



# The Palmetto


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The voice and vision of special education

## Back to the Beach!

BY AMANDA WALKUP, PUBLICATIONS CHAIR

The Conference Committee is hard at work preparing for the upcoming Conference. In this newsletter, you will find all of the information, dates, times, pictures, applications, and links that you could possibly need to plan your long weekend at the beach. We look forward to seeing you March 1st and 2nd in Myrtle Beach!



## Keynote Speaker for Conference Opening Session

BY SAM PRICE

One of 15 siblings, growing up C.L. "Shep" Shepherd endured challenges that most would only encounter through the fictional medium of television. As a result, his transparent, and impactful story has captivated thousands, subsequently leading people to transformed lives in droves.

As a former student-athlete, Shep was blessed to participate on every level of competition. He experienced massive success on the football field, but maintains that his proudest accomplishment was earned in the classroom by being the first in his family to graduate from college. Upon graduation, he was then blessed to train in the National Football League. It was after completing his football career that Shep was propelled into his life's work of delivering hope through his speaking to audiences around the world.

Today as an entrepreneur, keynote speaker, and transformation coach, his passion, dedication, and commitment to growth has led him to achieving remarkable heights in the speaking

industry. His devotion to seeing lives changed is undeniable as he connects deeply with people from all walks of life.

In 2010 he founded Keep The Change, Inc., his nonprofit organization devoted to empowering professional and college athletes through chaplaincy and mentoring, and quickly became the highest sought-after communicator in sports ministry. As CEO of Shep Inspires, LLC, Shep has taken his expertise from working with the top athletes and teams on the planet and developed game changing presentations that have taken the corporate, education, association, and government markets by storm. Moreover, Shep has been unmatched in his ability to deliver real, relevant, and relatable content from the platform for over 12 years.

His presentations are as relevant as they are timeless. His influence is global. He is one of the leading authorities today on hope and transformation. His philosophy is simple: Tough times do not last; tough people do! He was born in the 'hood, but he is now reaching the world.


**C.L. "Shep" Shepherd**

## Instruct, Invest, Inspire – Your Next Big Adventure

BY SAM PRICE

Here's the tentative schedule for our upcoming annual conference:

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

8:30 AM-5:00 PM ..... Pre-Conference Sessions  
3:00-7:00 PM ..... Registration Open  
5:30-7:00 PM ..... President's Reception  
7:00 PM ..... Dinner on your own

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

7:00 AM-2:00 PM ..... Registration Open  
7:00-8:00 AM ..... Breakfast *(in the Coastal Grill for those who have tickets)*  
Subdivision Meetings  
8:00 AM ..... Silent Auction Opens  
8:00-8:50 AM ..... Welcome/Opening Session/Keynote Speaker  
9:00-9:50 AM ..... Breakout Session #1  
9:50-10:20 AM ..... Break with Exhibitors  
10:30-11:20 AM ..... Breakout Session #2  
11:30 AM-12:20 PM ..... Breakout Session #3  
12:30-1:50 PM ..... Awards Luncheon  
2:00-2:50 PM ..... Breakout Session #4  
3:00-3:50 PM ..... Breakout Session #5  
4:00-4:20 PM ..... Break with Exhibitors & Door Prizes  
4:30-5:20 PM ..... Poster Sessions  
5:30-6:30 PM ..... College Bowl  
6:30 PM ..... Dinner on your own/Silent Auction closes 6:30PM



### SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

8:00 AM ..... Registration Open  
8:00-9:00 AM ..... Registration Open/Breakfast *(in the Coastal Grill for those who have tickets)*  
Hotel Check out  
**\*Pick up Silent Auction Items by Lunch\***  
9:00-9:50 AM ..... Breakout Session #6  
10:00-10:50 AM ..... POLICY PANEL  
11:00-11:50 AM ..... Breakout Session #7  
12:00-12:50 PM ..... Breakout Session #8  
1:00-2:30 PM ..... Lunch on your own  
2:30-3:45 PM ..... Representative Assembly  
3:45-4:00 PM ..... SCCEC Executive Board Meeting

## Silent Auction Donations Needed

BY LISA HALTER

SCCEC is seeking donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach on March 1-2, 2019. Proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to support the Betty Brown Training Grant.

