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Our 2017 Annual Conference was “Extraordinary!”

BY BETH TUTEN, SCCEC PRESIDENT



SCCEC produced an excellent professional development conference this year! We started the conference on Thursday with three excellent pre-conference offerings, fantastic exhibitor displays, and a fun President’s Reception complete with karaoke and a photo booth!

Friday started with a dynamic presentation from our keynote speaker, Dr. Ann Marie Taylor, and I’m truly sorry if you missed that lively exhibition! Our breakout sessions were stellar this year. We

had great information on a variety of topics from early childhood to college. Thank you to our presenters for going the extra mile and being extraordinary!

Our Awards Luncheon was a great celebration of some very deserving professionals and students. During the luncheon, we also heard from John Payne, the director of the SC Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Services (OSES).

Friday ended with great poster sessions and a close finish to a fast-paced College Bowl. Congratulations to Clemson University, our new College Bowl Champs!

Saturday brought more fantastic break-out sessions and an extremely informative policy panel. Thank you to John Payne and Barbara Drayton from the South Carolina Department of Education for updating us on important happenings in the world of special education. If you didn’t attend the policy panel, you should find someone who did and discover what you missed.

A huge shout-out to Lisa Halter and her Conference Committee who went above and beyond to Be Extraordinary. The conference came together and was executed beautifully. Chapters 165 and 936 were excellent conference hosts. Thank you all for all of the time, dedication, and hard work you put into making the 2017 SCCEC Conference memorable. We are blessed in SC to have amazing individuals like these who regularly blow past ordinary and work daily to make our profession Extraordinary. I am so grateful to serve with such a dedicated team of professionals in SC.

Congratulations to our newly elected Vice-President, Sam Price. Sam will take office as SCCEC Vice-President on July 1, 2017. We are very excited to have Sam move into this new role with SCCEC.

Mark your calendars for the 2018 SCCEC Annual Conference, February 1-3, at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort and Spa at Grand Dunes! You will not want to miss the next installment of special education updates, professional development, and networking in store for you. SCCEC’s mission is to be the voice and vision of special education in South Carolina. The SCCEC Annual Conference is an excellent time to join us on this journey.

Thank you for attending the 2017 SCCEC Annual Conference

CONFERENCE SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback about this year’s conference. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26DWSCC> to let us know your thoughts on how we can make next year’s conference even better!

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Email Amanda Walkup awalkup@greenville.k12.sc.us if you have any questions about attendance certificates. If you need a pre-conference attendance certificate, please contact the leader of those sessions.

PRESENTATIONS FOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

You can find the presentations for breakout sessions in our Google Folder. Use this link: <https://goo.gl/KqQdGO>

SCCEC 2018 CONFERENCE

The 2018 SCCEC Annual Conference will be held February 2 and 3, 2018, at Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort & Spa at Grande Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Drive,



Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. Visit their website at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/myrgd-myrtle-beach-marriott-resort-and-spa-at-grande-dunes/>

CEC Representative Assembly

Beth Tuten and Jennifer Watson will represent SCCEC at Representative Assembly at the National CEC Convention, April 19-22, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Please email either of these officers with any questions or concerns you would like shared with national CEC leadership:

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SCCEC CAN

The Policy Panel was held on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Our guest speakers on the panel were Dr. John Payne, Director of the SC Office of Special Education, and Barbara Drayton with the Office of General Counsel of the Dept. of Education.

They talked about current policies and issues that are important to our state. The session was well-attended, and there were a lot of positive remarks given afterwards.

Chapter 877



Amanda and Pat attended the SCCEC state conference at the Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach. They also represented Chapter 877 at the Representative Assembly. At the next meeting, they will give a recap about the convention and the sessions that they attended. Stay tuned to <http://cec877.pbworks.com> for the date and time of the online meeting. You don't have to be a member of 877 to come. Invite your friends or come online as a group! It is a lot of fun!



Chapter 165 co-hosts 2017 conference

Chapters 165 and 936 co-hosted this year's 2017 SCCEC Annual Conference. Chapter 165 would like to thank all the volunteers who helped run the registration table, served as session hosts, and facilitated College Bowl. We hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to network with other professional special educators and recharge their teacher batteries. Thank you for all the help to make this year's conference "Extraordinary"!

Chapter 165 Special Education Professionals Showcase

Chapter 165 will be hosting their annual Special Education Professionals Showcase (formerly the Teacher Showcase) on Monday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Glenforest School. This is a great opportunity to hear and see what amazing things our fellow special educators and agencies are doing to help our extraordinary students. You do not have to be a member of CEC or Chapter 165 to attend. Please get a group of your colleagues together and join us for this great opportunity to network and share ideas.

Glenforest School is located at 1041 Harbor Drive in West Columbia. If you have any questions, please email Dawn Patterson, dpatterson@lexington4.net, or Mary Kennedy, mkenney@lexington4.net.

Thanks for a great Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Silent Auction at conference this year. We had great donations from individuals, chapters, subdivisions, and school groups. These donations included original artwork, baskets for the classroom and for the beach, items for home, handmade items, and a week/weekend at the beach! With all of the great contributions, up to \$1,500 was raised for our Betty Brown Training Grant.

