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## Message from the President



I hope that each of you were able to cope with the unpredictable weather that has shown up in 2019. From the bitter arctic cold in Indianapolis to the flooding and tornadoes that are prevalent now, I hope that all of you are safe.

Many changes will be happening that will impact our division this year. I will share what the Board has determined to be our course of action on some of these changes.

First, in Indianapolis, the Board determined that preparation for the CEC Centennial Celebration in 2020-Orlando should include organizing and cataloguing the archives of CEC materials. This has been approximately two-thirds completed at this time. There are many original documents and other materials that are irreplaceable, so knowing what is in the archives is critical. These materials also need to be catalogued so that they are accessible for the Centennial Celebration. The Board allocated monies to support several people, coordinated by Diane Johnson, to meet this goal.

Making this an even more critical venture is the imminent move of CEC Headquarters to another facility before the beginning of August. We will be working to determine the specific logistics of this move and what it will mean for the archival materials. With our focus on Leadership and Legacy, assuring that these materials are available for future use is crucial. We will be working with staff at CEC

Headquarters to assure that the archive materials are moved efficiently and safely.

Second, there is an increasing interest in the Mentoring Project facilitated by Jamie Hopkins. She has shared information in an article in this newsletter detailing more specific information. It is an important shift to working with states and other divisions that have sought out the expertise in this division. Please read Jamie's article and volunteer to mentor if that is a role you can use to share your experience and wisdom.

Third, there is continued use of the data collected through the Pioneer Division's State of the Profession Survey. The Representative Assembly was provided with a framework to use the information from the survey to identify areas of focus relating to each division/unit's mission and strategic goals. If you did not get to hear the presentations in Indianapolis, there will be a follow up discussion session in Portland, Oregon to develop further plans utilizing the information gathered.

Finally, Susan Fowler, Past President has been serving as interim Membership Chair. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Pioneer Division and this might be of interest, please contact me ([Georgia.kerns@unh.edu](mailto:Georgia.kerns@unh.edu)) and we can talk about the role of the chair. It is an important position as recruiting and maintaining membership supports the activities of the division.

Check out our Facebook page and let us know if there are posts that would be of interest to the membership. Registration for CEC 2020 will be opening soon, so be sure to register and book your hotel!!

Best,  
Georgia Kerns, Ph.D.  
President-CEC Pioneers Division

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### ROMAINE P. MACKIE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The 2019 Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award was presented to Ms. Jamie Hopkins in a ceremony at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Mackie Award was established to honor a person who has demonstrated leadership in CEC and the field in programs for exceptional children and youth.

Ms. Hopkins, a past-president of CEC, led during a period of reorganization. A significant accomplishment was the guidance of the CEC board in recognizing the importance of child maltreatment to the CEC mission and strategic planning. This guidance led to the establishment of the CEC Issues Related to Maltreatment Committee. In the Pioneers Division, Ms. Hopkins piloted the *Bright Futures* program and currently chairs the committee for mentoring graduate students and new teachers of special needs children.

Her skills and talents have led Ms. Hopkins to serve in many capacities including special education program supervisor, director of special education services and director of student services. She has held honored positions of leadership in state, regional and national organizations serving administrators, teachers and parents. Colleagues describe Ms. Hopkins as a skilled and thoughtful leader and a problem solver.

Ms. Hopkins is said to embody Ralph Waldo Emerson's definition " ... *to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have success.*"

CONGRATULATIONS MS. JAMIE!!



### CEC/CEC-PD Mentoring Program

We are really excited to announce two new partnerships for our mentoring program. Beginning in September 2019, we will be supporting approximately 300 early year special education teachers in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education. We are also collaborating with CEC's Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders to provide mentoring for university students and early year teachers in the upcoming school year. In order to fulfill all these mentoring needs, we will need many additional mentors. We are thankful to those of you who have served in the past and hope that you will consider signing up again. For more information and to sign up to be a mentor, please access the following link: <https://www.cec.sped.org/Membership/CEC-CEC-PD-Mentoring-Program>. Mentor and mentee **applications will be available in July or August of this year**. Of course, we will also continue to provide mentoring for any CEC member who is a student or an early year teacher (first through third year). We look forward to the expansion of the mentoring program and appreciate the support from CEC to make this program possible.

Jamie Hopkins  
Chair PD Mentoring Program Committee

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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.

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

Mail contributions to: Carol Eisenbise, 229 Jefferson Ave. Nazareth, PA 18064

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

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

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

**Indicate if your contribution is in memory/honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide name and address for acknowledgment card:**

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

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

**Please make checks payable to the Pioneers Division of the Council for Exceptional Children and attach to this form.**

**Thank You!**

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Committee**

### **ASSETS**

Cash	1,870.00
Checking	\$23,002.00
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,467.00
CEC Headquarters	\$1,999.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$37,341.00</b>

### **LIABILITIES**

**NONE**

### **INCOME STATEMENT 1/1/2019-4/30/2019**

#### **INCOME**

Dues	\$1,320.00
Interest Income	\$20.00
Total Income	\$1,340.00

#### **EXPENSES**

Officers	\$1,000.00
Division Specialist	\$668.00
Convention	\$188.00
IDC Fee	\$60.00
Summer Leadership Newsletter	\$0.00
Work Group	\$260.00
Net Gain (Loss)	-\$836.00

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