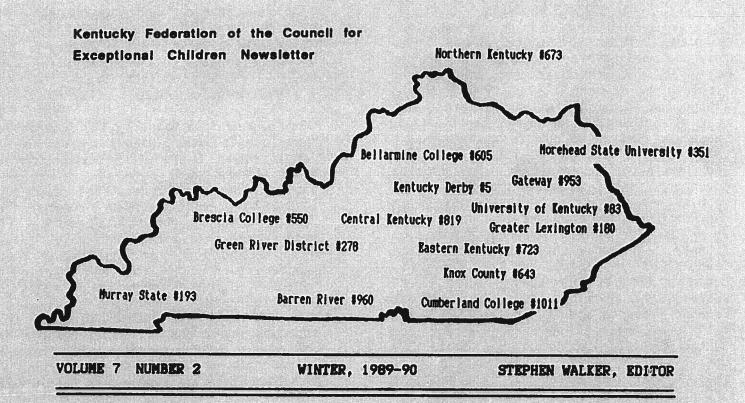
EXCEPTIONAL NEWS



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It is a privilege and honor to address you as President of the Kentucky Pederation Council for Exceptional Children. The strength of our organization lies only in our joint efforts to provide quality education for exceptional children. Each of you is an important part of KYCEC. With your support we will advance the empowerment of special education.

We have a unique opportunity to be in on the ground floor as the Commonwealth of Kentucky restructures its educational system. We must increase our participation in educational reform and champion the rights of exceptional children. All of Kentucky's children have a right to an appropriate education.

Instructional programs, including those designed for exceptional children, must be strengthened through "mutual recognition and acknowledgement of professional competencies and expertise, cooperation, consultation and assistance across disciplines".

The Council for Exceptional Children is dedicated to quality instruction, teacher advocacy, the advancement of the skills of special educators, teacher effectiveness, and professional collaboration. To this end KYCEC challenges you to make a commitment and join the campaign to improve educational opportunities to all of Kentucky's children.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Council for Exceptional Children is a non-profit organization of over 55,000 international members working to achieve quality education for all exceptional children. Membership in International CEC includes automatic Chapter and Federation enrollment. There are 770 members of the Kentucky Federation Council for Exceptional Children.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

I have just returned from the International Governors' Seminar which was held at CEC Headquarters in Reston, Virginia on January 12-14, 1990. It is always fun to renew old acquaintances and meet with friends from across the U.S. and Canada. Forty-nine states/provinces and ten divisions were represented.

The seminar is designed to provide Governors with updated information to enable them to participate effectively in the Board of Governors meeting in Toronto. We received information concerning on Finance, Governmental Relations, the Canadian office, Member and Unit Services, Ethnic and Multicultural Concerns, Professional Development, Communication, Federal Projects and CEC in the 1990's. I will have information available for you during the CEC Caucus at our state CEC Convention in March. Information will include the candidates for International CEC offices, the Kentucky Derby Party, the Southeastern Regional Breakfast and specific issues to come before the Delegate Assembly.

CEC has recently reorganized to better respond to the needs of the field, including the formation of a new department responsible for CEC's two membership journals. Exceptional Children and Teaching Exceptional Children, CEC's publication professional program. standards efforts, and marketing and public relations activities. Fred Weintraub will head the new department on Communications. Fred has been with CEC for over 20 years and was in charge of governmental relations. Effective January 2, 1990, Kentuckian Joe Ballard assumed the position of Director of Governmental Relations. Joe has been with CEC for 17 years and is widely recognized for his expertise in special education initiatives and legislation.

In other news from Headquarters Mary Cohen, Assistant Director of Member and Unit Services and former Kentuckian from the Gateway Chapter, is expecting a baby in early April.

President Harry Dahl sends warm Greetings to all Kentucky CEC members with a wish to see each of you in Toronto on April 23-27.

1989-90 KYCEC GOALS ANNOUNCED

The Kentucky Federation of Chapters and Subdivisions of the Council for Exceptional Children Federation Goals -- 1989-90

- To further the quality of instruction provided to exceptional children.
- To campaign for quality preparation of special educators.
- To plan an annual convention focusing on quality practices with demonstrated effectiveness, and strategies for collaboration and integration.
- To promote understanding and appreciation of the role and practice of special education among other education associations.
- To promote the basic premise that special educators are knowledgeable and skilled professionals who make a difference in the lives of students.
- To assist in developing strategies for recruitment, training, and retention of special educators.
- To continue to offer incentive opportunities to chapters and subdivisions.
- To promote mutual recognition and acknowledgement of professional competencies and expertise, cooperation, consultation, and assistance across professional disciplines.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Esther Kau-To Leugn, Professor of Special Education Eastern Kentucky University (Chapter 723) for being a candidate for the office of International Governor-at-Large. Dr. Leugn's name will be on the ballot in Toronto.

