

KY Council for Exceptional Children

Don't Miss Fall Conference 2011 & Keynote Speaker Keith Jones

The 46th Annual Exceptional Children's Conference, "Growing the Next Generation," is in the final stages of planning. It is shaping up to be one of the best conferences ever and is continuing the long standing tradition of being a quality conference! Carrie Bearden, the 2011 Conference Coordinator, is working collaboratively with long term planner, Bill Porter, to ensure this year's conference is a success. She feels the sessions, strands, and special events scheduled are going to be current, informative, and include options for every special interest. Hope to see you there.

See a summary of conference offerings on page 6.



The Keynote Address will feature Keith Jones, Soul Touchin' Experiences. A renowned national speaker, Keith brings a personal perspective to issues addressing inclusion and empowerment of individuals with disabilities. After Mr. Jones' performance in the comedy, "Special Needs," Bill Gibron of Pop-masters wrote, "Every moment he's on screen is worth savoring and repeating. He's gutbustingly great." Mr. Jones has been called a pioneer in the disability rights movement for his commitment to effect progressive change.

Special points of interest:

- > Fall Conference 2011
- > New Website
- > "Yes I Can"
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NEW Website Premieres ... www.kycec.org

The newly designed website was launched on October 13. KYCEC President, Jennifer Green, noted that the website reflects the transition over the past two years to a more digital means of communication with the KYCEC membership. It is hoped the website will offer all the tools

and information needed by professionals in the service of meeting the needs of students with exceptional needs. The website will regularly include links and updated information to many KYCEC divisions, current professional development activities and opportuni-

ties throughout the state,, as well as concerns and success stories of our members. Additionally, digital e-communications will be sent out periodically to keep members updated. Please share any information you feel newsworthy with a representative on the KYCEC board.

Message From the KYCEC President, Jennifer Green



Visit our website for professional updates and opportunities for you and your classroom needs.

**ATTN:
KYCEC MEMBERS**

To learn more about how your chapter or division can receive a **mini-grant**, please access the mini-grant application from the website or contact Dr. Barbara Washington at **bwashington@murraystate.edu**.

We live in a time in which we are under a constant barrage of digital information and that information travels in the blink of an eye. It is at this same speed that our educational landscape can seem to change.

The political and financial climate in both state and national arenas is one of stalemate and contention. It is in times like these that CEC shows itself as the premier voice and vision of exceptional education. It is in times like these that I remind you, as members of CEC, that you must be mindful and cautious of new changes and initiatives that bear weight upon the rights of our students, families, and teachers.

You have unique opportunities to stay abreast of national news through

CEC. A two-part webinar series will be offered through CEC's Policy and Advocacy team that will cover topics including: educator evaluation, restraint and seclusion, charter schools, and accountability, to name a few. Please see www.cec.sped.org for this opportunity and more. If you have not been to CEC's website in a while, the time is here to refresh yourself as so many new facets are being added to maximize value for members.

You have unique opportunities right here in Kentucky as well. As a CEC member, you are entitled to benefits such as nominating others for educator awards that recognize superior service to the field and mini-grants that provide money for innovative ideas in the classroom. Our 46th Annual Exceptional Children's Conference is fast approaching, November 20-

22 in Louisville. Likewise you have the opportunity to serve on our governing board, nominate yourself or someone you know for a position.

I have set as a goal for KYCEC this year to finalize some efforts towards digital communications with you, the members. We have just developed a new website and are eagerly encourage you to visit it at www.kycec.org! There you will find information regarding KYCEC as well as some of its most prominent divisions, such as KYCASE, KYTED, KYDEC, KYCCBD, and KYSCEC.

I encourage you to use your membership through CEC to give students, families and educators a voice of advocacy in the state of Kentucky. I also encourage you to contact me with any concerns across the state, which you would like KYCEC to consider. You are the member, and the governing board of KYCEC is here at your service. Let your voice be heard!

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Mini-Grant Opportunities & Winners

To date this year, Kentucky CEC has awarded 3 mini-grants. Funding is available for two additional mini-grants during this academic year.

