



# The Palmetto


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## From the President's Desk

BY SAM PRICE, SCCEC PRESIDENT

# Welcome back!



Welcome back to a new school year! SC Council for Exceptional Children has great things planned for this year, and I encourage you to take part. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a calendar that highlights the main events scheduled for the upcoming year. You will receive more details about each upcoming event as the date draws nearer, but please take the time to mark your personal calendars accordingly!

Our conference theme this year is **"VISION 2020 – VISION IS EVERYTHING"** and we will be extending this theme throughout the year by highlighting people in our field that demonstrate great "vision" for our students and our field. As Rosabeth Moss Kanter stated, "A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more." Let's be the people that become something more this year. Let's help our students and colleagues realize that they are something more.

We would love to highlight students, teachers, parents, administrators, paraprofessionals, or anyone else who is going above and beyond to benefit exceptional children. We need your help to make this possible. Please email me your stories of people doing great things, and we will publish them in our

newsletter and on our website. Send your submissions to [samprice2775@gmail.com](mailto:samprice2775@gmail.com).

I hope you have a fantastic year and will join with SCCEC to find your vision as you help others find their vision! ■

## 2020 SCCEC Annual Conference

Mark your calendars for February 28-29 for our annual conference!

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** This year we have added a discounted Early Bird registration price (Dec. 13, 2019 deadline). You will find the registration form in this newsletter. Paper registrations must be postmarked by February 13, 2020. Eventbrite registrations will be taken through February 27th at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-annual-sccec-conference-tickets-66041825879>. Only ONSITE registrations accepted after February 27th. NO AWARDS DINNER ticket will be provided for onsite registrants.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** We are excited to be back at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort. Please check out the group web page to see room options and to go ahead and make your hotel reservations. The links below can also be found on <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/home>.

You need to make your own hotel reservations soon! The last day to book a hotel room with the group rate is January 26, 2020.

- ☐ Embassy Suites Hotel Myrtle Beach is \$152.00: <https://bit.ly/31LZ33F>
- ☐ Kingston Plantation Condos (see rates on link): <https://bit.ly/2Y2kwmC>
- ☐ Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-876-0010
- ☐ Option 1 for Kingston Plantation Condos & Villas – Use group code CCE
- ☐ Option 2 for the Embassy Suites – Use group code CEC

If you have any questions, please email [sceconference@gmail.com](mailto:sceconference@gmail.com). ■



## 2020 Conference Keynote Speaker Announced

BY SAM PRICE



Brooks Harper will be our keynote speaker at the 2020 SCCEC Annual Conference in February!

Brooks discusses the power of gratitude, value development, investing in others and managing stress in the workplace; increasing your team's morale and ability to provide passionate performance. He inspires educators to prepare students to be globally competitive in the 21st Century workforce.

This keynote informs educators how to encourage students to discover, develop and market their

knowledge, skills and abilities that bring tangible value to the marketplace. It is a true keynote that sets the stage and tone for our entire conference and year.

Brooks uses heart-felt, hilarious stories to provide relevant content that can be used in the classroom immediately. There is an emphasis on soft-skills development, personal branding, networking and self-marketing. He will help us turn LEARNING into EARNING! ■

## Award Nominations Coming Soon

BY JULIE MACKER, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Nominations for the 2019-2020 SCCEC Awards will open at 12:01AM on September 1, 2019 and close at 11:59 PM on December 1, 2019. Updated information for each award will be available on the website (<http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/awards>) prior to September 1. Nominations will be submitted electronically again this year through the nomination form located here: <https://forms.gle/Z4Wg42B6bUnZjrUp9>.

Nominations will be accepted for the following awards:

- ☐ ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR
- ☐ BETTY BROWN TRAINING GRANT
- ☐ EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
- ☐ GENERAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
- ☐ LAURA MOHR SCHOLARSHIP
- ☐ INSTRUCTIONAL MINI GRANT
- ☐ PARAEUATOR OF THE YEAR
- ☐ PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

- ☐ ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR
- ☐ SCCEC MEMBER OF THE YEAR
- ☐ STUDENT MEMBER OF THE YEAR
- ☐ YES I CAN AWARD

If you have any questions about award criteria or the nomination process, please contact Julie at [correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com](mailto:correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com).

