

THE PALMETTO

SCCEC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

I hope that the 2024 school year is off to a great start and that you are experiencing success in your professional and personal areas of life. I sincerely hope each and every one of you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and have evaded the impacts of the hurricanes. My heart and thoughts are with you as many of the communities that our members reside in have had to navigate these devastating natural disasters. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you need anything from the SC CEC staff team over the coming weeks.

All SC CEC members who are up for renewal September 1 through November 30 will automatically have their memberships extended through 1/15/2025. Please feel free to contact CEC Member Services Team at service@exceptionalchildren.org if you have any questions.

Please take care of yourselves, your family, friends, and neighbors as best as you can. You will continue to be in my, and all of CEC staff's thoughts.





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 student chapters and am working with the SC CEC Student Liaison, Dr. Amy Clausen to create new student chapters as well. Most recently, I visited with the Winthrop University student chapter. Their chapter is doing some amazing things and will be the host university for student activities during the 2025 SC CEC Conference. Please reach out to Dr. Amy Clausen at clausena@winthrop.edu if you are interested in creating a student chapter or if you would like to volunteer for the student night portion of the conference. I am sure that there are other great stories, awesome activities, and events that also need to be shared. Please feel free to share a positive story and/or experience, highlight an event, etc. with us jrichmon@coastal.edu. SC CEC is busy preparing for our annual conference scheduled for February 28-March 1. We are excited to connect with you this year in Greenville, SC. Please review and look over the conference related content in this newsletter for updates and information. Please join us to explore new resources, connect with colleagues, and navigate the future of special education by embracing the currents of change in 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.

Tiffany Hollis

SCCEC 2025 Conference

Theme: Currents of Change:

Navigating the Future of Special
Education

Conference Proposals

are due on

November 22

<https://forms.gle/ZWTiNxwgaafStieq7>

Conference Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1001278339467?aff=oddtcreator>

Student Member Spotlight

Fe Eungenie Batton

Meet Fe Eungenie Batoon from Lander CEC.

My name is Fe Eugenie Batoon. I was born in the Philippines, but my family moved to Maryland when I was six years old. I'm a Senior at Lander University, part of the Women's Tennis Team, and am currently student-teaching in a resource room at a local elementary school. After Lander, I would love to teach in a middle school or upper elementary resource room. Lander CEC has had a significant impact on my professional, social, and academic growth. It has increased my confidence in working with my peers and professors. Moreover, it has deepened the connection I have with the Greenwood community as we have hosted and participated in multiple advocacy and community events.



Membership Matters!

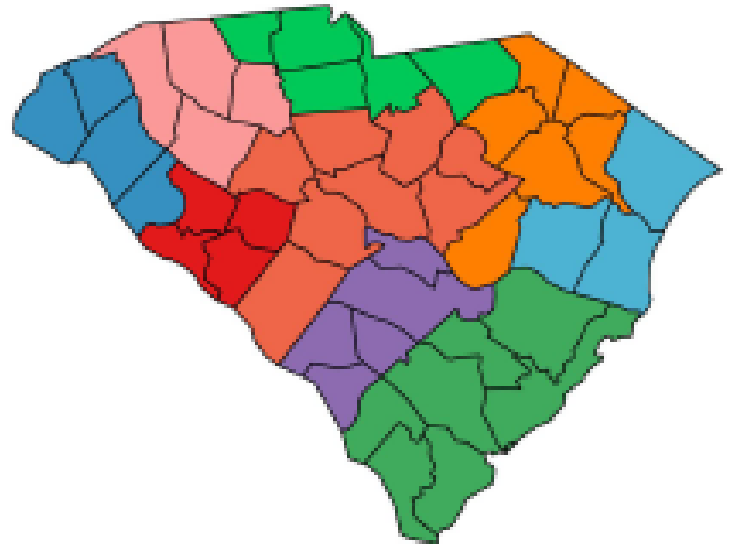
Remember why you first joined CEC and what it means to you! Share that story with your friends who might not be members currently. If you have questions about membership, please contact jwatson@columbiasc.edu.

Find your chapter and let's get active!

SCCEC CHAPTERS

SCCEC State Chapters

- Chapter 162/1148 (Lander University)- Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Saluda
- Chapter 165- Aiken, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Richland and Sumter
- Chapter 201/1197 (Coastal Carolina)- Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg
- Chapter 429- Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Lancaster and York
- Chapter 451- Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg
- Chapter 728- Abbeville, Anderson, Oconee and Pickens
- Chapter 792- Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion and Marlboro
- Chapter 877- Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg and Union
- Chapter 936- Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton and Jasper



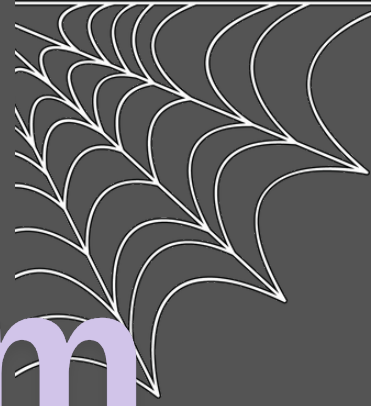
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CEC Member Advantage!!
Click below for more details

[Discounts and Deals](#)

BOO!

