

# **Exceptional News**

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# **1997** KYCEC Conference "United We Grow" February 28 - March 1 **Executive Inn** Owensboro, Kentucky

# Dance to the Music of Jennifer York and The Steel River Band

**February 28, 1997** 



Jennifer York and The Steel River Band has accepted an invitation from the KY CEC Pioneer Subdivision to provide an evening of country-rock entertainment at the KY CEC Convention at the Executive Inn in Owensboro on Friday evening, February 28. There will be a nominal charge for admission unless you preregister for the conference as tickets for the Jennifer York Concert will be placed in all pre-registration packets.

Jennifer York is a nineteen year old student at Eastern Kentucky University pursuing a major in music and voice. She won numerous music awards while a student in the Laurel County Schools. Jennifer has become a regional favorite in southeastern Kentucky for festivals and civic events. Since forming the Steel River Band several months ago, Jennifer York and the Steel River Band have made appearances in clubs along I-75 from Tennessee to Michigan.

This evening of entertainment and dancing has been made possible through a corporate sponsorship by the Primax Window Company of Louisville. The Primax Window Company will have advertising space in the exhibit area and will welcome your comments on the concert.

The arrangements for the appearance of Jennifer York and The Steel River Band were handled by the KY CEC Pioneer Subdivision which will be having their organizational meeting during the KY CEC Convention. The Pioneer Division is open to anyone who has been a member of CEC for 20 or more years as well as to retired members, life members, and past presidents of CEC. The CEC Pioneer Division is the official division of CEC that work to retain and benefit from the leadership and expertise of long-term CEC members.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Owen McKinney

Nearly one-half of the KYCEC year is r with! This would be a great time for each of the chapters, units, and subdivisions in KYCEC to do a "reality check" to see if they are still on course. Are you still working toward the things that you identified at the beginning of the year? If you've changed them, do you really know why? Are there more things that really need to be gotten done this year? There's still time!

Please don't forget about the upcoming 42nd Annual KYCEC Convention in Owensboro. It's already promising to be an outstanding program. You need that time to get away from the daily routine to "sharpen" your skills, and to even learn some new ones! Linda James, Convention Chair, is hard at work with her committee. Don't miss out on this year's conference. It will be on February 28 and March 1, 1997. Information about the convention can be had by contacting Ms Linda James, 900 Parkway Drive, wensboro, KY 42303 (502/684-8303).

In upcoming months, members of the KYCEC board will be receiving training to become trainers of the new CEC grassroots advocacy training program. We will be attempting to hold training sessions for our members at various locations around the state. You'll be hearing more about this in the upcoming months. The time has definitely come when we all must become actively involved in grassroots political activity to support what's right for our special needs children. We can't let the parents stand alone, and we certainly can't rely on President Clinton or Congress to "do the right thing"! We've got to make sure our collective voice is being heard.

There are still several chapters, units, and subdivisions that have not sent in their list of officers for this year. *Please* do that at your earliest convenience. Please send them to Owen McKinney, L'2 North Hubbards Lane, Lousiville, intucky 40207.

Please keep yourself abreast of what's happening in the political area. We've got to keep pressure on our congressional leaders to work out the reauthorization of IDEA. Stay in touch with your chapter's local Children's Action Network (CAN) Coordinator for the latest. Betty and Charlie Muntz are the KYCEC CAN Coordinators. They are doing an outstanding job keeping us all informed about what's happening in Congress and in the state legislature. Your local CAN coordinator receives information "hot off the wires" as soon as Betty and Charlie acquire it. this is one of the outstanding values in belonging to CEC.

Speaking of belonging, when was the last time you talked to someone about joining CEC? We have a large membership, but we need more. Growing is the only healthy condition for an organization, and it's all of our responsibilities to make it happen. Please remember to "talk up" CEC to your friends and co-workers.

CHILDREN'S ACTION NETWORK by Betty and Charlie Muntz

# IDEA REAUTHORIZATION NOT ACCOMPLISHED DURING 104TH CONGRESS

As most of you know, IDEA was not reauthorized during this past Congressional Session. During the last few days of the session, it was apparant that there would be insufficient time for careful and thorough preparation of a final House/Senate bill. Under those circumstances, CEC supported delaying reauthorization until the 105th Congress. There were a few members of Congress who had issues which could not be resolved in a bipartisan manner and to the satisfaction of educators and parents of students with disabilities. Among these issues were cessation of services to students with disabilities who bring a weapon and/or drugs to school and attorney's fees. All of these issues will have to be worked out during the next session.

In the meantime, the good news is that Congress added almost \$800 million to IDEA programs under an omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 1997, which started on October 1. The Javits Gifted and Talented Program received an additional \$2 million for a total of \$5 million.

What does this mean? First, it means a lot of work during the next session of Congress. Current federal regulations relating to the education of students with disabilities remain in place. However, IDEA Parts C-H are operating without authorization and are subject to termination unless reauthorized. Parts C-H are discretionary support programs and the early intervention program for birth through two years old. Some of the discretionary programs are the deaf-blind program, regional resource centers, media and captioning service, parent training, clearinghouses, research, etc. Although not reauthorized, all of these programs are funded for next year.

