

KY Council for Exceptional Children

Fall Conference Highlights

- Over 1450 in attendance
- Over 150 sessions and workshops
- Over 30 Exhibitors



The Membership Drive Continued as the table was staffed by Members-at-Large Jenny Miller-Horn and Debbie Samples.

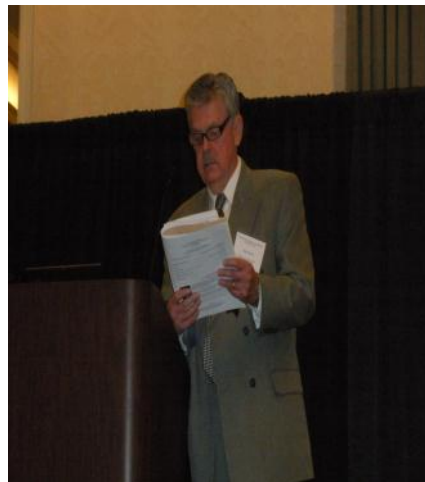
Award Winners 2010

-**Renee Cameron**, Director of Special Education, Gallatin County, KYCEC Outstanding Special Education Administrator Award.

-**Mike Miller**, Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Learning Services, Very Special Arts National Excellence in Leadership Award.

Dale Ashley, Director of Special Education, Edmondson County 50 Years of Special Education Service.

Conference Coordinator Bill Porter was master of ceremonies at the Keynote address. Bill hands over his duties to Carrie Bearden next year. Thank you for many great conferences, Bill!



Special Honors

We celebrated the lives and service of two people who tirelessly dedicated their lives to the education and advancement of children with disabilities. Dr. Arlene Hall, a special education professor at Murray State University, and Ginny Miller, Very Special Arts.

Dr. Arlene Hall's husband Randy Ford accepted her award. He is pictured with Pam Matlock and Leslie Brauer, KYCEC President



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Message From the President, Leslie Brauer

Picture of Leslie Here...



I have a young friend who loves to sing. She sings all the time and with a smile. She doesn't always remember the correct words or the correct sequence of the song, but she continues to sing and smile. I love to hear her and feel her joy in song. The other day my friend was singing the song "A Little Help From My Friends". I have always liked this song the way Lennon and McCartney wrote it but I like it even more the way my

friend sings it. She sings "I get by with a little help from my friends. I'm gonna fly with a little help from my friends. Do you need anybody? I need somebody with love. Could it be anybody? I just need someone with love." Our children can fly when they receive the supports they need to succeed. In the classroom, in the community, in the legislative halls, our students get a little help from their friends. Like my young

friend said they "just need someone with love". Someone who loves what they do, someone who loves to provide support. That someone is you. I encourage you to keep writing to your legislators and remind them to continue to support Exceptional and Gifted education. Tell them that Special Education Research is essential for our students to fly and needs to be increased.

Division for Early Childhood—Megan Purcell

The Division for Early Childhood Annual Conference was in Kansas City in October 2010. The conference was a great success and we had a large KY contingency. KYDEC was recognized at the national DEC conference for maintaining communication with state members as well as any early childhood profes-

sional who has voluntarily joined the listserv. We were also congratulated on our collaborative work and being present at the many different state conferences. KYDEC is a sponsor of and will attend Children's Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on February 17, 2011. KYDEC will be awarding up to five registration scholar-

ships for Kentucky students in early childhood for the 2011 KY early childhood and exceptional children conferences. The application will be disseminated monthly, starting in February, until all five scholarships have been awarded.

KYDEC will be requesting nominations for the new DEC award to be presented at the Exceptional Children Conference in November, 2011.

Art Contest Winners

Cuba Elementary had three entries in the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children's art contest. Pictured right - Tyler Walker, second grade; Jodeci Harris, sixth grade; & Jimmy Lance, fifth grade. Scott County Middle School Student April Spencer was a middle school winner. She is pictured left with Teacher James Dummer.



Yes I Can Award Winners



Jennifer Eckler, with Yes I Can! Award Winners: Dana Warren, Versailles, Athletics, 12th grade, Peter Kerpestein, Anchorage, Community Service, 8th grade, Jayson Walker, Murray, Arts, 4th grade, and Dustin Flagg, Louisville, Technology, 12th grade,



Nominations will open soon for the 2011 "Yes I Can" Awards!

46 Kentucky Educators were recognized for 25 years of service to children with disabilities. Included in this exceptional group were Lynn Marr and Gay Stephens.



Scott County Teachers Stephanie Harmon and Jennifer Dove enjoyed the tote bags provided by Firelight Books this year.



Morehead State Chapter is having a busy year!

Caption describing picture or graphic.



Morehead State University's Student CEC has been officially reactivated! This is the first year MSU has had the organization back on campus, and it has proved to have been a successful first year thus far. The chapter has twenty members and continues to grow. The members have been active in participating in the national Council for Exceptional Children / Council for Exceptional Children Pioneer's Division (CEC/CEC-PD) Mentoring program, fundraising, applying for mini-grants,

community involvement, attending the Fall Conference, and will be attending the CEC Convention. During the month of November, the student chapter utilized a mini-grant funded through KYCEC to host a Transition Fair for individuals with disabilities, their families, and administration. MSU students utilized funds through another KYCEC mini-grant that allowed them to travel to the KYCEC conference. Several students presented a poster at the student poster ses-

sion, and also participated in the student dance and silent auction. While at KYCEC, a MSU student, Stephanie Orcutt was nominated to serve as a representative to the state SCEC organization. In December, MSU SCEC's organization collected hand warmers and sunflower seeds to mail to the Marines of VMAQ-3 in Afghanistan. Each member of the unit received an individual package with a personalized Christmas card.