We would like for all Chapters and Subdivisions to donate at least one item to the Silent Auction. Please bring your items to the registration table at conference. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Halter at halterl@wlgos.sc.gov Thank you so much for your support!

## Policy Panel

BY PAT HENSLEY

The Policy Panel will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00 to 10:50 AM.

Our guest speakers on the panel will be Rebecca Davis, Director of the SC Office of Special Education and Barbara Drayton with the Office of General Counsel of the Dept. of Education. They will discuss current policies and issues that are important to

our state. After they speak, there will be some time to ask questions. We hope to see you there!

## Awards Luncheon

BY JULIE MACKER

The 2018-2019 SCCEC Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019 at 12:30 PM as part of the 2019 SCCEC Conference at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Myrtle Beach.

If you are attending the conference, please don't forget to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon on your registration. Award winners will be notified and invited to the luncheon individually. We look forward to seeing you there!

## President's Reception

BY SAM PRICE

Please join us as we kick off the 2019 SC CEC Conference. The President's Reception will be held on Thursday evening from 5:30-8:30 PM in the Vista room hosted by Curriculum Associates. Come have some refreshments and connect with other professionals throughout the state. This is a

great way to kick off our conference.

## College Bowl

BY CAROL HOYLE

At this year's conference, please come support our future Special Education teachers as they compete with their university teams for the coveted College Bowl Trophy from 5:30-6:30 PM on Friday, March 1 in Kensington G. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and talk with these candidates and to cheer for your favorite team.

This fun event occurs right after the Poster Session, so come early and view the wonderful posters presented in the same room from 4:30-5:20 PM.

## In Memory

BY LISA HALTER

South Carolina CEC would like to recognize any colleagues who have passed away since the last conference during the 2019 Annual Conference. This is always a moving tribute. Please send any name of those to be recognized to Lisa Halter at halterl@wlgos.sc.gov.

## Exhibitors at Conference

BY SAM PRICE

This year we have over 40 exhibitors at our Annual Conference. The featured exhibitor is George Miller, an illustrator and public speaker based out of northeast Florida. For over 20 years educational institutions, private and public offices, businesses and communities all over the world have benefited from George's multicultural and child advocacy artwork and messages.

George's art inspires us to learn in cross-cultural and multi-ethnic environments. Students and parents, educators and professionals, business owners and government leaders have praised George for his work that clearly reflects a love for children, his respect for those who teach and care for our kids, and his passion to bring awareness to the problem of illiteracy.

Make sure you check out George's lively booth which showcases both the benefits of the creative process, and our individual ability to self-determine a lifetime of successful living.



## Upcoming Elections

BY LISA HALTER

The Nominations Committee is pleased to present the candidates for SCCEC Vice-President and Treasurer. Elections will take place at our Annual Conference during Representative Assembly on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach.

### VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINEE ANN MARIE TAYLOR



Ann Marie Taylor began her college education studying Criminal Justice at Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan. Once she began working with juvenile

offenders she realized that many of her young charges were struggling with special education needs. It was this realization that inspired her to become a special education teacher — believing that she could have a greater impact by reaching these children long before they got off track.

An adventurous spirit, Ann Marie decided to get her master's degree in special education at Francis Marion University in South Carolina. She began teaching in 2000 at McLaurin Elementary School in Florence, and while she was working at Pine Tree Hill Elementary in Camden she earned the title of 2008 South Carolina Teacher of the Year, the first special educator to ever receive this honor.

In 2008, Ann Marie became Nationally Board Certified and she also received the

Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of America. In 2009, she was awarded the Educator Leadership Award from Francis Marion University. For the last six years Ann Marie served as the Director of Exceptional Children in Edgefield County and currently she is serving teachers statewide at Palmetto Teachers Association. Ann Marie lives in Ridge Spring with her 14-year old son, Levi, her 7-year old daughter, Lucy Mae, and her husband, Kevin.

The rest, as they say, is history. You only have to be in Ann Marie's presence for a few minutes to discover that she is exuberant about life, passionate about teaching, and devoted to special education students.