Congratulations to Rebecca Jackson (Chapter 5) for her recent election to the office of Jefferson County Clerk. Beclis Past KYCEC Governor and the Federation's former Executive Director. She is currently the Chairperson of the CEC's International Relations Committee.

KYCEC POSITION PAPER RELEASED

The membership of the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children has grave concerns for the future of Kentucky's children. As educators, we are dedicated to quality instruction and believe that all children have a right to an education.

Exceptional children (visually handicapped, hearing impaired, educable mentally handicapped, emotionally disturbed, learning disabilities, physically handicapped, speech/language disorders, trainable mentally handicapped. severely/profoundly handicapped, multiply handicapped, gifted/talented) in Kentucky are not receiving the education they deserve. Programs for the exceptional child are nonexistent or overcrowded. lack necessary technology, materials and supplies, and are coinsidered "apart from rather than a part of the instructional program.

There are significant shortages of special education leadership and instructional personnel. Techniques for dealing effectively with recruitment and retention of personnel have not yet been developed. Inadequate funding to implement early childhood education programs; mandated "extended school year" programs, and evaluation services continue to plague educational leaders.

Exceptional children must be given the opportunity to achieve the most they can within their abilities and to become functional, independent adults. With this in mind, the Kentucky Federation Council for Exceptional Children makes the following recommendations designed to ensure a free appropriate education and related services to Kentucky's exceptional children and youth.

I. FULL FUNDING

The Commonwealth of Kentuckly fully fund all educational units, including extended school year program, under the Minimum Poundation Program.



II. FULL SERVICES

The Commonwealth of Kentucky implement a full continuum of placement options, statewide, for all exceptional children and youth.

III. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR FOR

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Commonwealth of Kentucky provide programs for the exceptional child as a part of the total educational program, with the delivery of services provided in a variety of settings including the regular classroom.

IV. QUALITY TRACHERS

The Commonwealth of Kentucky establish and implement a systematic approach to recruit, train, and encourage qualified teachers who have those competencies necessary to provide appropriate education and related services.

V. EARLY EDUCATION

The Commonwealth of Kentucky fully fund early childhood programs.

VI. BASIC NEEDS

The Commonwealth of Kentucky develop a funding mechanism designed to adequately furnish the technology, materials, and supplies necessary to meet the unique needs of exceptional children.

VII. TESTING FOR SERVICE

The Commonwealth of Kentucky create and fully fund a mechanism for comprehensive educational and psychological testing to identify and serve exceptional children. VIII. RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE

The Commonwealth of Kentucky recognize the excellence of professionals working with children whose achievements are not measurable by standardized tests as they implement programs that recognize and

reward mastery teachers.
IX. COLLABORATION

children and youth.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky develop an ombudeman position to coordinate efforts of all agencies which deliver services to

The membership of the Kentucky Federation Council for Exceptional Children believes that the education of exceptional children must be second to none. We challenge you to put policies and processes in place that will enhance the quality of instruction delivered to the exceptional children of Kentucky. We are available to plan with you to make change possible. Comments regarding this document may be directed to Kathleen Reutman, President KYCEC, Boone County Board of Education,

8330 U.S. 42. Florence, KY 41042.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION

Currently before the Kentucky Legislature are 2 bills which you may want to know more about. First is House Bill 256 which would establish a preschool education program for handicapped children who are three or four years of age. Approriations included in this bill would provide \$23.000,000 in 1992 to serve preschool children. The services targeted for these children would include special education in center and home based service delivery systems, speech, physical and occupational therapy, and other related services, including transportation, as needed. These funds would flow through the local school districts on a per child basis and permit districts to operate their own programs or contract with other public or private agencies for the necessary services.

The other bill is Senate Bill 24 which would amend KRS 157.390 to require that teachers holding regular certificates in special education receive a Rank II classification if they were required to have a 5th year college program. As many of you know, certification in regular and special education often requires more than a 4 year program in order to complete all of the requirements for both areas. This bill would allow these teachers to be compensated for their additional education.



REMINDER TO ALL UNIT LEADERS

Please be sure that your chapter officers have been reported to the International office. Remember to send in your delegate information <u>before</u> the deadline. If you have not received delegate information or have questions or concerns about the process, please contact Laura Thomson at (606) 356-3476 or (606) 572-5599.

