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Council for Exceptional Children | **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Vision is Everything
BY SAM PRICE

SCCEC 2020 CONFERENCE INFORMATION

This year we will have an Awards Dinner Saturday, February 29, 2020. Please visit our website for more Conference information at http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/home.

2020 ANNUAL SCCEC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION — VISION IS EVERYTHING

Mark your calendars for February 28-29, 2020 for our Annual Conference.

Conference Registration: This year we have added a discounted Early Bird registration price (December 13, 2019 deadline). Registration form is attached.

Paper registrations must be postmarked by February 13, 2020.

Eventbrite registrations (see SCCEC website) taken through February 27, 2020. Only **ONSITE** registrations accepted after February 27, 2020. **NO AWARDS DINNER 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 — http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/home.

Make your own hotel reservations. Last day to book a hotel room with group rate is January 26, 2020.

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 the Kingston link — https://bit.ly/2Y2kwmC

Reservations can also be made by calling 1-800-876-0010. Choose option 1 for Kingston Plantation Condos & Villas and use group code CCE.

Choose option 2 for the Embassy Suites and use group code CEC.

EventBrite Electronic Registration Information: Conference attendees may register by mailing in the registration form with a check, emailing a purchase order, or by accessing the EventBrite page: hhttps://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-annual-sccec-conference-tickets-66041825879

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

The Call for Session Proposals deadline has passed, unfortunately. However, please submit to present a poster!

CALL FOR POSTER SESSION PROPOSALS

Do you want to present a poster at the Conference? Use the following link: https://forms.gle/TWDd4x81i9XxUaBz5

PRE-CONFERENCE

Pre-conference sessions, sponsored by the subdivisions, will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Please see the Conference webpage at http://community.cec.sped.org/sc/conference for more information. Keep in mind that registration (as well as payment) for the pre-conference is **SEPARATE** from the registration/payment for the conference.

If you have questions, please email sccecconference@gmail.com ■

Conference Keynote Speaker
BY SAM PRICE

Brooks Harper will be our 2020 Keynote Speaker! He 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.

Brooks 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 your 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. *"WE TURN LEARNING INTO EARNING!"* ■

Pre-Conference Opportunities BY AMANDA WALKUP

Before SCCEC's 2020 Conference, attend one of our Pre-Conferences! This year, we have a full-day session presented by the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities, and two half-day sessions presented by South Carolina Partnerships for Inclusion. See the flyers at the end of this newsletter for links to register.

Reminder: You must register for these sessions SEPARATELY from the Conference. ■

Nominate Someone Amazing Today BY JULIE MACKER

Award nominations opened on September 1st and are being collected through December 1st, 2019.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards: Advocate of the Year, Betty Brown Training Grant, Exceptional Teacher of the Year, General Educator of the Year, Laura Mohr Scholarship, Mini Grant, Para-Educator of the Year, Principal of the Year, Rookie Teacher of the Year, SC CEC Member of the Year, Student Member of the Year, and the Yes I CAN Award.

Information for each award and the online nomination form can be found at http://community.cec.sped.org.

If you have any questions or run into any technical issues, please contact correspondingsecretarysccec@gmail.com.

Nominate someone amazing today! ■

SCCEC College Night BY SAM PRICE

SCCEC CONFERENCE COLLEGE NIGHT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020
5:00-5:30 POSTER SESSIONS
5:30-6:00 SPEED INTERVIEWS
6:00-6:30 COLLEGE SHARING/
**   NETWORKING**

The Poster Session, Speed Interviews and Networking program are open to all students for advancing their professionalism and career preparedness.

POSTER SESSION

Students and professionals are invited to submit Poster Session proposals on the SCCEC website. Each student must include a faculty advisor. All posters are presented at the same time for the 30-minute session. Students, faculty, and district personnel will be encouraged to come view the posters and ask presenters questions.

SPEED INTERVIEWS

The program is much like the concept of speed dating. Speed Interviewing is a simulated interviewing experience for students that provides them with an opportunity to interview with human resources/recruitment officers.

Undergraduate students circulate through 10–20 interviewers (professionals), spending about five minutes per interviewer. Each interviewer will ask questions throughout the event. Interviewers remain seated at the interview tables and the students circulate from one interviewer to the next. The interviewer asks the student a question, listens for the answer, and provides feedback to the student. A bell sounds to signify when it is time for the student to move to the next interviewer.

NETWORKING

Students and interviewers are invited to remain after the interview portion of the event to enjoy light refreshments. Each college/university CEC organization will have their own table and will be asked to have a tri-fold poster or a computer presentation sharing information about their organization's programs, events, and activities. ■

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SCCEC?

It's easy to stay connected to SCCEC. Visit our website for ongoing activities and updates at **http://community.cec.sped.org/SC/home/** or look for our Facebook and Twitter news feeds.