## Call for Session Proposals

Do you want to present at this year's conference? Do you know someone who would put together an awesome session for the conference?

We want to hear about all of the wonderful educational practices happening around our state! Please submit your proposals for SCCEC Annual Conference sessions using the following link: <https://forms.gle/NJhDYu46CAL37xHC6>

Deadline for proposals to present at the 2020 SCCEC Annual Conference is Monday, October 31, 2019.

## Pre-Conference Sessions

Pre-conference sessions, sponsored by the subdivisions, will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

More details will be provided in the coming weeks and on our website at <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/home>.

Keep in mind that registration (as well as payment) for the pre-conference is SEPARATE from the registration/payment for the conference.

## Call for Poster Session Proposals

Do you want to present a poster at the Conference rather than a full session? Use the following link: <https://forms.gle/TWDD4x81i9XxUaBz5>

## 2020 SCCEC Elections

BY CONSTANCE MAYS, PAST PRESIDENT

SCCEC has several members who are unsung heroes, who have given their time and efforts to make our organization better. Now is your chance to give back!

This year SCCEC will be electing a new Vice President (4-year term) and Recording Secretary (2-year term) at our Annual Conference in February. What a perfect opportunity to contribute to our organization by serving on the Executive Committee and Board. How rewarding would it be for someone, or even you, to provide leadership and your expertise to impact education in South Carolina! We encourage you to consider someone who embodies the spirit of serving as a deserving candidate.

More information will be shared in the October newsletter; however, here are some dates to keep in mind:

- ☐ October 12, 2019 – call for nominations posted
- ☐ November 30, 2019 – deadline for nominations
- ☐ February 29, 2020 – elections held at Representative Assembly (at Annual Conference)

If you have any questions, please email Constance Mays at [maysconstance@gmail.com](mailto:maysconstance@gmail.com).

# Rockstar Moves for Back to School

BY DR. ANN MARIE TAYLOR, VICE PRESIDENT

Do you want to be a ROCKSTAR when you start back to school? Try the following:

## 1. ESTABLISH NORMS

Establish norms for the class (as a group) and then fully explain the meaning of the norms that are set. Review norms at the beginning of each class. Update the norms as needed. (example of class norm: one person talks at a time). Do they understand what is expected? Have I been clear?

## 2. WHAT IS WORKING? WHAT'S NOT WORKING?

Post posters in the room labeled "What is working?" and "What's not working?" Use these posters for the students to provide input for each class using sticky notes — one thought per sticky. This gives the students "buy in" in the lessons being taught and allows the teachers to adjust based on the needs of the students. Do my students have input in how I teach? Do I teach hoping they "get" something or am I changing my behavior to meet their needs?

## 3. PRAISE

Include immediate and specific praise each time they are caught being good (ex: John, I like the way you are making eye-contact while I teach). Praise even for the small things. Create a special "praise time" during the class day. Use this time to celebrate one another. You can also put in place a more formal way to praise like "caught being good" cards. Am I telling the students when they are being good? Am I rewarding the small things? Are the students praising one another? If not, how can I change the classroom climate so that praise is evident?

## 4. IGNORE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR

If the behavior is only bothering you, ignore it for 2 minutes. Try to ignore negative behavior if you can and try to reward others for positive behavior as much as you can — especially those around the one who is misbehaving. Are there times when I address negative behavior and my action tends to escalate the problem rather than de-escalate it?

## 5. VISUAL CUES

Remind students of "on-task" behavior using visual cues as much as possible. For example: Instead of verbally reminding John every time he is not focused on the teacher, why not place a picture symbol (for the little ones) and a word card reading "focus on teacher" (for the older students) on his desk AND up at the board. Then, you can tap the card as a visual reminder. All students will benefit from the use of the visual reminder at the board. Am I meeting the students' needs by incorporating all learning modalities? How can this be adjusted to meet other needs? Am I meeting the needs of all my learners - visual, auditory, and kinesthetic?

