

## Membership Update: LUCKY WINNERS!

by: Jennifer Green, KYCEC Membership Chair

KYCEC's fall conference proved to be a more exciting experience for a few lucky individuals this year. Available in the conference programs and at the membership booth were surveys for current KYCEC members. Those individuals who completed a survey and returned it at conference were entered to win one year paid membership dues. The two ladies receiving this reward were **Donna Pollard** and **Dana Hamilton**.

Conference goers who were not already members also had an opportunity to earn rewards! Four individuals were drawn to win a \$50 gas card after they agreed to join KYCEC. One of those winners is new member **Ron Fell**. *Congratulations to all these individuals for being supporters of KYCEC!*

If you stopped by the membership booth at conference, you probably also noticed the wide variety of specialized publications and materials that you would receive if you pay membership dues to join a division. CEC has 17 specialized divisions, each with its own benefits above and beyond the fantastic benefits of being a standard CEC member. You can go

online now at [www.kycec.us](http://www.kycec.us) to view the divisions and their benefits to members. KYCEC currently has a membership of 759 individuals. Whether you are a parent, student, paraprofessional, professional, or retired member, make sure to renew your membership when due and encourage your friends and colleagues to join CEC! With professional development monies and opportunities for specific and essential training both dwindling quickly, the payment of dues to CEC may just be the cheapest way to ensure that you stay up-to-date and aware of the latest in technology, research, and practice. As always, your membership is a cost-effective way to improve your successful practice of educating students.

See the Membership Update in the spring edition of the newsletter to learn how some creative students and determined KYCEC members have developed a middle school KYCEC chapter. Students at Burns Middle School in Daviess County and the chapter's sponsor, Rachael Clark, can say they are making a difference in the lives of students.

### TIME FOR CHANGE

See Page 5 for Complete Details.

**Seattle**  
CEC 2009 CONVENTION  
& EXPO

Register by March 9  
to save!

There's Still Time  
to Save on Convention  
and Expo Registration

[www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ConventionExpo/default.htm](http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ConventionExpo/default.htm)

CEC's Convention & Expo—the heart and soul of special education—will be held April 1–4, 2009, at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle. Register by March 9 to take advantage of reduced registration rates.

Last Chance to Nominate Friends  
and Colleagues Like CARRIE  
Who Won the KYCEC Outstanding  
Student Award Last Year!

Don't Delay. See Pages 6-7.



CARRIE WEBER, 2008 AWARD WINNER



Dr. Arlene Hall

## CHANGES CHANGES CHANGES

As I reflect on the happenings of the inauguration and the promise for change, I cannot help but think about KYCEC. Our government definitely needs some change; but so does our professional organization. Taking into consideration tight budgets and busy school schedules, this year we are moving our spring conference to the summer and will host a one day regional conference on Saturday, June 6th in Paducah. This promises to be a day of fun

and learning for all involved. We have had a lot of activities in the central part of the state and felt a need to move west. The keynote for this conference will be from the National Tourettes Foundation and divisions are being invited to offer a strand. We are hoping that this will lead to other regional conferences in other areas of the state. Of course, all are invited; you don't have to be from the west. Western Kentucky has the lakes and a lot of fun things to do. Bring the family and enjoy a weekend in the west.

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### Kentucky Student CEC

by Carrie Weber

KYSCEC members had a great time at the Annual Conference on Programs for Exceptional Children in Louisville this past November. We had very successful sessions which were chosen by our KYSCEC executive board members. The dance and silent auction were also a success. All the money raised was split three ways to the chapters who participated and will be used to support student travel and future student functions. Currently we have three active student chapters: Murray State University, Western Kentucky University, and Union College. In the future we plan to have more involvement from other chapters in the state. This year we are holding elections for new officers at the summer leadership conference. In order to be eligible to run for an office, the candidate had to attend the fall conference and be an officer in their chapter.

*Best wishes for the New Year!* If you have questions regarding KYSCEC, please contact KYSCEC President Carrie T. Weber at, [carrietweber@yahoo.com](mailto:carrietweber@yahoo.com).

### The Pioneers Division

by Dr. Don Cross, *Treasurer, KY Pioneers*

The Pioneers Division (PD) is one of several divisions recognized by national CEC. It was established as a professional organization to bring recognition to those who have been a member of CEC for twenty (20) years or more. The Pioneers intend to assist and provide support to CEC in all efforts on behalf of children and youth with exceptionalities by: 1) responding to and addressing emergent and critical issues in the field; 2) advocating on behalf of children and youth with exceptionalities; 3) participating in all appropriate governance activities of CEC. CEC-PD encourages research, promotes professional development, and supports children and youth with exceptionalities. In Kentucky, the Pioneers Division directs its support primarily to the Student CEC in the form of monetary aid which is generally used to help send its members to state and national conferences. Members also provide leadership in a variety of ways to the KYCEC board and membership. If you have been a CEC member for at least 20 years or have served as president of a division, the Kentucky PD needs YOU!

