

THE PALMETTO

SCCEC NEWSLETTER

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Happy Fall Y'all!

As we move into the fall season, I am thinking of each of you. It is my hope that your 2023 school year is off to a great start and that you are experiencing success in all of your endeavors. SCCEC has been working hard to establish new chapters, revive other chapters, and continue supporting longstanding chapters across the state. We are grateful for the increase we have seen this year in our general membership and look forward to connecting with you at local events, professional development opportunities, and during the annual conference.

Over the past month, I have visited with several SCCEC supporters inside and outside of the classroom. Most recently, I shared time with an educator who offers therapy for students through a program called HERD (Helping Everyone Reach their Dreams). Students engage with horses in sessions to practice a variety of activities and skills, including independent functioning, sensory input, regulation, and advocacy. It was wonderful to see individuals connecting in meaningful ways with one another in a natural environment.

I know there are other great stories out there to be shared! Please share a positive story and/or experience with us at anwalkup@gmail.com.

SC CEC is busy preparing for our annual conference scheduled for February 29-March 2. We are excited to connect with you here at the beach! Please join us to explore new resources, connect with colleagues, and imagine the possibilities that lie ahead for our profession and those we serve. This will be a time to build relationships, learn from one another, and continue the important conversations around special education.

Let's stay connected and committed to our profession and to those we serve!

~Jamia

SC-TED News

2023-2024 Officers:

President: Rhonda Miller, Coastal Carolina University

Past President: Matt Collier, Lander University

Vice President – currently vacant

Secretary: Sarah Little, Erskine College

Treasurer: Amy Clausen, Winthrop University

Membership chair : Tiffany Hollis, Coastal Carolina University

SC-TED's by-laws have been revised, voted on, and accepted. Please contact an officer with any questions.

SC-TED plans to continue to work with the state department on the issue of early childhood standards in teacher preparation programs. We will continue our outreach and recruitment through social media and other channels. We also plan to have a presence at the SC CEC conference!

Member Spotlight

Clara Clardy

My name is Carla Clardy. I married my high school sweetheart, David, 28 years ago. We have two children; Joseph is 21 and Sydney is 19. I did not go to college at first for education even though I had always wanted to be a teacher. I went for business instead. Then while I was a stay-at-home mom, I decided to go back to school and finish my bachelor's degree in education. My plan was to be finished and to start teaching gen ed when my youngest child started kindergarten. However, I ended up having to take four extra classes and I decided to take the classes in special education to add on a LD certificate.

I started teaching resource for K-8 in a virtual school and stayed there for four years until we closed. Then I moved to brick and mortar in Anderson 5. I have been here ever since. I have taught self-contained in middle school and elementary resource in two different elementary schools in the district. I am currently teaching K4-5 resource. This is my 11th year teaching. I have my master's in science and math for K-8.

I have been in SCCEC for as long as I can remember because I want to keep up with what is going on in special education. I believe that if we stay informed and help change things for the better, we not only help our students, but ourselves as well. Sometimes we are the only ones that our students can depend on to advocate for them. I love going to the conferences because I always bring back something that I can use in the classroom.

Now, I am the new president for the upstate Chapter 728* and we are hoping to grow our chapter.

*Chapter 728 includes members in the Abbeville, Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens areas. If you are in these counties we hope you will join Carla as an active member of Chapter 728.



Call for Nominations: 2023 SCCEC Elections

This year SCCEC will be electing a new Vice President and Recording Secretary during Representative Assembly at the 2024 Annual Conference. As chair of the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee, I am writing to seek your nominations of candidates to stand for election for the Executive Committee and Executive Board. Members 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. 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! 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.

According to our by-laws, the elected Vice President will serve a total of 4 years (Vice President-1 year, President-Elect- 1 year, President- 1 year, and Immediate Past President- 1 year).

Vice President (Year 1)

1. Serve in the place of, with the authority of, the President in the absence or disability of the President and President-Elect.
2. To assist the President in appointing all standing committees and any special committees, except the Nominations, Finance, Awards, and Conference Committee.
3. To assist in the program planning for the Annual Conference.
4. To conduct and coordinate Representative Assembly registration and to determine and validate the representatives to Representative Assembly.
5. To coordinate planning for the training other than Conference.
6. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

Recording Secretary Serves a 2- Year Term (on a fixed cycle basis- odd years)

The powers and duties of the Recording Secretary shall be:

1. To keep a record of the proceedings and attendance if meetings of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, and Representative Assembly.
2. To maintain minutes for the current and previous two (2) years for each executive committee and board meeting.
3. To prepare prior years minutes for archives on an annual basis.
4. To transfer records to the new Recording Secretary at the end of the administration term.
5. To prepare an annual list of motions acted upon by SCCEC and maintain a notebook of active motions.
6. To keep accurate rolls of the Executive Committee, Executive Board, Representative Assembly, and committee memberships.
7. To have available copies of the current Bylaws, minutes of assemblies and Conferences and reports of committee meetings.
8. To keep a register of all local chapters, subdivisions, as well as total members in the Federation.
9. To make an annual report to the SCCEC President for Representative Assembly.