## 6. LESS VOICE

Use non-verbal cues as much as possible when you are redirecting. Your voice should be primarily for praise and instruction. Use verbal redirection in private only. When I redirect, am I using as much non-verbal cueing as possible? ■



**EDUCATION ROCKSTARS PODCAST**

**PODCAST COMING - JULY 2019**

## ABOUT EDUCATION ROCKSTARS

"Teaching and leading in public education is not for the faint of heart. It takes grit, energy, grace, and a daily desire to change the world." Join Dr. Ann Marie Taylor, 2008 South Carolina Teacher of the Year and SC's public education cheerleader for a bi-weekly dose of amazingsness. Whether you just need a shot in the arm to keep going or you want to dive in to what it takes to be a teacher leader, this podcast is for you. We believe that better conversations lead to better education.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- New education podcast grounded in theory and practice
- Vast network of South Carolina teachers, leaders, and world changers
- Well branded content series to foster open communication and learning across the state
- First of its kind in South Carolina with unlimited sustainability

## TARGET AUDIENCE

- Ages 25 - 55
- College Educated
- Experts in teaching, leading, advocacy, and strong education communities
- Public Moderates with interests in education quality and equality, supporting teachers, leaders, public education, culture and climate, and changing the world through improving education

## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

	15 second reel	30 second reel	Website Sponsorship
<b>Episode</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Month</b> (2 + episodes/month)	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1250</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>6 Month</b> (12 + episodes)	<b>\$7000</b>	<b>\$9000</b>	<b>\$2500</b>

## EDUCATION ROCKSTARS EARLY EPISODES

- Episode #1: Education Rockstars chat about our Why  
 Episode #2: Education Rockstars chat about Teacher Retention  
 Episode #3: Education Rockstars chat about Culture and Climate  
 Episode #4: Education Rockstars chat about Leadership, Ego, and Vulnerability  
 Episode #5: Education Rockstars chat about Mental Health Awareness

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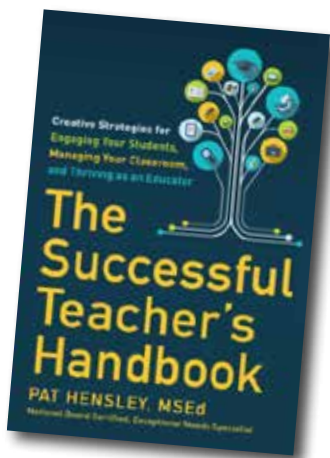

## Report Your Officers

BY AMANDA WALKUP, RECORDING SECRETARY

If you haven't yet, please provide SCCEC with a list of your chapter/subdivision's officers and their email addresses! You can email the information to [anwalkup@gmail.com](mailto:anwalkup@gmail.com).

## Chapter 877 News

Pat Hensley, President of Chapter 877, recently published a book called *"The Successful Teacher's Handbook"* which was released in June. If you want to know more about it and where to buy it, please visit: <https://successfulteaching.blogspot.com/2019/02/the-successful-teachers-handbook.html>



As the school year starts up, we would like help in finding topics that our members would like to discuss. We talk about these topics on Facebook and if we could get enough participants, it makes the conversation a richer discussion.

We have such a large chapter that it is hard to meet in person. We have tried online meetings also, but have not been successful in getting our members to participate.

If you know of any way to increase participation or want to address a specific topic, we would love to hear from you! Please email Pat Hensley at [successfulteaching@gmail.com](mailto:successfulteaching@gmail.com).

## Advocacy 24/7/365

BY AMANDA WALKUP, PUBLICATIONS CHAIR

Please visit <https://bit.ly/2T6oxET> for this year's update from the Special Education Legislative Summit.



## In Memoriam

BY DR. LAURA MOHR

One of our great special education pioneers from South Carolina, Mary Kate Bell Brearley Glasser, passed away this year on June 27.

Mary Kate Brearley, as we knew her, lived a long life during her 93 years serving others. She was born in Florence, SC, graduated from Marion High School in 1942, and Winthrop College with a business degree in 1946. After college, Mary Kate taught business in Allendale, SC, where in 1948 she married the local Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Dr. Cecil DuBose Brearley, Jr. She was known for her strong faith and call to teaching, and in her second career, earned an M.Ed. in Exceptional Children. She was among the first

special education teachers in South Carolina and taught in Richland School District One at Logan Orthopedic School and the School for Hearing Impaired at Brennen Elementary. She then became South Carolina's first principal of a school for students aged 3-21 with special needs, Fairwold School in Richland One. Fairwold School, which began in the 1970s, was recognized as a model for students with more severe disabilities, who many had not previously had the opportunity to attend a public school.

