hotel reservation information. In order to receive the CEC discounted room rate you must make your reservation **no later than March 6, 2014**.



Historic South Street Headhouse Square



The Liberty Bell at Independence Mall



South Philly's Italian Market



Kennedy Plaza with Robert Indiana's LOVE Sculpture

# CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program Update

Linda Marsal, Coordinator



Linda Marsal

Hats off to Dr. Pamela Gillet who managed the mentoring Program so successfully for over six years! Dr. Gillet, an effective, visionary, creative, hard-working leader, whose leadership laid the foundation for the Mentoring Program has provided technical assistance and help during this transition period to a new Mentoring Coordinator.

This past fall has been a challenge as we have recruited new mentors, reviewed mentor and mentee applications, matched mentors to mentee needs, followed up on expired memberships with mentors, reassigned mentees, and worked with CEC staff to post on the web information about the mentoring program. Presently we have 89 volunteer mentors serving 96 students at 19 universities across the United States. Three universities that participated in previous years did not join the Program this year. One university reported the reason for not joining was financial. The following universities are active this year:

Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina,  
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania,  
Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg,  
Pennsylvania,  
Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville,  
Georgia, Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia,  
Gwynedd Mercy University Gwynedd, Pennsylvania,  
Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky,  
Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon,  
Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas,  
Towson University, Towson, Maryland,  
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island,  
Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia,  
Walsh University, North Canton, Ohio,  
Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, and the  
State of Alaska through the Alaska CEC chapter.

We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of the 19 faculty advisors to recruit their students to the mentor program and acknowledge sincere appreciation to the contributions of our 89 volunteer mentors. The Mentoring Coordinator and CEC staff have completed the fall conference call with all faculty advisors. One thing that we noted was that several of our faculty advisors are also mentors!

Our mentors have shared a variety of resources with the mentees. They have received three Information Sharing “communications” this year that focusing on 1-3 issues per publication. Our mentors have concentrated on the building of relationships with their mentees. Below are a few comments from our mentors that illustrate what is occurring:

**Mentor Donald Weir** sent a synopsis of the communication shared with his mentee email and telephone. He states, “The telephone has led to some in depth discussions around topics on special education. We have shared school materials and selected SmartBriefs from CEC or ASCD.” They are planning a possible video conferencing activity from Donald’s classroom in the next month. Donald says that his mentee’s preferred mode of communication is the phone and that has been very rewarding.

**Mentor Amy Mazur**, who is in her first year of mentoring with us, shared that she had heard from her mentee three times during the fall semester. Her mentee reports that she feels comfortable with her teaching skill set and has asked for support in thinking about preparing for “next steps”—the job search. Amy will be reviewing her resume and suggests practicing a mock interview or two and identifying the application timeline for the schools/school systems to which she intends to apply. Amy also shared that “being a mentor is a rewarding experience

**Mentor Liz Eagan Satter** reports that she hears from her mentee—more so on Facebook than through emails. Her mentee is in the behavior field and Liz has reminded her to make sure that vision/hearing are not overlooked as she becomes a teacher in that field. A resource that she is shared is the article on bullying.

**Mentor Roberta Gentry** shares that things are going well with her mentee with steady communication throughout the fall and that they are friends on Facebook. She says that we are “really clicking this year.”

**Mentor Bill Bogdan**, one of our mentors who have been with the mentoring program since the first year, states that he has had positive communications with his CEC student mentee over several time zones and over many discussion topics. He would “love to be able to sit and have coffee and talk with her about her educational experiences.”

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**Joanne Healy, Assistant Professor of Special Education, Faculty Advisor for Alaska, and President of Alaska CEC,** shares the following on the bottom of all her emails.

Every child is an individual, fair is what meets the need of the individual."


"Keep the best interest of children in your heart."

"If you need something done, ask a busy person."

It is evident from my observations that our mentors are very busy people; however, they make the time to help those learning to be special educators.

The Mentoring Coordinator worked with Pioneers Past President Bill Bogdan, President Jamie Hopkins, and Pamela Gillet to respond to a request for input and recommendations from CEC President Christy Chambers as follow up to the Board of Directors review of the Mentoring Program. The CEC Board of Directors discussed the Mentoring Program at their October meeting and made recommendations based on the Study of the CEC/ CEC-PD Mentoring Program Report that the Pioneers submitted to CEC in 2013. We expect to see additional action from the CEC Board in 2014 on the recommendations.