STATE CEC CONVENTION SET

The 1990 Kentucky Federation Council For Exceptional Children Convention will take place on March 9 and 10 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. Pre-Convention activities will begin on March 8 with the CASE, DEC, and CCBD Divisions uniting to have meetings. The theme for the 1990 Convention is "The

The theme for the 1990 Convention is "The Challenge Of The 90's". Approximately 85 sessions have been scheduled. Conference sessions will present information about disabilities, legislation, best practices, technology, and assessment. A special professional session on Friday morning will feature the "Issue of Human Sexuality* as it relates to the handicapped person. Two great speakers have been scheduled. On Friday, the Keynote speaker at a scheduled buffet will be Judge Ray Corns. Political leaders will be invited to attend to respond to Judge Corns remarks as well as to respond to questions from the audience. Saturday, the speaker at "Brunch" will be Dr. Carl Hurley, who will close the convention with his own brand of humor. Several leisure activities are planned. There will be tours to special classroom units within Fayette and surrounding countles. Other tours will historical tours and tours of local farms. A featured entertainment event on Friday evening for CEC members only will be "Comedy on Broadway", a special session of live entertainment by professional comedians on tour. Space for this will be

you want to attend.
A conference brochure with convention pre-registration forms and hotel registration forms will be mailed to all CEC members and other interested persons in mid January. The pre-registration cut-off date is February 24. Look for the conference brochure, or, if you don't receive one but would like to attend, write to: Don Cross, Department of Special Education, 229 TEB, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0001 and ask for a brochure. He will see that you get one. See you at the Convention!

limited, so be sure to sign up early if



NOMINATIONS FOR KYCEC OFFICERS

Two KYCEC Executive Board Offices will become vacant this year. Nominations are curently being accepted from any KYCEC member. These offices are:

Vice President - This office carries a four year commitment. The Vice President succeeds to President Elect, President, and Past President. The Vice President conducts the duties of the President in this absence of the President and President Elect, and serves as Editor of the Newsletter. The President Elect chairs the state convention and the Past President is in charge of awards and nominations.

Governor - The Governor is the official Federation representative to the International Board of Governors. As a voting member of the KYCEC Executive Board, the Governor provides information and guidance as it relates to international policy. This office has a 3 year term.

ominations must be forwarded to Fred Goeschel, Past President, KYCEC, Isaac Shelby School 930 Mary Street, Louisville, KY 40204. Nominations must be post-marked by February 20, 1990.

DRAWING TO BE HELD

A drawing will be held at the KYCEC Conference in March. The prize will be travel money for a KYCEC member planning to attend the International CEC Conference in Toronto this spring. The amount will be \$200. for travel expenses and \$95. for preregistration for the International conference. Travel funds will be awarded in Toronto at the annual KYCEC "Kentucky Derby Reception". The drawing will be held at the Saturday Brunch, March 10th - the winning ticket holder must be present to win.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK IN LEXINGTON

Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler announced that the week of March 11-17, 1990 will be proclaimed Exceptional Children's Week in Lexington, Kentucky. These dates coincide with the KYCEC annual convention which will be in held in Lexington this year. Chapter 180 will be conducting a number of local activities in conjunction with the Mayor's proclamation.

CHAPTER & SUBDIVISION NEWS

Student Activities

Thanks to Cathy Pike, Mary Jo Warren, and Kim Stoddard, the student chapter of CEC at the University of Louisville is on its way to becoming a new and vital part of student life at U of L. Sherry Wilson, Central Member At Large for KYCEC has been assisting these students in their efforts. Chris Jennings, at Northern Kentucky University, has been talking to students and encouraging membership in CEC. A few more new members at NKU will enable these students to begin a new chapter on the NKU campus.

Chapter 5

Chapter 5 has been busy raising money to fund its two scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study in the area of special education. Sweatshirts, designed by the executive board, have been on sale this Fall and are still available for purchase. The chapter is making plans for Exceptional Children's Week which will be announced in February and working on the Spring Awards Luncheon to be held in May.

KYCEC Chapters are encouraged to share program ideas with others CEC members statewide through this KYCEC Newsletter. Reports of chapter activities may be submitted for the next newsletter by mailing them to: Dr. Stephen Walker, KYCEC Newsletter Editor, Education Department, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41076



KYCEC DELEGATES IN TORONTO

Chapter Delegates to the International CEC Convention may be eligible for financial assistance from KYCEC. Members attending the CEC Convention in Toronto and serving as a delegate for their chapter may apply for a KYCEC Chapter Incentive Grant to cover preregistration fees (\$95.). Chapters may apply for these funds by writing to Kathy Reutman, President KYCEC, Boone County Board of Education, 8330 U.S. 42, Florence, KY 41042.