News from SCCASE



The SC Council of Administrators of Special Education (SCCASE) is excited to bring Dr. David Bateman for their pre-conference and conference sessions for the 2025 SC CEC Conference in Greenville, SC. Dr. Bateman will present training for Special Education Administrators in the areas of preventing litigation, principals and special education administrators working together, trauma-informed IEPs, general education staff and Section 504 compliance and so much more! Dr. Bateman is well respected nationally in the special education community. He is a fabulous speaker and author to many "got-to-have" books in our field. More detailed information will follow.

SCCASE is also glad to welcome Deanna Parish, Ph.D. as our President Elect. We are busy planning other activities for this year, so stay tuned!





Call for Nominations: 2025 SCCEC Elections

This year SCCEC will be electing a new Vice President and Treasurer Elect during Representative Assembly at the 2025 Annual Conference. As chair of the 2024-2025 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.

According to our by-laws, the elected Treasurer-elect will serve a total of 3 years (treasurer-elect-1 year, Treasurer-2 years).

The powers and the duties of the Treasurer Elect shall be:

1. To serve an apprentice year with the current Treasurer and learn the roles and responsibilities.
2. To serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Committee and Executive Board
3. To assist with the record keeping for audits.
4. To assist with the preparation of the financial reports.
5. To serve as a member of the Finance Committee.
6. To assist with the financial responsibilities of the Annual Conference.

Please see the Nomination Form on the next page.

Questions? Contact Jamia Richmond at jrichmon@coastal.edu

SCCEC Officer Nomination Form

Nominee Name: _____

CEC Membership Number: _____

The position for which you are nominating:

____ Vice President

____ Treasurer

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 Jamia Thomas Richmond at jrichmon@coastal.edu by December 7, 2024.

Candidates' bios will be included in the Conference Newsletter so that representatives for 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****

2025 SILENT AUCTION

Donations Needed

SCCEC is seeking donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference in Greenville, SC on February 27 -March 1st, 2025. 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.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to support the Betty Brown Training Grant.

Please bring your items to the registration table before or on Friday (morning), February 28, 2025, at the conference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jamia Richmond at jrichmon@coastal.edu.

We thank you in advance for your generous donations!



2025 SCCEC Awards

It's that time of year again to shine a spotlight on our amazing colleagues who go above and beyond in supporting students with disabilities!

We're calling for nominations for our annual awards, and we want to hear about the incredible work being done by teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, students, and undergraduates.

We also have training grants for students and instructional mini-grants for teachers! Check out the [link](#) to see the criteria for nominations

Let's take a moment to appreciate and acknowledge the excellent work of our colleagues. Nominations are due by December 1, 2024 - so don't miss out!

Nominate your colleagues today!



2024-2025 VIP Award Information (Are you a “Very Important President”?)

The VIP Awards will be awarded at the 2026 SCCEC Conference. This award is given to Presidents who meet the following criteria:

Assist in the development of the chapter/subdivision planning document for the year. Due September 25, 2024. These may be brought to the SCCEC Board Meeting or may be emailed to Past President, Jamia Thomas Richmond, jrichmon@coastal.edu

Call a minimum of four executive meetings per year. Due June 30, 2025. Meeting agendas and minutes may be emailed to Jamia Thomas Richmond, jrichmon@coastal.edu

Arrange for your Chapter/Subdivision to be represented at all SCCEC Executive Board Meetings. Rosters maintained by Corresponding Secretary, Nicole Uphold, correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com

Submit at least two articles to The Palmetto (online newsletter). Articles due Sept. 6th, Oct. 18th, Dec. 13th, Mar. 14th, and May 23rd. Articles may be emailed to Past President, Jamia Thomas Richmond, jrichmon@coastal.edu

Have delegate(s) registered for the SCCEC Representative Assembly. Due February 14, 2025. Delegates register with Vice President, Carla Clardy, carlaclardy@anderson5.net

Submit officers' names and email addresses for the following year (2025-2026) by June 30, 2025. Officer names may be emailed to Past President, Jamia Thomas Richmond, jrichmon@coastal.edu

Submit a completed annual report by July 1, 2025. Annual reports may be emailed to President, Tiffany Hollis, thollis@coastal.edu

Submit at least one nominee for a SCCEC Award. Award nominations are due by December 1, 2024. Nicole Uphold, correspondingsecretaryscccec@gmail.com will keep a listing of all nominees and nominators.

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



Save the Date:
2025 SCCEC Conference
Theme: Currents of Change: Navigating the
Future of Special Education

Submit those presentations now!

Conference One Pager

Get all of your conference information
in one place!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YezEiPjZLOf85uB0cVySejy4ucjW96M7oA5h9aD6cpk/edit?usp=sharing>

Hotel Booking Link

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/sccouncilforexceptionalchildren/>

PARTICIPATE IN CEC'S STATE OF THE PROFESSION SURVEY

Deadline: November 8

CEC is conducting an essential survey to gather insights into the challenges and opportunities in special education, and we need your voice! Your feedback is vital for shaping a brighter future for students with disabilities. If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the survey.

As a token of our appreciation, you'll be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to the CEC Store. Don't miss your chance to contribute to this important conversation!

[\\$50 Gift card Raffle](#)

2024-2025 Officers

President - Dr. Tiffany Hollis

President-Elect - Mr. Michael Snipes

Vice President - Carla Clardy

Past-President - Dr. Jamia Thomas-Richmond

Recording Secretary - Ms. Haileigh Miller

Corresponding Secretary - Dr. Nicole Uphold

Treasurer - Dr. Olivia Enders

Parliamentarian - Dr. April Mustian



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