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**CEC Pioneers Jephtha Greer and Mike Weinroth in the Georgia Mountains**

On right, Jephtha Greer, a former CEC Executive Director and his wife Joan meet for dinner with Mike and Linda Weinroth in Jasper, a small town located between their two "mountain" homes in north Georgia on January 3, 2014.





## Keeping in Touch

Eleanor Guetzloe, Editor

We have been planning for our popular column, *Keeping in Touch with Eleanor*, to return in our next edition of *Pioneers Press*. However, we have just learned that Eleanor is in the hospital in Clearwater after suffering an apparent stroke. She is recovering and cards are welcome. Please send your greetings to Eleanor Guetzloe, 812 Woodside Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756. Her son and daughter will make sure she gets them. We look forward to Eleanor's return!



### Past President's Report

Lyndal M. Bullock

It is amazing how quickly a year goes by! It must be because we are having so much fun and the calendar is there to be ignored. It seems only a short time ago that I was given the honor to serve as the 2013 President of the Pioneers Division. As typical, my first President's message delineated several goals to guide our presidential year (i.e., work toward increasing membership, increase fiscal sustainability, refine the Constitution and Bylaws to ensure all elements are consistent, bring all committee memberships in compliance with the new Constitution and Bylaws, and strengthen support for the Mentorship Program). As goals go, they serve the purpose for the year, but seldom are goals fully met. As I reflect on the progress of the organization during 2013, some progress can be documented, but there is still so much to be done.

Serving an organization in any capacity is indeed a "labor of love". Service is time-consuming and requires a strong commitment to help make a difference. However, the dividends derived from our efforts are indeed many. More so today than ever before, we as CEC and Pioneers members need to make renewed commitments to our organization and continue to help to positively impact the future of CEC.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. I know you will be supportive of the work of future leaders of the Pioneers Division.

Lyndal M. Bullock  
Regents Professor, Special Education  
University of North Texas, Denton



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## Preserving CEC's History

The June Jordan Fund was established in 1994, by the Pioneers Division in honor of June Jordan who was a former CEC staff member. June was instrumental in providing the leadership and support for establishing the Pioneers Division. In addition, she led CEC in the collection of documents and other types of information of historical significance to CEC and the field of special education.

The official title of the fund is “**The June Jordan ‘I have a Dream’ Memorial Fund**”. The purpose of the fund is to support CEC in maintaining the Archives and history of the Council. The Archives are maintained by a CEC Archivist who holds a non-voting position on the CEC-PD Board. The Fund is supported by direct contributions to the Fund. These funds are then allocated for expenditures to support the expansion and maintenance of the CEC Archives.

In the past, the support for the CEC Archives consisted of providing dollars from the June Jordan Fund to purchase supplies needed by the CEC Archivist, and to provide assistance to the Archivist by other members of the Pioneers Division in preparing and in placing materials in the CEC Archives. It is hoped that the plan developed by the History Initiative Work Group will provide additional opportunities to share, as well as, preserve the history of CEC and CEC-PD.

Please consider donating to the June Jordan Fund using the form below to assist with this important activity.

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### The June Jordan “I Have a Dream” Memorial Fund Contribution Form

Mail contributions to: Michael Thew, 4524 Valley Acres Road, York, PA 17406

My contribution to the June Jordan Fund is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

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(if known)

**1. Contact Information** PLEASE PRINT • PLEASE USE PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS

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DELIVERY ADDRESS – STREET NUMBER AND NAME, APT/SUITE NUMBER IF APPLICABLE/P.O. BOX NUMBER

CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

**PHONE**  
Require at least one phone number to provide quality customer service.  
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WORK NUMBER HOME NUMBER MOBILE NUMBER

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**  
Required to receive certain member benefits.

Do not share my contact information with other education organizations and companies.

**2. CEC Dues**

Retired membership provides all the benefits of Professional membership at a special rate.

To qualify for CEC Retired membership, you must have officially retired from your employing agency, been a member of CEC for at least ten (10) years prior to retirement, and have not accepted another full-time position. (CEC Retired members as of 12/31/05 are exempt from the 10-year membership requirement.)

