IT'S ELECTION TIME!

You should have received your ballot in the mail. Please vote and return to Kiara Wilson in the CEA office. Due to delays in mail delivery in some areas of our country because of winter weather, the postmarked date has been changed to March 15, 2019. Your signature MUST appear on the outside of the envelope returning your ballot. Good luck to all the candidates!

President Elect-
Norris Williams
Norris Williams joined the Virginia Department of Corrections in 1997 as an Electrical Instructor. In 2003 Norris moved to Central Office as a CTE Administrator where he served for over 15 years until his retirement in 2017. He is a four term CEA Region II Director and Past-Treasurer. Norris has served on the Executive Board for over 8 years, where he served numerous years as Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee and Conference Site Selection Committee. Also, serving as Oversight Chairman for five National Conferences. He serves as a Commissioner on the Standards Commission.

President Elect-
Kim Barnette
Kim B. Barnette, retired State Education Director for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections. After 33 years, in December, 2017, Kim Barnette, Ed.Sp., retired as Louisiana State Education Director, but continues to work diligently to expand correctional education programs across the nation. During her career, she was successful in creating a uniform statewide offender education reporting system, designing a nationally published transferable Reentry Preparation Program, and obtained more than $30M in competitive funds for the Louisiana Correctional Education Division. Kim has been a member of CEA for 20 years and has held the offices of President’s Council Chair and Director of Region V.

Vice President-
Sandy Haak
Sandra Haak has been in the Education field for 32 years in Texas and employed with the Windham School District for 23 years. Her Correctional Education career in 1996 teaching Literacy and Cognitive Intervention for 8 years. She received her M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision in 2003 and became Principal of the Travis State Jail in 2004. In 2013, she was also assigned the Ellen Halbert unit. She served on three WSD Committees, was the Region 5 Assistant Director in 2016, and took over the Director vacancy in 2017. She is currently the secretary for Texas Correctional Education Association. She was a member of the Planning Committee for the 2017 CEA International Conference and co-chairperson of the TOY Gala.
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Vice President -
David Webb
Mr. Webb is excited about the opportunity to serve CEA as the Vice President. He brings 29 years of experience in correctional education along with creativity and an openness to new ideas to the table. He has served as President, Vice President, and Region III Director in CEA. He is the Implementation Director for the Correctional Education Program at Ashland University. He believes in the value of education in preparing incarcerated individuals for successful reentry.

Vice President -
Karla Martinez
Karla Martinez began her correctional career in December 2003 at Mack Alford Correctional Center in Stringtown, Oklahoma as a correctional teacher of academic skills associated with CareerTech Skills Center. In 2006, she earned her Master’s Degree in Secondary Administration. She received the Extra Mile Award in April 2008. In 2015, Karla transferred to Lexington Correctional Center as a correctional teacher. She promoted to principal of Joseph Harp Correctional Center in Lexington, Oklahoma in August 2017. She has served as an officer of the Oklahoma CEA chapter for many years, including President for the last 5+ years. She would like the opportunity to serve as your CEA Vice President

Treasurer -
Denise Justice
Denise Justice is currently International CEA Treasurer and Executive Director of Correctional Education at Ashland University. A correctional educator/CEA member for over 38 years, she was a special education/academic teacher (both males/females), Principal, Academic Director, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. She served as International President, Vice President, Regional Director and Secretary, State President and Vice President. Denise served as International Conference Chair (5 times) and on many CEA committees at the international, regional and state level.

Treasurer –
Susan McKee
Dr. Susan P. McKee holds her doctorate in Educational Psychology, a Master’s degree in Child-Clinical Psychology and a Masters in Counseling and Guidance. She specializes in the area of environmental support to reduce mal-adaptive and non-productive behaviors and enjoys working with at-risk populations and the struggling learner. She is an educational psychologist, small business owner, developer, consultant, evaluator, trainer and speaker. Dr. McKee has developed several learning systems and assessment scales. She owns and operates Pace Learning Systems as its President and CEO. Dr. McKee is also Executive Director of the Institute for Social and Educational Research (ISER). She is the Regional Director of CEA Region 8 and Chair of the CEA Governance Task Force.

Standards Commissioner -
Derek Grubbs
Derek Grubbs is the Director of Juvenile Education for the Indiana Department of Correction. Derek has been with IDOC since 2000, and has been a Teacher, Special Education Coordinator, and Principal prior to assuming his most recent role in August 2017. He is a member of the American Correctional Association and serves on the CEA Juvenile Justice Committee. He is a member of the Education Outcomes Task Force which reports to the Governor’s Commission on the Improvement of the Status of Children in Indiana and is actively involved in Indiana’s State Workforce Innovation Council for youth. Derek is a certified auditor for AdvancEd, where he participates on teams that visit Comprehensive Special Purpose Schools.

Standards Commissioner -
Rhea Bowman
Rhea Bowman seeks re-election as a Standards Commissioner. As a CEA member since 1988, her service includes: Alaska Chapter President, Regional Executive Board, National Board President’s Council Chair, Juvenile Justice Advocate, and CEA auditor. She has received the CEA Lifetime Service Award. With 43 years of experience teaching reading at McLaughlin Youth Center in Anchorage, she looks forward to continuing her Standards Commission work.

Standards Commissioner -
Fran Warsing
Dr. Fran Warsing, currently serving as the chairperson of the Standards Commission, is seeking re-election. She has been a CEA auditor for 10 years and has been a CEA member for 30...
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years having served as state director from both West Virginia and Virginia, and as Director of Region 2. Dr. Warsing is the retired Superintendent of Institutional Education Programs in West Virginia. She worked for over 30 years in correctional education, serving as an instructor and administrator in both West Virginia and Virginia.

