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**SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

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SUMMER 2009 NEWSLETTER

A Message From The President

It has been a pleasure to represent South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children this year as your president. I feel so fortunate to have attended our national conference, and was so clearly reminded of how essential our organization is. Not only were we able to network with other states and collaborate on new ideas for our own state, but we participated in high-quality, scientific, professional development sessions led by some of the most knowledgeable experts in our field. It is my hope that in these trying economic times, funding needs to continue to focus on professional development opportunities. Some of you may be in a situation where you can only attend one conference a year, or you have to pay your own expenses because many of you clearly understand the importance of enhancing your skills. Therefore, it is hoped

that the SCCEC Professional Development Conference would be one of the most helpful to your overall skill development and you will make it a priority to attend next year. Please mark your calendar now for February 25th-27th, 2010 in Myrtle Beach.

I wish our incoming President, Kara Merrit, the very best as she takes the helm and the lead on continuing our development of SCCEC's mission, vision, and beliefs. The executive board has begun the process and looks forward to continuing the development and finalizing. We are also reviewing our planning document and board meetings to better meet the needs of our members. In the near future, we will be sharing those ideas with you. Thank you again for the opportunity to represent our state!

KATIE STAPLETON, PRESIDENT

The Formation of the Division on Developmental Disabilities

On April 1, 2009, the South Carolina Division on Developmental Disabilities (DDD) officially formed. The Division on Developmental Disabilities is an organization composed of persons committed to enhancing the quality of life of individuals, especially children and youth, with developmental disabilities, including those with cognitive disabilities/mental retardation, autism, and related disabilities. The Division seeks to further the knowledge base of the field, thus ensuring the continued advancement of positive educational and life outcomes for those with developmental disabilities.

For the 2009-2010 year, the following officers were elected/appointed: Robert Compton, President; Deb Leach, President Elect; Kathy Brown, Secretary; Amanda Walkup, Treasurer; Ashleigh Storey,

Parliamentarian; Juli Powers, Governmental Relations; Amy Ruddy, Membership Chair; and Tonya Misuraca, Publications.

For more information on the SC DDD, please check out our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/scdondd/> or contact Robert at rcompton@ed.sc.gov. For information about becoming a member of DDD, please contact Amy at ruddy@muscd.edu.



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2009 Membership Drive

Wow! What a power packed conference we had! I am sure each of you will agree that the 2009 Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) conference offered more for the money than most. We came away with a wealth of useful strategies and information.

As a member, you were able to take a discount on your registration. And in these days of economic down turn and the fact that most of you had to pay your own way to the conference makes your membership even more valuable.

There were those who were not members of CEC who also took advantage of this great conference proving, that if we provide a quality conference, "they will come." Each of us needs to encourage our fellow colleagues to join CEC. Why not run off a copy of the membership application from

the State website (<http://tiny.cc/yxG4g>) and give it to your colleagues? Renew your membership? Or, I would be glad to send you a packet of applications and membership information; please email me at sie38@orangeburg5.k12.sc.us or call my cell at (803) 707-8048. You can give each person at your school or in your district a membership packet. As a reminder, you can pay your membership dues in three monthly installments. Please read the fine print at the bottom of the application.

As of April 24, 2009 we have 685 members. Our membership is dropping, so please let your colleagues know the advantages of a great organization. Lastly, don't miss out on opportunities in your local community. Local CEC chapters offer professional support, networking opportunities, training, and



Katie Stapleton, Jill Chapman and Pat Hensley at the 2009 National Council for Exceptional Children's Convention and Expo in Seattle Washington.

lasting friendships. Contact me if you are not active locally and I will put you in contact with your local chapter. Should you have further questions, contact me at the above address or phone.

SHARON EHRHARDT

SCCEC Chapter 757

Chapter 757 is proud to announce that we have chosen two scholarship winners of our \$500 Violet Farrell Scholarship. Violet Farrell was the first director of Special Services in Georgetown County and served for 33 years. The scholarship is designed for students who have an IEP or a 504 plan who will be attending a school of higher education. We are so glad that we have this opportunity to offer this help to our students.

In other news, we have chosen our officers for 2009-2010 and look forward to a productive year. One goal is to increase membership to our chapter and we have gained several members this year. Another goal is to continue to use evidence-based methods in our teaching and share successful techniques with our peers. To all SCCEC members, have a restful summer and plan to return to school enthusiastic and energized for another year!

SCCEC Chapter 165

Chapter 165 has had another wonderfully active year. Our year ended on May 5th with our end of the year social. At this meeting, we were happy to award three students with summer scholarships of \$150 each. These scholarships went to: Brad Cook at Midway Elementary School, Jalen Collins at Saxe Gotha Elementary School, and Ryan Hucks at Lexington High Schools. These scholarships go towards supporting a summer recreation/leisure opportunity of

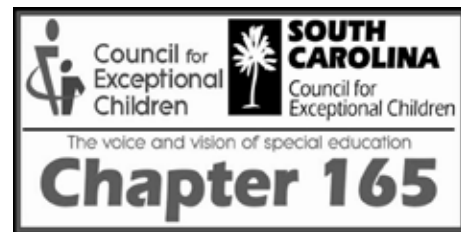
the students choosing.