U.S./Canada \$ 71

All non-U.S./Canada locations \$ 130

**3. Choose Your Special Interest Division(s)**

Please select all divisions you wish to join.  
Only CEC members qualify for membership in CEC Divisions.

Divisions	U.S./Canada	Outside U.S./Canada
Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$80 <input type="checkbox"/>
Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$65 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Research (CEC-DR)	\$29 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$39 <input type="checkbox"/>
CEC Pioneers Division (CEC-PD)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>
Council for Educational Diagnostic Services (CEDS)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities (DADD)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Communicative Disabilities and Deafness (DCDD)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$42 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$42 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners (DDEL)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$33 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Early Childhood (DEC)	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES)	\$29 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$15 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Learning Disabilities (LLD)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division for Physical, Health and Multiple Disabilities (DPHMD)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$33 <input type="checkbox"/>
Division on Visual Impairments (DVI)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$31 <input type="checkbox"/>
The Association for the Gifted (TAG)	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$55 <input type="checkbox"/>
Technology and Media Division (TAM)	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher Education Division (TED)	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		

**4. Calculate My Dues Rate**

CEC Dues\* (from Section 2) \$

CEC Division Total Dues (from Section 3) \$

**My Total Dues** \$  U.S.

Promotion Code: GENAPP

*Dues Subject to Change After June 30, 2014*

**5. Payment Options**

- Check (in U.S. funds) (All returned checks are subject to a \$35 U.S. return fee)
- Purchase Order (U.S. and Canada only - must submit with application)
- Credit Card (credit card transactions in U.S. funds)
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Card #

Expiration (MM/YY)  CVC/CID

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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FORM CEC038R (REV 1/14)

\*CEC dues include a \$2.00 tax deductible contribution to the Yes I Can! Program. Dues rates are valid through June 30, 2014 and are subject to change.

Annual membership dues in CEC include \$24 for subscription to *Exceptional Children* and \$96 for *TEACHING Exceptional Children*; CCBD includes \$8 for *Behavioral Disorders*; and DADD includes \$8 for *Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities*. This information is given in order to meet postal regulations. Please do not use as a basis for payment.

# Meet CEC's New Executive Director

## Alexander T. Graham

Reprinted from *CEC Today* 11-26-13

**CEC Today:** Welcome to CEC.

**AG:** Thanks, it's great to be here.

**CEC Today:** Tell us a little bit about your professional life before joining CEC.

**AG:** My background is in association management. Most recently, I was executive director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (AG Bell), which



Alexander Graham

advocates for independence through listening and talking and supports families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing and the professionals who serve them.

**CEC Today:** What are some of the things you accomplished at AG Bell that you're most proud of?

**AG:** I worked with AG Bell's volunteer leadership to expand membership, improve education and training offerings, launch an innovative web-based service delivery model, implement a professional certification program, and lead effective public affairs initiatives that have made an impact on the lives of people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

**CEC Today:** You've been on board for about a month now, so you've had some time to get to know CEC, its leadership, and its membership. What are you most excited about as you look toward CEC's future?

**AG:** Well, it's a time of great challenges for all nonprofit organizations, and CEC is no exception. We are working within a changing public policy landscape, shifting demographics as the Baby Boomers transition out of the field, and our membership is dealing with tremendous demands to provide services for an increasingly diverse student population. I don't see those as negative things, but as great opportunities for CEC in how we meet the needs of today's members while paving the way for future professionals.

**CEC Today:** What are some specific ideas you have for the growth of CEC?

**AG:** I'm a strong believer in forging as many strategic partnerships as possible inside and outside the education community, so that will be a focus for me. We're looking into new sponsorship opportunities so we can continue to provide our members with the very best resources possible. Overall, we're going to be focusing on our members, their different needs, what benefits and services we're offering them to meet those needs and how we can constantly do a better job of that.

**CEC Today:** What's the best way to understand CEC members' needs?

**AG:** We need to make sure we have an engaging relationship with our members and do a lot of listening. Having worked with people who don't take listening for granted has taught me a lot. You'll see us doing a lot more focus groups and quick surveys to really get at where our members "pain points" lie. It's CEC's role to provide the solutions to their challenges and the answers to their questions.

