

THE PALMETTO

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



Please read this information-packed newsletter carefully!

We have several events upcoming, including FREE professional development, plans for Representative Assembly, and Officer Nominations.

We hope you're having a great new year!

Free PD Event!

HCA Leaders present
BRAVING LEADERSHIP!
A **FREE** FUN-FILLED DAY OF LEARNING!

APRIL 2nd
9am—4:30pm
HCA CAMPUS
1200 TOOLEBECK ROAD
AIKEN, SC 29803

Why HORSE CREEK ACADEMY?

- More TEACHER Applicants than spots
- High teacher efficacy
- 98% STUDENT RETENTION RATE AND HUNDREDS ON THE WAITLIST
- 99% TEACHER RETENTION RATE!!!

SCCEC is sponsoring a free PD event entitled "**Braving Leadership!**" presented by the leaders of Horse Creek Academy.

Please join us on April 2nd for a fun-filled day of professional learning at "Braving Leadership!", hosted by Horse Creek Academy in Aiken. This FREE PD will run from **9:00am - 4:30pm**, provide free breakfast and lunch, and several informative sessions (see poster on next page).

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/bravingleadership>

HCA Leaders present

BRAVING LEADERSHIP!

Scan here for session resources



*Breakfast and Lunch provided by Horse Creek Academy

	FLEXIBILITY MS/HS Commons	SERVICE Elementary Commons	CONNECTION Career Center Commons
9:30 - 11:00	<p>#TikTok Science of Reading Tips Tricks to Help our Early Readers</p>	<p>Triggered! What exactly is childhood trauma? How does this affect students and classrooms?</p>	<p>It's all about Culture and Climate Creating a positive culture and climate starts with norms. Learn how to lead differently starting with voice and choice.</p>
11:00 - 12:30	<p>To Some, Reading IS Rocket Science! How the Brain Learns to Read and Strategies to Support Brains that Learn Differently</p>	<p>Is it Sensory or Behavior... or Both? Explanations and Strategies to Help Us Understand How and Why We React Certain Ways</p>	<p>Coaching 101 Coaching is the new mentoring. In this session, you will learn the keys to coaching others effectivity.</p>
1:30 - 3:00	<p>Let's do the Splits! Classroom Flexibility through Personalized Learning</p>	<p>Social Emotional Learning Supporting the whole child</p>	<p>Less Ego and More Vulnerability In this session, you will learn about the tools of the trade according to Brene Brown. Love first, Lead second.</p>
3:00 - 4:30	<p>What is Montessori and why do we offer it?</p>	<p>Sounds in Motion full-body movements with the tongue, throat, and mouth movements used to assist articulation of sounds</p>	<p>The Psychology of Happiness Using the famous Yale course, you will debunk what you thought you knew about happiness.</p>

Representative Assembly

SCCEC's annual Representative Assembly meeting will be held on **April 2nd at 12pm** during the "Braving Leadership!" PD offered by Horse Creek Academy in Aiken.

Chapter and Subdivision officers will be contacted soon with more information. If you're interested in getting more involved with SCCEC, please join us!

We will be voting on new officers for 2022-2023! (*see below for more information*)

Officer Nominations

At Representative Assembly on April 2nd (see *above*), we will be voting on 2 officer positions to begin in the 2022-2023 year. See below for information about the open positions and the nominees.

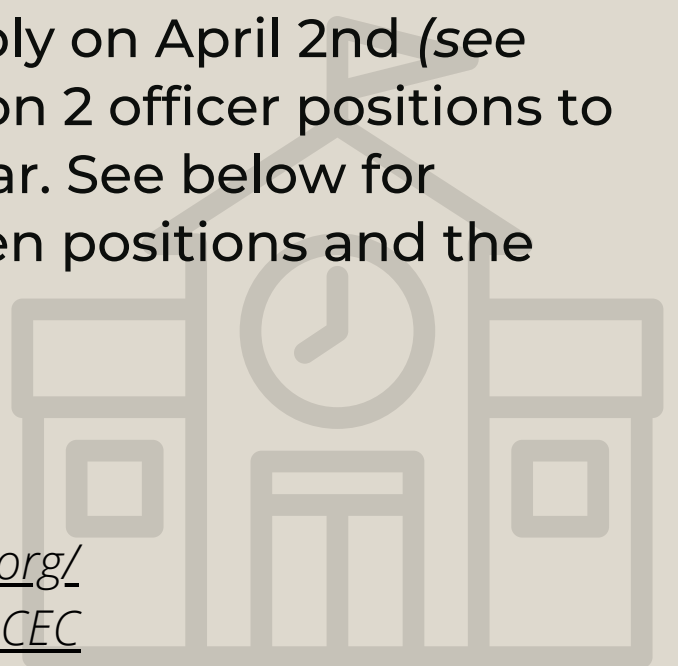
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Vice President

serves a 4-year term,
moving to President-Elect,
President, then Past
President



Tiffany Hollis, Ph. D.

Dr. Tiffany Hollis is currently an assistant professor of Special Education and Foundations at Coastal Carolina University. Her area of expertise in the Special Education department is Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities (EBD). Her area of expertise in the Foundations department is equity, inclusion, diversity, access, and social justice. She has a clear and strong commitment to diversity, equity, and social justice with over 16 years in the education setting as a social justice educator with a special education background, ten of those years were spent working with students with emotional and behavioral disabilities and students with mental health diagnoses. Dr. Hollis is also a qualified mental health professional with a background in the intersection of mental health and special education. In terms of her appointments with CEC divisions, Dr. Hollis currently serves on the DDEL executive board, the SC TED executive board, and the DEBH (formerly known as CCBD) executive board. She is also a member of SC CEC and DISES as well. Her involvement shows a strong commitment to the field of special education, to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to special education teacher candidates. Dr. Hollis's research interests focus on the areas of relationship-based and culturally responsive classroom management skills, trauma-informed education, social emotional learning skills, and preventing teacher burnout among teachers in various classroom contexts, particularly in settings with students who exhibit challenging or difficult behaviors. Dr. Hollis's research also examines mental health support in the education setting. Dr. Hollis has taught in various educational settings ranging from self-contained, inclusion, cotaught settings, and even therapeutic settings. In those roles, Dr. Hollis also created and implemented Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Programming and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Programming. She continues to work tirelessly to advocate on behalf of students with special needs, particularly students with emotional and behavioral needs. Dr. Hollis currently provides professional development workshops and trainings to pre-service and inservice teachers.

Recording Secretary

serves a 2-year term



Matt Collier, Ph.D.

Matthew Collier is a former public school special education teacher with 10 years of experience in the field. He has lived in Mississippi, Tennessee, Illinois, and now South Carolina. He has a B.A. in English from Mississippi State University, an M.A. in Special Education from Belmont University, and a Ph.D. from Mississippi State University. He has worked as an Assistant Professor of Education at Lander University since 2018.

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