In 1977, she was awarded the Special Educator of the Year award by the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children.

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## 2020 Annual SCCEC Conference

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Feb.28-29,2020

\*Pre-conference Thursday, February 27, 2020

(Check the SCCEC website for pre-conference registration information)

Please print clearly. Please use **one** form for each registrant. Forms may be mailed/paid for together.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Category	Early-Bird Price (postmarked by 12/13/19)	Price (after 12/13/19)	Amount Owed
Professional <b>Member</b> Registration	\$125.00	\$150.00	
Professional Non-member Registration	\$205.00	\$230.00	
Student <b>Member</b> Registration	\$50.00	\$65.00	
Student Non-member Registration	\$75.00	\$90.00	

A T T E N T I O N	<p>Please indicate if you will attend the Awards Dinner on Saturday. If nothing is marked, you will NOT be able to attend.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. I will attend the Awards Dinner.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No. I will not attend the Awards Dinner.</p> <p>There is a limit to the number of seats available. register early to guarantee yourself a seat.</p> <p>Email dietary restrictions to <a href="mailto:scceconference@gmail.com">scceconference@gmail.com</a></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I need special accommodations during the conference. (If you check this box, someone will contact you.)</p>
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### Make your own hotel reservations. Last day to book a hotel room with group rate: 1/26/20

Embassy Suites Hotel Myrtle Beach for \$152.00 USD per night Embassy Suites link : <https://bit.ly/31LZ33F> or  
Kingston Plantation Condos (see rates on link) Kingston link: <https://bit.ly/2Y2kwmC>

Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-876-0010

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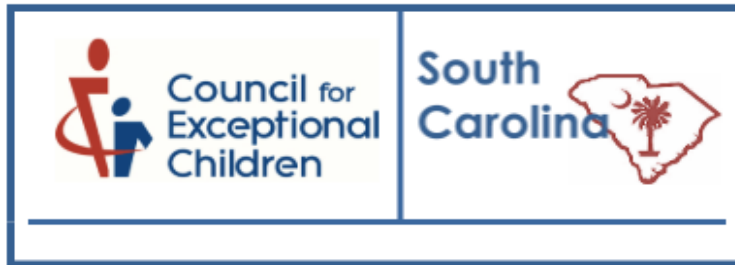
If you have questions, please email [scceconference@gmail.com](mailto:scceconference@gmail.com)

### Paper registrations must be postmarked by February 13, 2020

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NO AWARDS DINNER tickets for onsite registrants

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## 2019-2020 Dates to Remember

### Executive Board Meetings

July 25	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 29	3:00 p.m.
May 2	11:00 a.m.

### Executive Committee

July 24	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 7 Conference Workday	TBD
Feb. 26	7:00 p.m.
May 2	9:30 a.m.
June Workday	TBD

### Newsletter Submissions

August 1  
October 12  
December 14  
March 15  
May 31

### Conference

February 27	Pre-Conference Workshops
February 28-29	SCCEC Conference
Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront	

### Important Deadlines

October 31	Conference Proposals Due
November 30	Nominations for Officers Due
December 15	Award Nominations Due
January 15	Submit names of representatives for RA
February 1	RA Reports Due Representative
February 27-29	Registration Prior to RA

### Conference Registration

December 13	Early Bird Deadline
February 20	Postmark for Mailed Registrations
February 27	Eventbrite Registration Closes



**FREE leadership workshop**



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**Register TODAY!**

- ★ Develop a strong understanding of what preschool inclusion is and why it matters
- ★ Establish a district-level cross-sector leadership team
- ★ Analyze your district's strengths and needs related to preschool inclusion
- ★ Leave with a plan that includes your vision and goals!

For more information and to register, go to:  
[https://scpi\\_dld\\_2019.eventbrite.com](https://scpi_dld_2019.eventbrite.com)