### TREASURER NOMINEE DARLENE STOWE



Darlene Stowe is running for the office of SCCEC Treasurer. She earned a B.S. in Elementary/ Special Education from Slippery Rock and a M.Ed. in

Special Education from the University of Pittsburgh. Darlene retired from the public school system with 34 years of experience and currently works at St. Anthony Catholic School in Florence providing direct and indirect services for students with special needs. During her career, Darlene has worked with students in 3K through 12th grade in self-contained, resource and inclusive classroom settings. She has experiences serving typically

developing students as well as students with developmental delays, autism, intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities and orthopedic disabilities.

Darlene has been an active member of CEC since joining as a student at Slippery Rock University. When she moved to Florence to begin her teaching career, Darlene helped to reorganize the Pee Dee Chapter. She served the local chapter as membership chair, newsletter editor, secretary, treasurer, vice president, president and past president. During her term as president she became more actively involved at the state level. Darlene has served SCCEC as a member of many committees, membership chair, newsletter editor, recording secretary, treasurer, vice-president, president-elect, president and past president (always with the support of her husband, Gary). She is currently serving as SCCEC treasurer. Darlene served as volunteer co-chair for the CEC Convention held in Charlotte, where Gary was the prime draftee.

Darlene believes that service to SCCEC has provided many opportunities for building professional and personal relationships. In addition, the opportunity to attend conferences at the state and national level provides the energizing spark to always evolve as an Exceptional Educator!

Please email Lisa Halter, SCCEC Past President, at [halterl@wlgos.sc.gov](mailto:halterl@wlgos.sc.gov) with any questions.



# Conference Registration

BY SAM PRICE

Mark your calendar for our Annual Conference. We are excited to be back at Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation this year!

Please check out the group rate on rooms on our website <http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/conference> and all other details related to the upcoming conference. Conference attendees can register by mailing in this registration form with a check, by emailing a purchase order, or by accessing the Eventbrite URL Registration Link (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sccec-2019-annual-conference-registration-47038149371>).



## 2019 Annual SCCEC Conference

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

March 1-2, 2019

\*Pre-conference Thursday, February 28, 2019

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CEC Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Category	Early-Bird Price (postmarked by 12/15/18)	Price (after 12/15/18)	Amount Owed
Professional <b>Member</b> Registration	\$120.00	\$140.00	
Professional Non-member Registration	\$199.00	\$219.00	
Student <b>Member</b> Registration	\$50.00	\$60.00	
Student Non-member Registration	\$75.00	\$85.00	

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Please indicate if you will attend the Awards LUNCH on Friday. If nothing is marked, you will NOT be able to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes.** I will attend the Awards Lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No.** I will not attend the Awards Lunch.

Email any dietary restrictions to [sccecconference@gmail.com](mailto:sccecconference@gmail.com)

**\*\*There is a limit to the number of seats at lunch. Register early to guarantee yourself a seat!\*\***

☐ I need special accommodations during the conference. (If you check this box, someone will contact you.)

**Please attach either a copy of the District Purchase Order or a check made out to SCCEC.**

Make your own hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites Hotel Myrtle Beach for 149.00 USD per night <https://goo.gl/3E6yvi>

or for Kingston Plantation Condos (see rates on link) <https://goo.gl/qCnvYx>

Reservations can also be made by calling **1-800-876-0010**, option 1 for Kingston Plantation Condos & Villas or option 2 for the Embassy Suites and using the group code of FOK for Kingston Condos and FOC for Embassy Suites.