**Membership is just \$20. Why not join today?**

## Kentucky Council of Administrators of Special Education (KYCASE)

by Jill Griffiths, *Communications/PR Chairperson*

**NOTE:** *The editors requested that divisions submit information about the division and its activities. Some of the important work in the field of exceptional children is done by divisions, especially those affiliated with KYCEC. We support and applaud their work, especially leadership in training and policy development. If you qualify for one of these divisions and do not currently belong, we hope you will consider doing so.*

### **MOST IMPORTANT SERVICES TO MEMBERS:**

KYCASE, a subdivision of CASE, Inc., is organized to promote professional leadership, to provide opportunity for study of problems common to its members, to take positions on issues that affect special education, and to communicate through discussion and publications, and other activities, information that will assist in the development of improved educational services for exceptional children on a national basis, and within the state of Kentucky.

### **BRIEF PROFILE OF MEMBERSHIP:**

Active membership is open to anyone who is a current member of the Council for Exceptional Children and (a) administers, directs, supervises, and/or coordinates a program, school or classes of special education for exceptional children in one or more categories as a major responsibility, (b) former

administrators of special education currently employed full time in another capacity, and (c) college faculty whose major responsibility is the professional preparation of administrators of special education within the state of Kentucky.

### **MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR THIS YEAR:**

The Program Committee is planning professional development through KYCASE conferences in March, July, and November.

The Governmental Relations Committee is currently studying filed legislative bills, particularly HB 118, The Students with Special Needs Scholarship Program related to school vouchers.

The Communications/PR Committee is accessing input from membership via online surveys, plans to update the KYCASE website for increased member use, and will develop a KYCASE brochure for public relation purposes.

The Teaching and Learning Committee is staying abreast with the literature on research based instructional practices.

### **FUTURE GOALS:**

KYCASE Executive Committee Strategic Plan includes the following goals:

- ◆ **Professional Development Outreach** – Continue to develop and promote resources for professional development focusing on the needs of special education leadership.
- ◆ **Communication** – Continue and develop and promote communications that advance policies and practices for student with disabilities.
- ◆ **Legislation and Advocacy** – Continue to promote legislation and policies that are in the best interests of students with disabilities.

**KY CASE Contact:** Patty Grable, *President* – Director of Special Education, Christian County Public Schools (270) 887-7000

### **CEC Opposes New IDEA Regulations on Selected Issues**

Read CEC's summary and analysis of the new IDEA Part B regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Education, which focus on parental revocation of consent for special education services, representation by non-attorneys in due process hearings, and allocation of funds to school districts not serving students with disabilities.

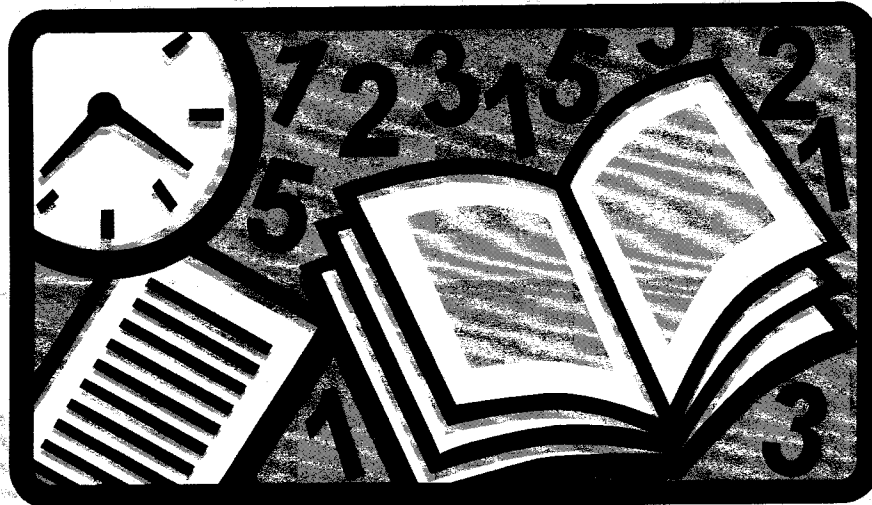
Visit [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org) for more information.

# Save The Date

**June 6, 2009**

**KYCEC SUMMER REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**MSU Crisp Center • Paducah, Kentucky**

## **TIME FOR CHANGE**



## **FIRST EVER DIVISION FOCUS SUMMER CONFERENCE**

All KYCEC Divisions who wish to participate in this conference should email Shelly Weatherford ([shelly.weatherford@graves.kyschool.us](mailto:shelly.weatherford@graves.kyschool.us)) to reserve a strand for their division by February 28, 2009.