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www.southcarolinacec.com

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Call for Nominations BY AMANDA WALKUP

Are you interested in joining the Executive Committee of SCCEC? We have two positions to elect at Conference this year, to begin their term on July 1, 2020:

VICE PRESIDENT: 4-year term (Vice President, President-Elect, President, Past President)

RECORDING SECRETARY: 2-year term

The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2019. Elections will be held at the Representative Assembly during Annual Conference on February 29, 2020.

If you have any questions, please email Constance Mays at maysconstance@gmail.com. ■

SCCEC 2020 Call for Nominations

➔ Vice President (4–year term)

(Vice President will serve successive terms for a total of four years:
Vice President – 1 year, President-Elect – 1 year, President – 1 year, and Past-President – 1 year).

➔ Recording Secretary (2–year term)

Place: SCCEC Annual Conference, February 2020
Kingston Plantation–Embassy Suites
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

As chair of the 2019/2020 Nominating Committee, **I am writing to seek your nominations of candidates to stand for election for the Executive Committee and Executive Board.** Member engagement is critical to the success of SCCEC, and the Board relies upon your recommendations for strong candidates. Even if you represent a different category of membership, please consider colleagues you know at other institutions that are current SCCEC members.

We encourage you to consider someone who embodies the spirit of serving as a deserving candidate.

If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague, please submit a short bio to Constance Y. Mays (Past President) at maysconstance@gmail.com. *Please include the position (Vice President or Recording Secretary), a headshot, as well as contact information for the nominee.* All nominees must be members in good standing of SCCEC. The deadline for nominations is **November 30, 2019.** Candidates' bios will be included in the Conference Newsletter so representatives for the Representative Assembly (RA) will have that information prior to conference.

More information will be shared in the upcoming SCCEC newsletters.
Please keep the dates below in mind:

October 19, 2019 – call for nominations posted(revised)
November 30, 2019 – deadline for nominations
February 29, 2020 – elections held at Representative Assembly at Conference

Any questions regarding nominations please contact maysconstance@gmail.com
Thank You!

Restorative Justice – Filling a Need in Our Schools

BY ANN MARIE TAYLOR

Restorative Practices

- Address and discuss the needs of the school community
- Build healthy relationships between educators and students
- Resolve conflict, hold individuals and groups accountable
- Reduce, prevent, and improve harmful behavior
- Repair harm and restore positive relationships

As the new principal of Aiken's Horse Creek Academy Public Charter School and an educator who has served in many different capacities all over South Carolina, I have seen a need for us to do something different as it relates to school discipline. According to the Adverse Childhood Experience Study, 1 in 5 children have a diagnosed major mental health disorder. Mental illness, particularly anxiety, is taking over our schools statewide. Our kids are struggling. Our kids are coming to school with trauma. Our kids are having a hard time coping. Our kids don't feel like they belong. We need to do something different.

At Horse Creek, we have listened to the needs of students, and we are handling discipline in a totally new way — it's called restorative justice. What is restorative justice? Restorative justice is an alternative approach to school discipline that emphasizes bringing together those who have caused and experienced harm and providing all parties with equal attention. It is an approach based more on talking and listening than on delivering consequences. Restorative justice promotes the following: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making.

There are some "go to" questions we use when talking to students during the restorative justice approach: What happened? Whom did this affect and how? What do you need to do to make it right?

In the past, if a student stole something from another student or a student was disrespectful to a classmate or his/her teacher, they may have been sent to the Principal's office and possibly sent home for a day. Sending them home doesn't teach the "typical" student a lesson. In fact, in many cases sending a student home for the day rewards them. With restorative justice, the administrators meet with the student and the person that they stole from or disrespected. We ask them probing questions that get them thinking about the victim in their case and how the offender can make things right again.

So far this year, we have had more than 25 restorative conversations in our school, all of which has led to restored relationships and restored justice in our school community.

As educators, we are here to teach so that our students learn the content which we are delivering on a daily basis. Here at HCA, we are also here to love and respect children and honor what they bring to the table. We are here to create better humans. If, as adults, we all did a better job of restoring relationships and seeking to make things right, can you imagine how much better we would all be? ■

Dr. Ann Marie Taylor is the new Executive Director/Principal at Horse Creek Academy Public Charter in Aiken, SC. She has served as the South Carolina Teacher of the Year back in 2008 and has almost 20 years' experience in SC's public schools.