KYCEC AWARDS GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

granting of awards to deservina colleagues is an important activity undertaken by the Kentucky Federation. Awards should be very special. should symbolize a level of achievement that we all would set as a standard of excellence. The Awards Committee of the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children extends an invitation to members of Kentucky CEC Chapters and Subdivisions to submit nominations for persons who should be recognized in the State of Kentucky as individuals who have meritorious provided service to exceptional individuals in the state.

Awards Categories include:

* 1 OUTSTANDING KY CEC TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is intended to honor an outstanding classroom teacher or other related specialist. The name of the person selected for this award will be forwarded to International CEC for consideration for the Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award.

Minimum Criteria: The nominee should be currently involved in direct teaching, provision of speech, language and hearing or other related services to handicapped and/or gifted and talented students. The nominee should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as teacher (provider of direct service) involving such qualities as: innovation, imagination, creativity, ability to inspire, as indicated by clearly recognized achievements perceived by members of the profession and others knowledgeable of the candidate. The nominee must be a KYCEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of continued membership during the previous five years, and should be an appropriately certified teacher of related specialist as recognized by state and professional authorities

2 MARY MAY WYMAN OUTSTANDING KY CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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

Minimum Criteria: The nominee must be a Kentucky CEC member in good standing with a minimum tenure of continued membership for the previous three years. The nominee should have contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in a number of areas - legislation. recreation. curriculum. etc. nominee should have devoted much time and effort to the local chapter. and the subdivision(s) Kentucky Federation. The nominee should have provided leadership in the community, with local school and with parents.

3 CARL PERKINS CONTRIBUTOR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD

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

Minimum Criteria: The nominee need not be working in the field of special education nor be a member of Kentucky CEC. The nominee should have significantly contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.



TRAVELING TO TORONTO

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD (CEC Member)

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

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

OUTSTANDING KENTUCKY STUDENT CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

> This award will be given to a student CEC member. It is the highest tribute Kentucky CEC pays a student member. The student may be a member of a Kentucky student chapter, regular chapter or of the Federation.

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

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Rach Kentucky CEC chapter or subdivision may submit a name of one agency, organization, media network, etc. which has contributed to the advancement of education exceptional children in the chapter or subdivision. A certificate of appreciation will be signed by the Chapter President and the Federation President and sent to the nominated Only one Certificate nomination from each unit will be accepted.

Please forward award nominations to Fred Goeschel, Past President, Isaac Shelby School, 930 Mary Street, Louisville, KY 40204. Deadline for Award Nominations is February 20, 1990.

The official word on travel to Canada is that in order to return to the United States citizens must have one of the following: (1) baptismal certificate: (2) birth certificate; (3) voter registration card; or (4) passport (either valid or invalid). The immigration officer we consulted said that while some ports of entry may at times be lenient, anyone without one of the mentioned forms of identification is "taking a risky chance." Note that a drivers license or other picture ID is not acceptable.

For the purpose of Federal discretionary grants travel to Canada is not considered foreign travel and is subject to the same rules as travel within the United States. (Part 74, App. D 34 CFR Subtitle A, 7-1-85 Edition)

It is recommended that you exchange some of your money at your bank before you leave. Please note, that only at banks and exchange houses are current exchange rates guaranteed.

U.S. residents are allowed to bring back duty-free \$400 U.S. worth of merchandise provided they have been out of the U.S. for more than 48 hours. You may take into Canada only a small amount of distilled spirits or cigarettes for personal use. Don't try to bring in any type of fruit. Even a small orange or apple can hold you up for hours.

The April weather in Toronto is much cooler than in Kentucky. It is suggested that AAA travel books will have all the information you might need. Don't go unprepared - but do plan to go.





THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

IMPORTANT DATES

KYCEC General Board Meetings: March 8, 1990 - Lexington 1990 - General Butler June 22-24. State Park

KYCEC Annual Convention: March 8-10, 1990 - Lexington

All Chapter and Subdivision Presidents are asked to mark their calendars and attend KYCEC General Board Meetings or send representatives to report on their chapter or subdivision activities and provide input on Federation Business.

KENTUCKY FEDERATION OFFICERS - 1989-90

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KYCEC AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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Please attach a detailed description of the outstanding professional contributions of the nominee and your reasons for making the nomination. Keep in mind the criteria and requirements for each award category as you provide your rationale. Please include the nominee's current Vita. Return this form and supporting materials by February 20, 1990 to Fred Goeschel, Isaac Shelby School, 930 Mary Street, Louisville, KY 40204. (502) 473-8327.



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