**KEYNOTE BY: National Tourette Syndrome Foundation**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE SOON AT [WWW.KYCEC.US](http://WWW.KYCEC.US).**

# AWARDS

## (1) Mary May Wyman Outstanding KYCEC Member of the Year Award

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this award is to allow KYCEC to honor a member who has shown consistently unselfish service in promoting the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

**CANDIDATE:** The nominee must be a KYCEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of continued membership for the three (3) previous years.

- Should have contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in a number of areas—legislation, recreation, curriculum, etc.
- Should have devoted much time and effort to the local chapter, subdivision(s), and KYCEC

- Should have provided leadership in the community, with local school(s), and with parents.

**Information needed to complete nomination:**

1. All information requested on the nomination form.
2. Description of the outstanding professional contributions of the nominee.
3. Vita of nominee.
4. Letters of recommendation.
5. Verification of membership (obtainable from CEC headquarters).

## (2) Carl Perkins Contributor to Special Education Award

**BACKGROUND:** This award is given to individuals for their distinguished leadership and service in the interest of exceptional children.

**CANDIDATE:** The nominee need not be working in the field of special education nor be a member of KYCEC. The nominee should have significantly contributed

to the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky. Information needed to complete the nomination:

1. All information requested on the nomination form.
2. Description of distinguished leadership and service in the interest of exceptional children.

## (3) Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year Award

**BACKGROUND:** This award is to be given to a school administrator whose primary responsibility is special education. The award is for distinguished leadership and support for special education and/or gifted and talented programs in Kentucky.

**CANDIDATE:** The nominee must be a special education administrator in Kentucky and a CEC member. The nominee must have provided outstanding leadership and developed innovative programming for exceptional individuals.

**Information needed to complete nomination:**

1. All information on the nomination form must be completed.
2. A description of the outstanding leadership and the innovative programming which was developed for exceptional individuals.
3. Vita.
4. Letters of recommendation.
5. Verification of membership.

<b>Nomination form for awards 1, 2 and 3:</b>	
Name of Award _____	Person Submitting Nomination _____
Nomination of _____	CEC Officer Position (if held) _____
Address _____	Address _____
Telephone # (work) _____	Telephone # (work) _____
(home) _____	(home) _____
Nominating Division, Chapter, Branch _____	Signature of Person Submitting Nomination _____

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**KYCEC REGIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**June 6, 2009 – Paducah, KY**  
[www.kycec.us](http://www.kycec.us)

## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

### (4) Outstanding KY Student CEC Member of the Year Award

**BACKGROUND:** This award is to be given to a student CEC member. It is the highest tribute KYCEC pays a student member. The student may be a member of a KY student chapter or a regular chapter.

**CANDIDATE:** The nominee must be a student member of CEC in Kentucky. The nominee should have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership to KYCEC, the chapter, and exceptional children in Kentucky. The nominee must be in special education training.

**Information needed to complete nomination:**

1. Verification of membership (obtainable from CEC headquarters).
2. All information requested on the nomination form.
3. Letters of recommendation.
4. Description of involvement with student CEC, experiences with exceptional children, academic/community honors, awards, and leadership responsibilities.

**Nomination Form:**

Nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

CEC ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Joined CEC:  
Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate or Graduate Student:  
(please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's name \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of person completing this form  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS 1, 2, 3, and 4 BY MARCH 16, 2009 TO:  
Mary White • 4567 Briar Hill Road • Lexington, Kentucky 40516**

### KYCEC Seeking Candidates for Executive Board

The Nominations Committee of KYCEC is seeking qualified candidates for Vice President and Secretary. The election for these officers will be held during the spring. To be nominated for office, a candidate must be a member of KYCEC in good standing for a minimum of one year prior to the election.

The office of Vice President is a four year commitment. After serving one year as Vice President, the candidate succeeds to President Elect, then to President and finally to Past President. The Vice President performs the duties of the President in the absence of the President and President Elect and serves as editor of the KYCEC

newsletter. The President Elect chairs the Planning Committee for the annual KYCEC Conference. The Past President is in charge of awards and nominations.

The office of Secretary is a two year commitment. The Secretary keeps the records of the Executive and General Boards, disseminates written minutes of those meetings and assumes custody of those minutes.

Serving as an officer of KYCEC is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth. If you are interested in being considered for one of these positions or if you would like to nominate a qualified colleague for a position, please complete the nomination form below.

**NOMINATION FORM KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN OFFICER NOMINATION BALLOT 2009**

Office Nominated for: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

*To be valid all information MUST be provided. Please include a recent copy of the nominee's vita.*

*Nominator and Nominee must be current members of CEC. The ballot must be signed by the Nominator and Nominee.*

**Return form by February 27, 2009 to:**

**Mary White, 4567 Briar Hill Road, Lexington, KY 40516**

Nominator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee Signature \_\_\_\_\_