Between now and January, you should continue to remind your member of Congress and Senators Ford and McConnell about the importance of these programs and funding for students and children with disabilities. Members of Congress will be in Kentucky on a more frequent basis in the next few weeks and months. Please take this opportunity to communicate with them on behalf of your students.

We will try to keep you informed as news develops and will suggest actions you might take that could be helpful.



#### DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

by Beth Rous, President

The International DEC Annual Conference was held in Phoenix on December 8-11. The Kentucky Division participated in several ways:

- Presentation of a display on early childhood initiatives and activities in Kentucky and hosted a Kentucky Night Out.
- Three Kentucky officers (Beth Rous, President; Nancy Newberry, President Elect; and Veronica Brow, Parent Rep) attended the Leadership Training on Sunday, December 8.
- 3. Several Kentuckians presented at the conference including: Jennifer Grisham-Brown, Mary Louise Hemmeter, Vicki Stayton, Louella Fong, Emily Hall, Elizabeth Jones, Jackie Sampers, John Schuster, Peggy Stephens Hayden, Linda Flynn, and Beth Rous.

Nomination forms have gone out for the DEC Contributor of the Year and DEC Student of the Year awards which will be presented during the Regional Training Center Conference June 23, 24, 25.

DEC will be sending letters of congratulations to newly and re-elected officials across the state in January.

DEC recently took part in a national survey aimed at strategies planning for DEC in relation to members, affiliation and benefits. DEC members are offering their services in training to child care resource and referral agencies across the state. Proceeds will go to DEC.

KYCCBD UPDATE by Laura Straughn, President

The 1996 EBD Summer Institute was a success. Letters of support have come in to the KDE from districts expressing how beneficial the Institute has been to teachers and other professionals thriving to meet the needs of EBD students.

KYCCBD was represented at the President's meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. It was recognized as a strong organization; our fall newsletter has been mailed out with a new and improved look; and committees have been formed to begin the planning of the 1997 Summer Institute.

Regional representatives have been identified throughout the state according to the eight KERA regions so that networking and professional development may continue after the Summer Institute according to each region's needs.

A second round of mini-grants will be offered, one to each of the eight KERA regions. These were recently offered in our current newsletter and will be reviewed as they are received.

KYCCBD will be providing a strand of sessions at the CEC Conference in February in Owensboro. Also membership tables will be provided at the conference. KYCCBD will also be sending a representative to the National Conference in Utah!

#### \*ANNOUNCING:

Two day Summer Training Institute on
"Turning Kids on to Learning and
Keeping Them in School"
July 25-26, 1997
Executive West Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky

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#### KY CASE UPDATE (Council of Administrators of Special Education)

KY CASE will once again offer a Preconference Day on February 27th. Preliminary arrangements sound like an exciting program will be forthcoming. Topics under consideration are: Medicaid, IDEA Reauthorization, Transition, Compensatory Education, Related Services, EBD issues and many others.

Don't forget that famous CASE hospitality!

KY CASE President's goals for 96-97

- 1. Expand knowledge of special education legislative process
- 2. Continue to promote/expand mentor programs for new directors
- Expand at-large membership involve ment in CASE operations by reexamining committee structure.
- 4. Promote the re-examination of KY CASE's role and function as advocates for Special Education Directors and exemplary statewide services for special needs students.

KY CASE OFFICERS:
President - Jayne Seebert
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Vice President - Carol Sturgill
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Secretary - Kathy Eversole
CASE Liaison - Jane Bowman
Legislative - Eve Proffit
Membership - Marilyn Girdler

### KYCEC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

by Lindann Word Membership Chair

KYCEC will have a membership table at the CEC Conference in Owensboro in February. Come by and say hello. Workers are needed to network with current members and to recruit new members. If you can give some time, please come to the table and sign up. We would like to have at least two members at the table at all times. The more people who volunteer the better.

#### KYCEC AWARDS

Nominations for KYCEC awards should be submitted by January 15, 1996 to: Mary White, 4567 Briar Hill Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40516. For further clarification, call 606-299-9660. Award winners will be announced during the KYCEC Annual Conference in February and published in the summer newsletter.

The awards include:

### #1 OUTSTANDING KYCEC TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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 disabled and/or gifted and talented students. The nominee should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher (provider of direct services) involving such qualities as: innovativeness, 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 or related specialist as recognized by state and professional authorities.

## #2 MARY MAY WYMAN OUTSTANDING KYCEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR

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

### #3 CARL PERKINS CONTRIBUTOR TO SPECIAL EDUCATION

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 KYCEC. The nominee should have significantly contributed to the education and welfare of exceptional children in Kentucky.

# **44** OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR (CEC MEMBER)

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.

Minimum Criteria: 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.

### #5 OUTSTANDING KENTUCKY STUDENT CEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR

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 Kentucky. the nominee should have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership to the Federation, the chapter and exceptional children in Kentucky. The nominee must be in special education training.