2020 SCCEC Conference Schedule BY SAM PRICE

In an effort to help you plan for the 2020 Conference and all the differences that we are implementing this year, here's a TENTATIVE schedule:

Friday Tentative Schedule

7:00-2:00	REGISTRATION - Towers Hall
7:00-8:00	BREAKFAST in The Coastal Grill-Free if staying at Embassy
8:00-8:30	Coffee with Exhibitors
8:30-9:30	Keynote Speaker Brooks Harper Kensington DEFG
9:40-10:40	Session
10:50-11:50	Session
11:50-1:45	Exhibitor Break and Lunch On Your Own Please Return for Afternoon Sessions
1:45-2:20	AFTER LUNCH COME-BACK EVENT KENSINGTON DEFG
2:30-3:30	Session
3:40-4:40	Session
4:40-5:00	Break with Exhibitors
5:00-5:30	Poster Session - Kensington DEFG
5:30-6:30	College Night - Kensington DEFG
6:30	Dinner On Your Own

Saturday Tentative Schedule

7:00-2:00	REGISTRATION - Towers Hall
7:00-8:00	BREAKFAST in The Coastal Grill-Free if staying at Embassy
8:00-9:00	Coffee with Exhibitors
9:00-10:00	Session
10:10-11:10	Session
11:20-12:20	Session
12:20-12:40	Break With Exhibitors
12:40-2:30	Lunch On Your Own Please Return for Afternoon Sessions
2:30-3:30	POLICY PANEL - Kensington ABC
3:30-4:00	Closing General Session-Kensington ABC
4:00-5:00	President's Reception with Exhibitors
5:00-6:00	Awards Dinner Kensington DEFG
6:30	Representative Assembly
7:00	SCCEC Executive Board Meeting

Dates to Remember

BY AMANDA WALKUP

Besides Conference, there are Executive Board meetings that anyone can attend. If you're thinking about getting more involved at the state-level, feel free to drop in!

*Note: We have been working toward holding these meetings over Zoom, instead of face-to-face. Look for more information prior to each meeting through email. If you're not on the email list, and would like to be, please email correspondingsecretarysccec@gmail.com.

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
February 27-29	Representative Registration Prior to RA

Conference Registration

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

Before SCCEC's 2020 Annual Conference...
Attend the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities'
Pre-conference Session!

Using Augmentative and Alternative Communication to Enhance Social Communication and Academic Engagement of Students with ASD and ID

Presenter: Dr. Carol Page

Feb. 27th, 2020
9:00am-3:00pm
Break for lunch on your own

$50 via Eventbrite registration: Click here!
Registration will open on 9-30-19 and end on 2-27-20

Children with ASD and ID who are nonverbal often experience difficulties in many areas of life. Making friends can be even more challenging than usual and they may be left out of academic activities. **Learn how to get a communication assessment, a communication device and provide appropriate interventions to maximize the potential of your students.**

Carol Page, PhD, CCC-SLP, ATP, CBIS, is the Program Manager of the SC Assistive Technology Program at the USC School of Medicine. Carol is also a USC adjunct professor. She provides trainings at local to international venues on assistive technology for people with disabilities, their caregivers and professionals who serve them.

South Carolina
Partnerships for Inclusion

PRESENTS

THE META-PLAY METHOD
+
DYNAMIC BEHAVIOR THEORY OF AUTISM

Presented by Dr. Cooper Woodard

A FREE preconference session at the SCCEC 2020 Annual Conference

By creating meaningful & purposeful play for young learners with disabilities, the Meta-Play Method provides educators, practitioners, and families with a comprehensive play-based curriculum that systematically fosters the development of imaginative thinking, pretend play, and age-appropriate social skills.

REGISTER TODAY!

HTTPS://META-PLAY.EVENTBRITE.COM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2020 ● 8:30AM-12:00PM
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9800 QUEENSWAY BLVD
MYRTLE BEACH, SC
ROOM KENSINGTON F

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Pyramid Model Practices to Support Young Learners Who Are Deaf-Blind

A FREE preconference session at the SCCEC 2020 Annual Conference

Come explore the use of the Pyramid Model to support young learners who are deaf-blind. You'll learn about the Pyramid Model, a framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's social and emotional development, and how Statewide Deaf-Blind Projects are involved in this work. You'll hear from various local partners supporting the implementation of Pyramid Model practices— Dr. Jenny May, SC Department of Education; Kerri Kannengieser, SC Partnerships for Inclusion; and Robert Hill, SC School for the Deaf and the Blind. You'll also learn about how Dr. Donna Carpenter, Project Coordinator for the Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project, has infused web-coaching to provide intensive TA for young learners who are deaf-blind. You'll leave wtih a toolbox of strategies to enhance the social & emotional competencies, and meet the needs, of young children who have combined vision and hearing losses.

Register today!
https://pyramid-practices.eventbrite.com

Thursday February 27, 2020   1:00pm-4:00pm

Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach Ocean Front Resort

9800 Queensway Blvd

Myrtle Beach, SC

Room Kensington F