**CEC Today:** Is improving delivery of content to CEC members a priority for you?

**AG:** Yes, you'll see us moving more into the mobile realm whenever possible. It's an exciting environment, and we need to be there, but first and foremost we need to make things easy for our members and stakeholders. Our challenge is not to overwhelm our members with too many messages in too many different forms. Whatever mobile strategies we choose will have our members at the center of the planning and delivery to ensure that accessing our information is easy and not too time-consuming.

**CEC Today:** What drew you to the position here at CEC?

**AG:** CEC's mission, its talented staff and its vibrant and diverse community of members and volunteer leaders. Also, one of the key driving forces for me is that I have two teenagers with learning disabilities and I know firsthand the critical role that special education professionals have played in helping them reach their potential. I've always had a great deal of admiration for the work CEC members do, and I'm delighted and honored to be a part of this great organization.



Use this interactive guide when you visit Philadelphia for the 2014 CEC Convention and Expo. Keep your edition of *Pioneers Press* on your laptop. All you need to do is click on the hot links below and you will access dozens of restaurants, information about music and nightlife and tours and attractions. Don't forget to look into Philadelphia's museums. As one of the largest cities in America, Philadelphia has a wealth of museums for every taste like the

- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Museum of Natural History
- Franklin Institute
- Rodin Museum
- Barnes Foundation
- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- National Constitution Center
- The African American Museum in Philadelphia

Famous for cheesesteaks, lawyers and liberty, America's original capital is rich with revolutionary history, culture and symbolism. Home to the Liberty Bell and the Declaration of Independence, today's Philadelphia is far from a historical relic. Urban and urbane, Philadelphia is a rich mix of traditions, races and immigrant cultures, as well as home to an exciting collection of cultural, culinary and recreational amenities that only a city of Philadelphia's heritage can provide.

### [Philadelphia Restaurants](#)

Thankfully free of New York- or San Francisco-style hype, Philadelphia is one America's best food cities. *Saveur* magazine named it the nation's "most under-appreciated American food town." Ethnic fusion, big spenders and a deep pool of culinary talent have all helped to make Philly a world class-dining destination. Standout restaurants like Morimoto, Vetri, Le Bec-Fin, Alma de Cuba and the White Dog Café lead the way.

### [Philadelphia Music & Nightlife](#)

Philadelphia is well known for being one of the most historic cities in the country; it should also be recognized for having a

something for everyone. Live music clubs, college bars, dance clubs, dive bars and sports bars are just a few of the drinking establishments that can be found in Philadelphia. Old City has many popular bars including Eulogy Belgian Tavern that boasts about 300 bottled beers and over 20 on tap. Lucy's Hat Shop, near Eulogy, has an infamous happy hour that attracts hordes of college students. Northern Liberties is another area of Philadelphia that is home to several great bars. The Khyber is a funky live music venue with two floors, each with its own bar.

### [Philadelphia Tours & Attractions](#)

There really isn't a better way to become quickly acquainted with Philadelphia than to take a sightseeing tour. Several different tours are available, depending on the size of your group and age of its members. Groups of no more than nine can glide around Philadelphia on Segways—one of the best ways to see the city without getting too tired. Double Decker busses are another great way to tour Philly. These fully guided tours offer stops at all of Philadelphia's best attractions, including Betsy Ross House, Chinatown, the Philadelphia Zoo and City Hall. The Philadelphia CityPass offers 50% savings on entrance fees to the city's top attractions. For those who would like more freedom in their tour, the AudioSteps audio tour is available. Simply download it to an mp3 player and start walking. Whichever way you decide to tour Philly, having a great time while learning about this historic city is a sure thing.

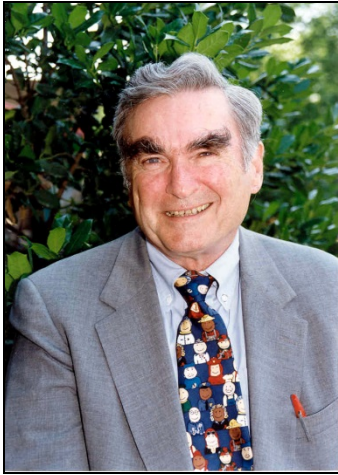


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# In Memoriam – James J. Gallagher

CHAPEL HILL--James J. Gallagher, the internationally recognized expert on special education and gifted education, died on Friday, January 17, at the age of 87. He was the former director of the University of North Carolina's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute and a senior scientist emeritus, as well as former Kenan Professor in UNC's School of Education.