The Betty Brown Training Grant was established to assist students with disabilities in pursuing post-secondary training. Examples of training programs could include, but not be limited to: college/university, technical education center, adult education course, vocational school, sheltered workshop/work activity center, apprenticeship, or business/industry training course.

Thank you to all who made the silent auction so successful. Your efforts will make a difference for a deserving young adult in the future!



DADD update

The SC Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities held a planning meeting at the annual conference and developed a plan and set goals for this coming year (see below). If you would like to join us in these endeavors, or have ideas/connections to share, please email our President, Deb Leach, at leachd@winthrop.edu. We are looking forward to getting more involved in SCCEC and National CEC!

DADD MEETING — 2/25/17: 1:00 PM

Attendees:

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Deb Leach	leachd@winthrop.edu

GOALS FOR DADD FOR 2017-2018

1. Send out a needs assessment to current members/collaborate with newly hired ASD specialist for the state
2. Plan a pre-conference session at the 2018 SCCEC Conference
3. Plan a DADD Strand at the 2018 SCCEC Conference
4. Share national alerts with SCDADD members
5. Co-sponsor the annual Inclusion Across the Lifespan Conference in collaboration with Winthrop CEC
 - a. Set a date in Saturday in the fall (that doesn't conflict with football schedules) 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - b. Involve other professional groups (e.g. transition council, autism society) when sending out requests for proposals
 - c. Determine cost of lunch and set conference rate
6. Submit informational articles in the Palmetto
7. Add a DADD page to the SCCEC website
8. Establish DADD as tax exempt/incorporated

Thank you!

Thank you to the countless number of people who worked tirelessly to help make this an awesome conference! There is something about being around other professionals and stakeholders who "get it" that helps to renew your commitment to educating ALL children.

Thank you to John Payne and the Office of Special Education Services for your partnership and your commitment to professional development.

Thank you to the volunteers from Chapters 165 and 936 for your hard work as conference hosts.

Thank you to the amazing staff at Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Thank you to friends and family who took time off to come volunteer at the conference.

Thank you to one of the hardest working conference planning teams in SCCEC history!

Thank you to the members of the SCCEC Executive Committee and Executive Board for your hard work and commitment to the profession. It is an honor to serve with such an amazing team.



From the SCCEC archives...

Students Receive SCCEC Grants

The South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children held its 2003 annual convention February 21, 2003 at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort, Hilton Head Island.

During the convention, two students from the state received the Betty Brown Training Grant to further their education beyond high school. Each recipient received \$1,000. The grant is awarded to students with disabilities who have been recognized for leadership, academic and service learning accomplishments.

This year's recipients are Kia Elita Thomas, a senior at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, who plans to attend St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N.C. in the fall, and Esther Rimer, a senior at J.L. Mann High School, Greenville, who plans to attend UCD Honors College, Columbia.

Barbara Williams, president of the Orangeburg Tri-County Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 451, presented the Awards.



Kia Elita Thomas (left) and Esther Rimer (right) receive SCCEC grants from

SCCEC Conference, 2003, was held on Hilton Head Island. Barbara Johnson-Williams, then President of Chapter 451, presented the Betty Brown Training Grant awards to two students with disabilities who planned to continue their education at post-secondary institutions.

CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **George Sugai**

Everyone at the CEC Convention in Greenville, SC enjoyed hearing from George Sugai, a Professor in Special Education in the College of Education at the University of Oregon. Dr. Sugai has expertise in positive and effective behavioral support, classroom and behavior management, school-wide discipline, functional assessment-based behavior support planning, and educating students with emotional and behavioral disorders.

Dr. Sugai has been a teacher in the public schools, a treatment director in a residential program administrator. He conducts applied school and classroom research,



SCCEC Treasurer Susan Thomas (left) and Dr. George Sugai (right) during the SCCEC Annual Conference in Greenville.

and works with schools to translate research into practice. He is currently co-director of the Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and the Research and Demonstration Center on School-wide Behavior Support at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Sugai currently working with several states in an effort to infuse school-wide positive behavioral supports throughout public schools. He is also working with South Carolina's State Improvement Grant to provide guidance for efforts toward that end.

Also at the 2003 conference, the Keynote Speaker was Dr. George Sugai from the University of Oregon. He spoke on positive behavior supports and implementing them schoolwide.

Congratulations to all of our award winners for 2017!



*General Educator of the Year
Brenna Lamprey*



*Student Member of the Year
Hunter Matusevich
Coastal Carolina University*



*Betty Brown Training Grant and
Yes I CAN Award
Sam Mungo*



*Principal of the Year
Karen Beaman
Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School*



*Rookie Teacher of the Year
LaQuita Lindsay*



*SC CEC Member of the Year
Constance Mays*

Congratulations to all of our award winners for 2017!



*Exceptional Teacher of the Year
Sabrina Jenson
Westwood High School Richland 2*



*Laura Mohr Scholarship
Emily Scheffler*



*Heather Edwards-Bohn
Forest Lake Elementary School
Richland 2
Mini Grant Winner*



*Carolyn Cooley
Newberry Middle School
Mini Grant Winner*



*Bethany Reilly and Breanna
Lamprey
Harbison West Elementary
District 5 of Lexington and
Richland Counties
Mini Grant Winner*



Award Winners 2017

Scenes from our 2017 SCCEC Annual Conference