We also held elections for the 2009 – 2010 year. Chapter 165 is pleased to announce that Denise Webster will serve as vice president and Heather Edwards Bohn will serve as our secretary.

We would like to remind all of our members of the 2009 Mini-Grants which will be available on our website in late July. (<http://165sccec.googlepages.com/>)

Finally, please consider joining the

Facebook Group "SC CEC Chapter 165" to stay up to date with all the 165 happenings.



SC CEC 165 Executive committee (front row) with Summer Scholarship Winners Brad Cook (middle left) & Jalen Collins (middle right), their mothers (behind students) and nominating teachers.

President's Reminders

- 2007-2008 Presidents should submit their Very Important President (VIP) information to Jill Chapman by June 15th.
- Look for further information from Jill Chapman on attending our Leadership Training Institute on June 13th.

Application for a \$1000 SCCEC Mini Grant!

PURPOSE

The SCCEC Mini Grant was established to support efforts of direct services to exceptional children. Such projects could include, but are not limited to: individual/classroom teaching practices, education programs, enrichment programs, recreation/leisure programs, parent training programs, or career education programs.

ELIGIBILITY

Any teacher, administrator, school psychologist, support staff, related service personnel, teacher trainer, or college student who is a member in good standing of SCCEC may apply for the Mini Grant.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant shall submit an original application and 1 copy. All applications must be postmarked by September 1, 2009.

RECIPIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The recipient must submit a final expenditure report with attached receipts.
 2. The recipient is encouraged to make a presentation related to the project at the next Annual Convention.
- To apply for a SCCEC Mini Grant, please use the form below.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ CEC Membership #: _____

Employer and Position: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Project Title: _____

Budget Request: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____

Supervisor's Email: _____

Send your complete application
Postmarked by September 1, 2009 to:

Jennifer Sowers
1488 Cypress Pointe Drive
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466
(843) 849-0388
JenniferSowers@Berkeley.k12.sc.us

SCCEC 2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals MUST include ALL of the following:

BY MAIL:

- A hard copy of the completed Call for Proposals Form
- A 200 word summary including clearly state objectives and desired outcomes of the presentation
- One stamped, self-addressed envelope

AND BY E-MAIL as a WORD attachment:

(please type "CEC Conference" in the subject line)

- A 50 word description of the session for the conference program
- A list of all presenters' names, addresses, and job titles for the conference program

SEND PROPOSALS TO:

Susan R. Burkett
2629 Caney Branch Rd.
Leesville, South Carolina 29070
sburkett@lex3.k12.sc.us

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2009

TITLE OF PROPOSAL: _____

NAME OF SESSION LEADER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

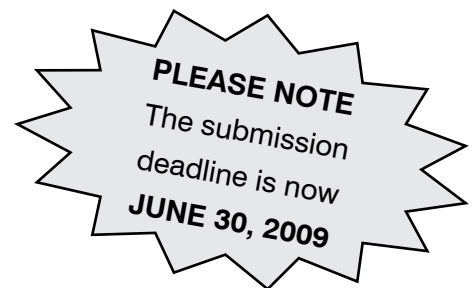
EMAIL: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

Presentation Length: 50 minutes 100 minutes

STRAND AREA: Please indicate applicable area(s)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Career/Transition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood/Intervention | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading/Written Expression Instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Incidence Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate/Severe Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Math Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Behavior Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | |



TARGET AUDIENCE: More than one may be checked

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers-elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers-university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers-middle | <input type="checkbox"/> Students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers-Early Childhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers-secondary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

STUDENT PROPOSALS: I have reviewed this proposal and acknowledge its appropriateness as an SCCEC presentation

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE DATE FOR THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS IS JUNE 30, 2009. SCCEC's plans are to have the topics for the 2010 SCCEC Convention up and on our website by August 2009. When you return after the summer vacation, you will be able to look at the website and decide that this conference is for you. With the budget cuts, conferences will be limited and SCCEC wants you to know what our conference has to offer. The 2010 SCCEC Convention will be February 25th, 26th, & 27th in Myrtle Beach. Please take the time to send in your proposal for the conference.



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SCCEC 2010 ANNUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSALS

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Program Chairperson and the Program Advisory Committee are responsible for the selection of proposals. Selection is made on the following basis:

- Evidence-based practices
- Estimated audience appeal
- Clarity and organization of the proposal objectives and outcomes
- Feasibility of presentation
- The degree to which it addresses a special need

PRESENTATION INFORMATION:

1. Sessions will be either 50 or 100 minutes in duration. Please indicate your preference.
2. Suggested formats:
 - a. Workshop, demonstration or panel discussion
 - b. Current research results and implications for practitioners
 - c. Instructional and/or curricular applications
 - d. Use of technology in teacher-learner process
 - e. State and national legislation
 - f. Make-and-take workshops which focus on participants making new materials for use in their classrooms
3. All equipment must be provided by the presenter.
4. Each presenter is responsible for providing copies for 75 participants.

STUDENT PROPOSALS:

Student proposals are encouraged. The student's professor **MUST** sign the "Call for Proposals" form acknowledging the student's program and appropriateness as a convention presentation.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- PRESENTERS MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION
- MATERIALS SUBMITTED CANNOT BE RETURNED
- SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 30, 2009

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