James Gallagher

honored him with the Peabody Award for his extraordinary contribution to the field of education.

"James J. Gallagher has sparked, shepherded, and inspired an age of enlightenment in more than six decades as a pioneer in the discipline of child development and social policy—and as the nation's premier scholar in the fields of giftedness and developmental disabilities," said McDiarmid, dean of the School of Education, who presented the award.

Earlier in 2013, former N.C. state senator Howard Lee had presented Gallagher with another honor, the prestigious Old North State Award. N.C.'s Office of the Governor issues the award to people with a proven record of exemplary service and commitment to the state.

As news of Gallagher's passing spread, his colleagues were quick to note a lifetime of priceless service, and former N.C. state senator Ellie Kinnaird called him a giant. "I am so sorry for his loss to the field for all children," said Kinnaird.

For Ron Haskins, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute, Gallagher evoked a centuries-old remark by the English poet Andrew Marvell: "So much can one man do who doth both know and act."

"For many years, Dr. Gallagher was a mentor, colleague, and friend," said FPG director Samuel L. Odom, who added that the former FPG director was irreplaceable. "With this grief, we also need to remember his great life and achievements."

Gallagher's career full of awards had continued this past year with more major recognition. In November, UNC's School of Education

Among his many contributions, Gallagher played an integral role on Governor James B. Hunt's planning team to develop the North Carolina School for Science and Mathematics, which was the first residential school of its kind focusing on talented students in science and mathematics at the secondary level. Gallagher also was instrumental in updating state law and regulation to better serve gifted students in North Carolina.

Prior to joining FPG, Gallagher was the first Chief of the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped in the then U.S. Office of Education. He oversaw a wide range of new legislation representing the first major efforts to ensure a free and appropriate education for children and youth with disabilities.

In 1970, Gallagher became Kenan Professor of Education at UNC and director of FPG. "His leadership was foundational in FPG's development," said Odom. "FPG became one of the nation's leading research institutions."

Gallagher wrote over two hundred articles for a wide range of professional journals, as well as 39 books, including one of the most widely used textbooks in gifted education, which he co-authored with his daughter, Shelagh Gallagher.

In 2009, the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) honored Gallagher as the third inductee into the NAGC Legacy Series. More than four decades had passed since he had delivered a timeless speech to the NAGC.

"This generation cannot afford to be a spendthrift in intellectual resources as it has been in its physical gifts," said Gallagher in 1965. "This price of failure is too high."

Writing for *Roeper Review* last July, Gallagher echoed that same call, arguing for an end to the "unilateral disarmament" of our educational system. "If the national defense plans for the 21<sup>st</sup> century are based on brains, not just bombs," he contended, "then we need time and concentrated effort to create conditions where our education system turns out intelligent citizens ready to build a society that is impervious to outside influence or economic attack."

Recently, Gallagher had been finishing the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the textbook "Educating Exceptional Children" with co-author Mary Ruth Coleman, FPG senior scientist emerita.

Olson Huff, chair of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, joined others who described Gallagher as an inspirational figure: "His legacy will live on as long as there are children to be born."

# 2014 Romaine P. Mackie Annual Leadership Award

**Purpose:** The Romaine P. Mackie Award is to honor an outstanding professional who has demonstrated leadership in CEC and other organizations for an extensive period of time in various areas within the field: service delivery, teacher education and professional development; research; policy; assessment; publications. The individual should be nominated by someone who is familiar with the nature and quality of his/her work and who can speak to the nominee's character.

The Award is named for Romaine P. Mackie, who was a U.S. Commissioner of Education, a devout supporter of special education in the early years, and an active member of CEC who promoted the mission of CEC in all of her work.

## Nomination Materials Include:

- Completed Nomination Form (below)
- Letter of nomination
- Brief vita or resume of the nominee
- At least two (2) letters of support [no more than four (4), please]

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All nominations and materials must be received by **Friday, February 28, 2014**

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