**Last day to book a hotel room with group rate: 1/28/19**

## Paper registrations must be postmarked by February 20, 2019

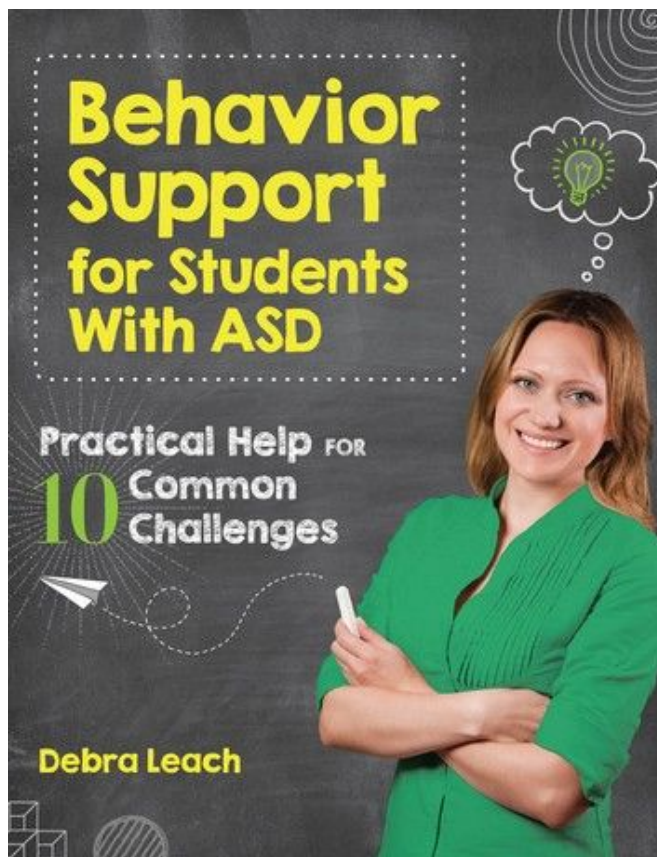
Eventbrite registrations (see [SCCEC Website](http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/conference)) taken through 2/28/19. Only ONSITE registrations accepted after 2/28/19. NO LUNCH for onsite registrants.

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

**\*\*To be completed by treasurer.**

Payment Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Registrants		<b>Email form and PO to:</b> <a href="mailto:sccecconference@gmail.com">sccecconference@gmail.com</a>  Or  <b>Mail registration and payment to:</b> SCCEC Conference PO Box 1751 Columbia, SC 29202
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Second Notice	Date Payment Received	
Check Number	Amount	
Account Name		

## **DADD PRECONFERENCE AT SCCEC CONFERENCE: "BEHAVIOR SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD: ADDRESSING TEN COMMON BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES"**



Join SCDADD for an informative session with Dr. Debra Leach from Winthrop University titled "Behavior Support for Students with ASD: Addressing Ten Common Behavioral Challenges." When students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) engage in challenging behavior, how can teachers best respond? Dr. Leach will show you how to address ten of the most common classroom behavior challenges—from following directions to handling transitions—with skill, insight, and compassion. Attendees will also receive their own copy of the book! (This is a full day session, and must be registered for separate from the normal SCCEC registration process.)

**Thu, February 28, 2019**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM EST**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort**

**9800 Queensway Boulevard**

**Myrtle Beach, SC 29572**

**REGISTER HERE!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dadd-preconference-at-sccec-conference-behavior-support-for-students-with-asd-addressing-ten-common-tickets-48688420376>

Join SC DCDT for the 2019 CEC pre-conference!

## **SELF DETERMINED LEARNING MODEL OF INSTRUCTION WITH TERRI LAPLANT**

welcome by Tabitha Strickland,  
Education Associate, SC DOE

### **SDMLI?**

The purpose of the SDLMI is to provide a teaching model that enables teachers to support students in becoming more effective at initiating and self-regulating action toward goal setting and attainment. The SCLMI is intended to be used by teachers and related support personnel in a variety of situations to support positive student outcomes.

### **MEET TERRI**

For the past five years, Terri has served as head coach of a state- wide initiative to implement self-determination instruction to 14-21 year-old youths with intellectual disabilities. She has facilitated state-wide teacher trainings in the Self-Determined Learning Model of Instruction (SDLMI) and coordinated a team of teacher coaches designated to support and insure fidelity of implementation within the participating school districts.

### **TAKE AWAYS**

Teachers and other personnel can use the model to support students in:

- learning skills that enable them to self-regulate problem solving
- embedding goal setting and monitoring into their teaching practice
- achieving meaningful learning goals across multiple curricular domains-
- working toward and achieve academic and transition goals
- achieving better school and post-school outcomes
- becoming more self-determined and self-directed

**REGISTER HERE!**

## **FREE** pre-conference at the 2019 SCCEC Conference



### *Small Changes, Big Impact!*

IDEAS, STRATEGIES, AND RESOURCES FOR LINKING SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

**REGISTER at**

**[www.scpartnershipsforinclusion.org](http://www.scpartnershipsforinclusion.org)**

Dr. Tweety Yates, Research Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will explore the use of the Pyramid Model as a framework for supporting social emotional, literacy, and language development in preschoolers. Participants will leave with a toolbox of ideas, strategies, and resources for linking social emotional, literacy, and language development for all children across everyday routines!