Congratulations to (1) Morehead State University Student Chapter which received \$650.00 for a transition fair with community partners, (2) KYTED who

received \$650.00 for cost to attend training for new officers, (3) Miranda Barnett, Special Educator at Graves County High School in Mayfield, KY, \$650.00 for an IPAD2 and apps to use for communication training in her Moderate/ Severe Classroom.

Kentucky CEC wholeheartedly endorses these and other opportunities to promote high quality teaching and training for members and their students.

All members are encouraged to consider applying for the remaining two mini-grants.

Yes I Can 2011

KYCEC is pleased to announce eight winners for Yes I Can 2011. These students from across the state will be recognized at this year's conference during the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday. Join us in honoring them, their families, and teachers as we celebrate their many achievements.



Watch for upcoming details about the 2011 Yes I Can winners on the website and in the Winter 2012 Newsletter!

Jennifer Eckler, with the 2010 Yes I Can! Award Winners:

Dana Warren, Peter Kerpestein, Jayson Walker, and Dustin Flagg. As Kentucky's winners they were nominated for the National 2011 CEC award given in April.

Fall 2011

Be sure and check the box on the registration form to order your tickets for the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday to celebrate the eight winners!

Contact

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Nomination Information for Five 2012 KYCEC Awards

- Mary May Wyman Outstanding KYCEC Member of the Year Award**
 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.
- Carl Perkins Contributor to Special Education Award**
 This award is given to individuals for their distinguished leadership and service in the interest of exceptional children.
- Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year Award**
 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.
- Outstanding KY Student CEC Member of the Year Award**
 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 member of a KY student chapter or a regular chapter.
- Certificates of Appreciation**
 Each Kentucky CEC chapter or sub division 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.

Visit our website to see how to nominate your students and colleagues for these important awards!

www.kycec.org

2012 KYCEC Vice-President Nomination Information

The Nominations Committee of KYCEC is seeking qualified candidates for Vice President. The election for this office 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 Past President is in charge of awards and nominations.

Serving as an officer of KYCEC is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth. If you are interested in being considered for this position or if you would like to nominate a qualified colleague for a position, please see the nomination ballot at www.kycec.org.

KYSCEC News: State Student Chapters are having a busy year!

Message from
Sarah Hawkins—
KYSCEC Advisor:

Our students have been very busy preparing for conference. Please support them by purchasing items from their Silent Auction and attending their presentations.

I am pleased to announce the reactivation of the chapter at Eastern and welcome them to KYSCEC. I look forward to working with all of the KYSCEC chapters and getting to know all of the officers and members. I am excited about this upcoming year and serving as Kentucky's state SCEC Advisor.

If your institution is interested in organizing or reactivating a chapter, please contact me.

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Morehead State Chapter News

MSU's chapter has doubled their membership this year with 25 members. Members are participating in CEC through national, state, and local events. The officers are participating in the CEC Pioneers

Division Mentoring Program and are in the process of being placed with their mentors. Several students are preparing presentations for Fall Conference and collecting items for the Silent Auction to be held at Con-

ference. Additionally, they are again busily preparing for the Transition Fair on November 17 on Morehead's campus. This was a successful event last year benefiting the Eastern KY region. They are also planning a collaborative project with Kappa Delta to host a Spring literacy event for both students with and without disabilities.

Murray State Chapter News

The Murray State University chapter members are busily preparing for the October 22 Buddy Walk. Twenty volunteers will assist with the fun and games at the annual event, which features a talent show, in addition to the walk around Noble Park. The sponsor of Buddy Walk is the local chapter of Ups-N-Downs. The

MSU students are happy to help support this fun filled day for all the participants.

Additionally the chapter is raising money to help support their trip to Louisville for Conference, which is always a highlight of the year. They are thankful for the support they receive from KYCEC, the Pio-

neers, and the university's foundation fund. However, t-shirt and raffle sales are also held! This year 14 students will be attending with twelve doing poster presentations on research based reading strategies.