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Contact Barbara Washington, Mini-Grants Chair, for information on how to apply for a 2011 KYCEC Mini Grant!

KYCEC Mini-Grant Winner

Valerie Pope, a teacher at Scott County High School in Georgetown was awarded a mini-grant from KYCEC. "The focus of my classroom has been changed for this school year, and I believe for the next several years." said Mrs. Pope. "I have students with disabilities who are transitioning from high school life

to settings where as adults they will be functioning as independently as they are capable." With the mini grant, she purchased a counter height table for the classroom kitchen, a loveseat that converts to a twin sized bed, and an area rug. The furniture enables the students to stand while they prepare

food, to practice making a bed, and vacuuming a rug. Mrs. Pope has seen her students increase their ability to demonstrate these necessary skills for independent living and possibly for use in vocational settings.

KYCEC Announces Elections for Executive Board Positions

Kentucky CEC is proud to announce our candidates for office this year. They are:

Recording Secretary:

Duties: This is a two year commitment with the main responsibility of taking, disseminating, and being custodian of all board and annual meeting minutes. The secretary also maintains KYCEC committee lists, etc.

Vice President:

Duties: This is a four year commitment including VP, president elect, president and past president. Each year has important duties such as newsletter editor, awards, etc..

CANDIDATES:

Secretary

Whitney Fowler --

Harrison County

Kathy Maciel --

Bowling Green Independent

Vice President

Pam Matlock -

Murray State Univ.

As a KYCEC member and subscriber, you will receive information about voting procedures and timelines in a separate e-blast message.

Vice President Candidate Pam Matlock

Nominated for Vice President, Pam Durbin Matlock has 36 years experience in special education. She worked for 27 years as a teacher with Paducah Independent and was with Grayson County for 1 year. During the past 9 years, Pam has worked a Special

Education Lecturer & Education Coordinator at Murray State University. In addition, she is and advisor for CEC-SP Student Program at the Paducah Campus of MSU and an advisor for MSU's Best Buddies Program (pairs a college

student with individuals with disabilities for social outings). Pam is currently serving as the KYCEC Secretary, a position she has held since 2009. She is a long time advocate of special education and active member of CEC.



Secretary Candidates—Whitney Fowler and Kathy Maciel

Whitney Faulconer Fowler currently lives in Cynthiana, Kentucky with her husband Steven and her two boys Wes, age 12 and Jake Wilson, age 9. She was born and raised in Cynthiana. She received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Kentucky University in Communication Disorders. In 1997, Whitney obtained her LBD certification from the University of Kentucky, where she also completed coursework for the Director of Special Education Certification. Whitney is currently the Assistant Director of Special Education and Preschool Coordinator for Harrison County Schools.

Whitney has been an active member of the Council of Exceptional Children for 8 years and is also a member of the Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE). In 2008-09, she was awarded Harrison County's outstanding educator by the Central Kentucky Special Education Cooperative. Whitney currently serves on the KYCEC Executive Board as Member-at-Large. Her role provides her the opportunity to advocate for special education professionals and most importantly for the children that we serve on a daily basis. Whitney's goal is to continue to push forward in this new day and age by increasing awareness of not only what KYCEC represents on a local platform, but what CEC represents on the National level as well. She is looking forward to getting to know many of the outstanding KYCEC members.



Kathy Maciel's first involvement in CEC began at Western Kentucky University as a student. She later held various offices in the Georgia CEC unit, including President, Conference Chair and Treasurer. She has received several awards including Georgia CEC Teacher of the Year, Outstanding CEC Member, Outstanding Professional, Special Educator of the Year and Outstanding Service in Education. Kathy has been teaching special education for 21 years, the last twelve in Kentucky. She presently teaches children with emotional/behavioral disorders. She is also a frequent presenter at workshops, a Non-violent Crisis Intervention trainer and she volunteers on several education related committees. Kathy is a National Board Certified Special Education Teacher. She received her M.A. in Mental Retardation from Georgia State University and her BA in Education from Western Kentucky University.

Kathy says, "I strive to advocate and create equal opportunities for success, in life and the classroom, for all persons with varying abilities. As a CEC officer, I believe I could continue this in a more productive way. After taking time out to focus on my own two children, I am ready to rejoin the CEC forum at the state and local level."



2011 AWARD NOMINATIONS



Honor someone you know who has contributed to the service of others in Kentucky

1. Mary May Wyman Outstanding CEC Member of the Year Award

Background: This 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 previous years.

Should have contributed to the education and wel-

fare of exceptional children in a number of areas—legislation, recreation, curriculum, etc.

Should have devoted much time and effort to the local chapter, subdivisions and KYCEC

Should have provided leadership in the community with local schools and with parents.

Information needed:

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 contrib-

uted to the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

Information needed :

1. All information requested on the nomination form.

2. Description of distinguished leadership and service in the

interest of exceptional children in Kentucky.



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 KY and a CEC member.

The nominee must have provided outstanding leadership and developed innovative programming for exceptional individuals.

Information Needed:

1. All information on the nomination form must be completed.

2. A description of the out-

standing leadership and innovative programming which was developed for exceptional individuals.

3. Vita.

4. Letters of Recommendation.

5. Verification of membership.



2010 Winner *****



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 KY. 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:

1. Verification of membership
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 .

Nomination Form:

Nomination of: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

CEC Id# _____

Advisor's Name _____

College Attending _____

Nomination form for Awards 1-3

Name of Award _____

Nomination of: _____

Address: _____

Telephone # (w) _____ (h) _____

Nominating Division, Chapter, Branch _____

Person Submitting Nomination _____

CEC Officer Position: _____

Address _____

Telephone # (w) _____ (h) _____

Signature of Person Submitting Nomination: _____

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Nominations should be submitted by March 18, 2011

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

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