Thursday, February 28th  
8:30am-12:00pm  
Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach, SC





<http://sccase.wixsite.com/sc-case>

**February 28, 2019 8:30 am-4:00 pm**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort**

## “Ready, Set, Learn! Reading and Math Strategies for the Struggling Learner”

Do you have students that are struggling to stay afloat? Is it hard to find ways to help your students access the general education curriculum? Do you need easy to implement strategies that are cross curricular in nature? Can your students understand the concept but cannot complete the application? If so, then this preconference day is for you! This preconference will start in the **morning (8:30-11:30)** with Literacy Strategies for grades k-6 presented by Dr. Linda Mook. Do you have students who read a text but cannot talk or write about what they just read? Join us as we look at strategies to help ALL students make meaning of text so they enjoy reading and can enter into conversations with other readers. During this interactive session, we will experience teaching strategies for addressing the unavoidable reality that reading is about making meaning. We will explore our beliefs about comprehending as a process then shift to instruction and how to help ALL readers think, make meaning, and discuss a text.

The **afternoon session will begin at 1** and will be conducted by Kara Johnson and Jessica Phillips with Beyond the Classroom consulting. Their session will focus on number sense, place value and other “big ideas” in the k-6 math curriculum. You will leave this session with practical ideas and strategies that you can use right away in your classroom.

**Audience:** Special Ed and General Ed teachers, consultants, Special Ed and General Ed administrators, curriculum coaches, school psychologists, and others who serve children with disabilities.

### Registration Information:

Follow this link to register: is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sc-case-pre-conference-ready-set-learn-reading-and-math-strategies-for-the-struggling-learner-tickets-53161095267>

A credit card option is available on Eventbrite. Check or PO options are also available. Please use the free option on Eventbrite (the tickets are not free, but the only way to offer this form of payment on the system).

Send POs or Checks to:

Patti Pierce (Not to SCCEC - See Registration Payment Information to right).

Handouts will be sent to your email address prior to the conference to download and print to bring with you. **Copies will not be available at the conference.**

### **Regular Registration – DUE BY January 22**

\$85 for CASE Members

\$90 for Non-CASE Members

½ day registration is also available \$50.00 per session

indicate am or pm on Eventbrite registration site

**SCCASE is featuring a Pre-Conference to the SCCEC Conference featuring:**

Dr. Linda Mook, Mook Consulting, LLC  
Kara Johnson and Jessica Phillips,  
Beyond the Classroom Consulting

**You will not want to miss this very important event as participants will gain valuable information on strategies that will allow struggling students access to state standards.**

**The SCCASE Pre-Conference requires separate registration from the SCCEC Conference**

**SEND REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO:**

**Patti Pierce  
PO Box 1264  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
or [pattiwp@live.com](mailto:pattiwp@live.com)  
843-520-9301**

**For group registrations, please include each person's name and email**



DOES YOUR CHAPTER WANT TO BE A CONFERENCE HOST NEXT YEAR?

### **Chapter/Subdivision SCCEC Conference 2020 Host Responsibilities**

If chosen to be the host chapter/subdivision, your group will be responsible for the following:

1. Providing 2 people to monitor the awards meal line, including taking tickets/checking badges
2. Providing **1 person per session** to pass out handouts and assist the presenter as needed (there will be approximately 65 sessions)
3. Providing assistance at the registration area at the beginning of each day (2-3 people)
4. Providing a minimum of 1 person at all times at the Silent Auction table, including during set-up and take-down times each day
5. Providing an SCCEC officer (to be named) with a contact number for the overall person in charge of arranging these assistants
6. Providing an SCCEC officer (to be named) with a listing of assistants and their assignments
7. Providing support for any other needed duties during conference (ex. College Bowl, Poster Sessions, Exhibitor set-up, end of conference packing and clean up)

Please complete this information if you are interested in being the Chapter Host for the **2020** conference and email **Constance Mays** at [maysc@acs.k12.sc.us](mailto:maysc@acs.k12.sc.us)

Chapter/Subdivision Name and/or Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Person in Charge of Arranging Assistants: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Active Members Who Would be Responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you do not have enough volunteers to commit to host the conference independently, indicate that you would like to co-host, along with the number of people you could potentially have to volunteer.**

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00PM ON SATURDAY, March 2, 2019.**