Plans are underway for the Polar Plunge, which is a fundraiser for the area Special Olympics.

Western Kentucky Chapter News

On September 24, 2011 five students from Western Kentucky University's Student Chapter of Council for Exceptional Children teamed up with the Warren Regional Juvenile Detention Center to host a Cornhole tournament at a local restaurant, Wha Bah's Steakhouse. The purpose of the event was to raise money for the College Heights Foundation Scholarship fund, which provides students at

the facility the opportunity take correspondence courses for college credits. The event was sponsored by Edmonton State Bank, Metals and More, as well as other companies and individuals. The local VFW gave a separate contribution to the College Heights Foundation Scholarship.

This was a day full of excitement, as there were a total of 14 teams involved in the event, with three of the teams repre-

senting CEC's Student Chapter at WKU. WKU students and staff from WRJDC began all their prep work for the day at 10 am. The Cornhole tournament kicked off at 12pm. After four and a half hours of the double elimination tournament, the winners were announced. Prizes were given out to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Between the SCEC students, faculty at WKU and WRJDC, the fundraiser was a success.

Everyone had a wonderful time raising money for a worthy cause. Special thanks go out to everyone who helped make this a success.

- Scotlynd Campbell

A special thanks to KYCEC and the Pioneers for their continued support of our KYSCEC activities.

Greatly Appreciated!

What's Going On????



Standing outside the White House are President Jennifer Green and President—Elect Arden Goodman. They were attending the National CEC Summer Leadership 2011 in Washington, DC. KYCEC benefits greatly from this networking with other leaders in CEC. If interested in becoming involved in a leadership capacity of KYCEC, please contact a Board member.

News from the Division of Early Childhood

KYDEC is supporting state conferences and students by offering scholarships to attend. So far 11 scholarships to attend the KY Head Start Association Conference, Early Childhood Summer Institute, and the Infant/Toddler Institute have been awarded. Student applications for our November conference are been accepted through October 26. Several KYDEC members will be representing KY at the National Conference in November. Upcoming events include the Annual Children's Advocacy Day at the capitol in February.

As a KYCEC member and subscriber, you will periodically receive information about updates in KYCEC, nomination processes for awards, and voting procedures.

Join us at Conference for the KYCEC annual meeting of the membership at the keynote address on Monday.

Remember to view the "My Kentucky" Art Contest Winners displayed during Conference!

Cuba Elementary Art Teacher Sherry Darnall is a wonderful collaborative partner according to special education teachers Natalie Winn and Debbie Samples. Ms. Darnall spends countless hours of preparation in order to make classroom activities relevant to the needs of her students, including those with special needs. The students love art class. For the past several years, Ms. Darnall has incorporated the KY CEC Art Contest theme into her lesson plans. All students in the small rural Graves County School create a piece of artwork related to the contest theme. Ms. Darnall then selects entries created by special education students to submit to the KY CEC for judging. Several students from our school have been recognized by KY CEC for their artistic creations, says Ms. Darnall. Pictured is Ms. Darnall with two sixth graders who are working on their "My Kentucky" creation.



Submitted by Debbie Samples

Contact Conference
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46th Annual Exceptional Children's Conference 2011



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Keynote
Address**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Not to be missed”
Keynote: Keith Jones • State Advisory Panel
Public Hearing and
Meeting • Sessions by KYSCEC
University Students • <i>Full Day (Monday)</i>
<i>Training for Parents of
students with ASD</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Strands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IEP Process - RTI & KSI - Technology - Early Childhood - Compliance - Integrating the Arts - Learning Strategies - CIITS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards Luncheon : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yes I Can - 25 yr special educators - Teacher of Year - DEC Outstanding
Service Award • Mixer with music and
relaxation with
colleagues • All day Silent Auction |
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Visit the ed-
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exhibitors
and vendors’
booths.