Please see the Nomination Form on the next page.

Questions? Contact Constance Mays at maysconstance@gmail.com

SCCEC Officer Nomination Form

Nominee Name: _____

CEC Membership Number: _____

The position for which you are nominating:

____ Vice President

____ Recording Secretary

Present Position: _____ Years of Service: _____

Company/Organization/District's Name _____

Job Description in Brief: _____

Brief Bio: _____

Work Phone number: _____

Mobile Phone number: _____

Email: _____

If self-nominating, please explain why you are interested in this position. If nominating someone else, please explain why you think this person would be a good candidate: _____

What previous experience do you have that may contribute to your ability to fulfill the expectations of this position? _____

When is a good time to contact you? _____

Person making Nomination: _____

Please email this form along with a headshot of the nominee to Constance Mays at maysconstance@gmail.com by December 1, 2023.

Candidates' bios will be included in the Conference Newsletter so that representatives for the Representatives Assembly will have information before coming to conference.

You may send additional information attached if not enough space is available on this form.

****All nominees must be in good standing of SCCEC****

2024 SILENT AUCTION

Donations

SCCEC is seeking donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC on March 1st - March 2nd, 2024. Proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to support the Betty Brown Training Grant. We would like all chapters and subdivisions to donate at least one item to the Silent Auction if you can please. Additionally, this year we are asking that some of our Special Education Directors consider donating an item for the Silent Auction as well. Also, if you know someone with a business that would like to donate an item for the auction, we will graciously accept it!

Vendors: Please feel free to help a deserving teacher by donating an item or two for our Silent Auction.

Funds raised will go toward our SCCEC Betty Brown Training Grant.

Please bring your items to the registration table before or on Friday (morning), March 1, 2024, at the conference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Constance Mays at maysconstance@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance for your generous donations!



2024 SCCEEC Awards

It's time to nominate your colleagues for awards! Please nominate your colleagues who work hard every day with students with disabilities. Please see <https://southcarolina.exceptionalchildren.org/sccec-awards> to review the nominating criteria. We have awards for teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, students, and undergraduates. We also have a training grant for students and instructional mini-grants for teachers.

Nominations are due November 1, 2023.

Nomination form link -

<https://forms.gle/4WXzfNmQ9hbMgo6PA>



VIP Award Information

(Are you a “Very Important President”?)

Chapter/Subdivision VIP Award Criteria 2023-2024 Fiscal Term

This VIP Award(s) will be awarded at the 2025 SCCEC Conference. This award is given to Presidents who meet the following criteria:

1. Assist in the development of the chapter/subdivision planning document for the year. Due September 25, 2023. These may be brought to the SCCEC Board Meeting or may be emailed to President, Jamia Richmond jrichmon@coastal.edu
2. Call a minimum of four executive meetings per year. Due June 30, 2024. Meeting agendas and minutes may be emailed to Jamia Richmond jrichmon@coastal.edu
3. Arrange for your Chapter/Subdivision to be represented at all SCCEC Executive Board Meetings. Rosters maintained by Corresponding Secretary, Nicole Uphold, correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com
4. Submit at least two articles to The Palmetto (online newsletter). Articles due Aug. 27th, Oct. 15th, Dec. 23rd, Feb. 23rd, and April 1st. Articles may be emailed to Publication Chair, Amanda Walkup, anwalkup@gmail.com.
5. Have delegate(s) registered for the SCCEC Representative Assembly. Due February 18, 2024. Delegates register with Vice President, Michael Snipes, msnipes@richland2.org
6. Submit officers' names and email addresses for the following year (2024-2025) by July 1, 2024. Officer names may be emailed to Jamia Richmond, jrichmon@coastal.edu
7. Submit a completed annual report by July 1, 2024. Annual reports may be emailed to President-Elect, Tiffany Hollis, thollis@coastal.edu
8. Submit at least one nominee for a SCCEC Award. Award nominations are due by November 1, 2023. Nicole Uphold, correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com, will keep a listing of all nominees and nominators.

Note: All criteria must be met to be eligible for the award.



Save the Date:

2024 SCCEC Conference

**Exploring a SEA of Possibilities: Reimagining
Special Education**

Special Education Advocacy

**February 29 - March 2
Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach -
Oceanfront Resort**

Get those presentations in early!

Call for Proposals:

<https://forms.gle/dHMNcNYoSL3zHcd46>

REMINDER