### #6 CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

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

### **NOMINATIONS FORM**

### KENTUCKY FEDERATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN OFFICER NOMINATION BALLOT

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the Kentucky Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children extends an invitation to CEC members in good standing to submit a nomination ballot for persons interested in a state office. The following offices are open for next year:

- ♦ <u>Vice President:</u> 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 the 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.
- ♦ Recording Secretary: Recording Secretary is elected for a two year term. The Recording Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. Powers and duties of the Recording Secretary are to keep records of all meetings of this organization, keep records of all correspondence of the Kentucky Association of SCEC, to carry on such correspondence as directed by the President, Executive Committee, or International Student Governor, and to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Persons interested in submitting a nomination should complete the nomination ballot and return it by January 31, 1997. Secret ballot elections will be held during the KYCEC Conference on Friday morning, February 28, 1997. Results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting. Elected officers will assume their duties on July 1, 1997.

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	MARY WHITE, PAST PRESIDENT KYCEC 4567 BRIAR HILL ROAD	
Name of Nominator	LEXINGTON, KY 40516	
Address		
Phone		

### **CEC Professional Membership Benefits**

- Three Publications: TEACHING Exceptional Children, bi-monthly; Exceptional Children, quarterly; and CEC Today, ten issues annually.
- Automatic Membership, in local, state/provincial, and international CEC.
- Seventeen CEC divisions centered on various interests or exceptionalities. Open to CEC members only.
- Professional Development Activities including the CEC Annual International Convention, academies, conferences, and workshops, Early notice and special rates for members.
- Effective Representation at all levels of government.
- Information Services through the ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education.

- Discount of 30% on over 100 CEC Professional products and services—books, periodicals, multimedia kits and more . . .
- Access to latest research, practice, and products linking technology and special education.

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- Savings on professional liability, major medical, and term life insurance through group plans.
- Opportunity to receive a major credit card with no annual fee for the first year.
- Investment opportunities also available CDs and money market accounts.

### **CEC Professional Divisions**

Divisions publish journals and newsletters, with annual frequency given below in brackets, and hold conferences and workshops for members.

Division for Physical and Health Disabilities-DPHD - Physical Disabilities-Education and Related Services [2], Newsletter [4].

Council of Administrators of Special Education CASE - CASE IN POINT [2], Newsletter [5].

Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders • CCBD - Behavioral Disorders [4], Beyond Behavior [3], Newsletter [4].

Division on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities•MRDD – Education and Training in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities [4], Newsletter [3].

Division for Children's Communication Development-DCCD – Journal of Children's Communication Development [2], Newsletter [3].

Division for Learning Disabilities\*DLD – Learning Disabilities Research and Practice [4], Newsletter [3],

Division on Visual Impairments • DVI - Newsletter [4].

The Association for the Gifted TAG – Journal for the Education of the Gifted [4]. Newsletter [4].

Teachers Education Division•TED - Teacher Education and Special Education [4], Newsletter [3].

Division for Early Childhood•DEC – Journal of Early Intervention [4]. Newsletter [4].

Council for Educational Diagnostic Services•CEDS – Diagnostique [4], Newsletter [4].

Technology and Media Division TAM – Journal of Special Education Technology [4], Newsletter [4].

Division on Career Development and Transition•DCDT - Career Development for Exceptional Individuals [2], Newsletter [3].

Division for Research-CEC-DR - Exceptionality [4], Newsletter [3].

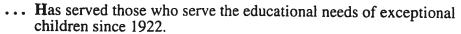
CEC Pioneers Division • CEC-PD - Newsletter [3].

Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners DDEL - Annual Publication [1], Newsletter [2].

Division of International Special Education and Services•DISES – Monograph [2], Newsletter [3].

Only CEC Members Are Eligible for Membership in CEC Professional Divisions.

## The Council for Exceptional Children



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- ... Is a network of 52,000 professional members from every state and province who are involved in all aspects of special education.
- ... Is widely respected as the most active organization in the world serving all exceptional children who have disabilities and those who are gifted.
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### The Council for Exceptional Children



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# Membership Application

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The KYCEC EXCEPTIONAL NEWS is full of information you need to have to be an effective teacher. I hope you enjoyed reading it; please share the information.

Please send me any comments concerning this edition or if you have a news it em or article for a future edition, please forward it to me. The newsletter is published in early fall, late fall (before Christmas) winter (around conference

time) and summer.

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Holiday Inn, Frankfort State Advisory Panel January 15 - 17 Gulfport, Mississippi Southeast Reg. CASE Conf. January 29-31 Owensboro, Kentucky KYCEC Conference February 27-March 1 Salt Lake City, Utah National CEC Conference April 9 - 13 Ashland Plaza Hotel, Ashland State Advisory Panel April 16 - 18 J.R.'s Executive Inn, Paducah State Advisory Panel June 18 - 20 Louisville, Kentucky Early Childhood Conference June 23-25 Portland, Oregon CCBD Summer Training Inst. July 18-19 Louisville, Kentucky CCBD Summer Training Inst. July 25-26 Dallas, Texas CCBD International Conf. October 2-4 Rough River State Pk, Falls of Rough State Advisory Panel October 15 - 17 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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