Special Sessions on:

- Autism
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Blind/Visually Impaired
- English Learners

**KYDEC will be awarding its first DEC
recognition award for Outstanding Ser-
vice during the Awards Luncheon.**

**Be sure to support the KYSCEC Conference
fundraiser, the silent auction. Items to be
awarded at the mixer on Monday night.**



Pictured left is Bill Porter receiving his Outstanding Service and Appreciation Award as Exceptional Children Conference Coordinator. Bill has collaborated with Carrie Bearden in the planning of our 46th Conference. Thanks, Bill

Pictured right are Scptt Co. teachers, Stephanie Harmon & Jennifer Dove, at Fall Conference 2010 receiving their Fire-light goody bags.



*****Be sure to visit the membership booth during conference to receive your free gift!*****

46th Annual Exceptional Children's Conference
THE GALT HOUSE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
NOVEMBER 20-22, 2011

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION ON NOV. 21

GREAT DOOR PRIZES AFTER THE KEYNOTE! PLUS – OVER 150 BREAKOUT SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS AND INSTITUTES

Topics will cover a variety of the major issues of the time. Over 50 exhibitors have expressed interest. A \$105.00 conference registration fee will cover your attendance and access to exhibits.

Special hotel rates are available at the Galt House until October 23. Rates in the SUITE Tower are \$164 single/double; \$174 Triple; \$184 quad; rates in the RIVUE Tower are \$134 single/double; \$144 triple; \$154 quad. Overnight self-parking is complimentary- those not staying overnight will be charged \$6 per day. For hotel reservations with a PO contact the Galt House at 800-843-4258 and mention "KYCEC". You may also reserve your room online with a credit card only: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/KYCEC11>

Six hours of training will be offered on Sunday, November 20 as an opportunity for emergency/probationary teachers who need to get all their hours in one day, or for any others who choose to participate.

REGISTRATION FORMS WITHOUT PAYMENT OR P.O. ENCLOSED WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

46th Annual Exceptional Children's Conference

Galt House East, Louisville, Kentucky

November 20-22, 2011

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS USED FOR MAILING YOUR CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION AND RECEIPT,
SO PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT.

Name _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: Home _____ Work _____ E-mail: _____
School District/Agency: _____

Conference Registration until November 1	\$105.00
Student Registration and Retired Educators (currently not working) until November 1	\$ 50.00
On Site registration, or ANY registration received AFTER November 1	add \$15.00
One day registration until November 1 Circle day Sun. Mon. Tues.	\$ 70.00
Tuesday Awards Luncheon	\$ 20.00
Total	\$

☐ I am a current CEC Member

Advisor's signature required for student registration _____ Check or PO # _____

Please list any special accommodations or needs _____

ATTENTION CEC MEMBERS: STOP BY THE CEC BOOTH AT THE CONFERENCE FOR YOUR GIFT FOR REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE!

MAKE CHECK OR P.O. PAYABLE TO KYCEC (or Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children). BE SURE YOUR CHECK OR P.O. ACCOMPANIES YOUR REGISTRATION FORM. DO NOT SEND REGISTRATATION FORM WITHOUT PAYMENT. SEND FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT TO: Fall Conference, Attn. Carrie Bearden, 657 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy, Suite 229, Louisville, KY 40222; Fax: 502-290-5203; carriebbearden@insightbb.com

Publishing Opportunity from Kentucky Teacher Education Division:

TED is excited to announce the upcoming publication of the online, *Kentucky Teacher Education Journal*. The purpose of this new publication is to provide research and practical information regarding teacher training in teacher education and special education. Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer publications are planned. Articles have been accepted for Fall/Winter 2011 edition, and it will soon be accessible to members. For those interested in submitting articles for the Spring/Summer edition, please contact Nicole Fenty, Editor, at nsfint01@louisville.edu.



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Spotlight Exceptional Children and Educators in your district in a future newsletter!

It's easy to stay informed! Visit the newly designed Website: www.kycec.org. Watch for e-communications with CEC updates. Join our Facebook members.

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Thanks to all KYCEC members for their vocation to meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities in Kentucky!