Standards Commissioner - John Roberts
John Roberts is a Correctional Education Program Supervisor at ASPCPerryville. In that position, John has received several awards, including Arizona Correctional Educators’ Program of the Year, Highest Number of High School and GED Graduates agency wide, and for creation of ADC’s first Teacher Evaluation tool based on the Danielson framework. With M.S. and B.S. degrees in criminal justice, John has served in corrections for 20+ years, including 10 years as a teacher at ASPCLewis.

Standards Commissioner - Betty Abbott
Mrs. Abbott has a bachelor’s degree in general education and Special Education and a master’s degree in Educational Administration. She has taught in special education classrooms in the public schools, juvenile treatment facilities and worked in correctional education for over 21 years. She worked in New Mexico DOC and Wyoming DOC. She retired from WY DOC in June 2018 as their first Education Director. She has been a member of CEA since 1997 and has been active in the Directors Council as VP, President, and Representative to the Board. She has served two terms as CEA Vice President and is currently serving her last year as VP. She has been a CEA Auditor for many years and looks forward to using her 21 years of correctional education on the Commission.

Standards Commissioner - Cherry Doctor
Cherry Doctor is a 20-year State of Florida certified teacher in Special Education. Currently teaching Pre-GED and TABE courses at South Bay Correctional and Rehabilitation Facility. Ms. Doctor hopes to enhance the educational needs of students.

EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS:
- Earned BS degree - Public Administration – FIU;
- MS degree Exceptional Student Edu. – NSU;
- Currently, Doctoral Candidate – NSU;
- Professional Educator’s Certificate;
- Teaching Adult Bas Education Certificate; Real-estate Sales License;
- College Mentoring Student Support Peer Trainer Certificate.

Standards Commissioner - Teri Fazio
Mrs. Fazio has 28 years of experience working for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and is currently CEA President for Pennsylvania. She began her career in 1990 as an Adult Basic Education Teacher at SCI Waymart. She has held the position of Corrections School Principal and Division Chief, Western Region, for the Bureau of Correction Education. She became the Director for the Bureau of Correction Education in July of 2016. In this position, she is responsible for all educational programming that occurs within the 25 state correctional institutions in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Fazio has been a part of the CEA Audit team for Pennsylvania since its inception in the early 90’s. She was instrumental in having all of Pennsylvania’s audits conducted electronically.

A Message from the President . . .

Susan Lockwood-Roberts, President

The New Year is well underway, and it won’t be long until we elect our next CEA Treasurer, Vice President, and President-Elect, along with two members to the CEA Standards Commission. I encourage you to read about our candidates and VOTE. The people chosen to fill these critical positions will continue to move this organization forward in a positive direction.

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on how far we have come since 2015. In the fall of 2015, our Executive Board was faced with the grim reality that CEA might need to declare bankruptcy. Thanks to the work of our Vice President, Betty Abbott, we are connected with Maryland Nonprofits, an organization that has provided guidance to us. Maryland Nonprofits also helped connect us with our accounting firm, the Goldin Group, which has advised us through a very difficult financial period.

In the spring of 2016, Region 5 Director Kim Barnette “rallied the troops” in Louisiana and sponsored a very profitable Leadership Forum in Marksville, Louisiana. Region 5 gave all of the profits from the Leadership Forum to CEA National. Later that summer, Region 7 Director Bob Holtz, with the help of executive board members and Region 5 and Region 7
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members, sponsored an unforgettable international conference in Long Beach, California. The profits from these two conferences were pivotal in keeping CEA solvent.

We have had several successful Leadership Forums and International Conferences since then, and we have had a very productive CEA Standards Commission, working hard to accredit correctional education programs across the country. In four years, we have gone from near-bankruptcy to a checkbook balance of approximately $250,000.

What else has happened since 2015? We revised our Constitution and our Policies and Procedures. We updated our mission statement and our goals. We launched a new website. We established a Vendor Advisory Board which led to a consistent, fair policy specific to sponsorships. We added three new members to the editorial board of the Journal of Correctional Education. We built a strong relationship with COABE (Coalition on Adult Basic Education) resulting in a “corrections-specific” strand of presentations at the national COABE conference, and a special corrections-themed edition of the COABE journal planned for publication later this year.

Since this past fall, CEA has been involved in several research proposals and projects, including an extensive study led by Dr. Susan Dewey of the University of Wyoming. Additionally, John Linton and Amy Lopez have represented CEA on a variety of federal policy initiatives. And, individuals from Australia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone have reached out to connect and collaborate with our organization.

Our Executive Board and our Standards Commission provides essential leadership to sustain CEA as the leading professional education organization for those working with justice-involved individuals. This organization is OUR organization, and we depend on participation from our members. Please take the time to carefully choose and vote for our next leaders. We have come a long way since 2015 and we want to continue the positive momentum!

2019 Forum and Region 3 & 4 Conference

Denise Justice and Della Morris Schaffran Conference Co-Chairs

Once again, we have the pleasure of co-hosting this event with the most dedicated and hardest working individuals who have made up this year’s planning committee. They have spent countless hours during the past year and a half working diligently to make this event, “Don't Stop Believin’, both informative and worthwhile.

Some of the highlights include a wide variety of quality, professional workshops, relevant and engaging keynote speakers, a large array of vendors that are specific to corrections and long-standing supporters of CEA, and numerous networking activities.

Beginning at noon on Sunday, April 7th, Coach Alisa Smedley will offer a Pre-Conference training workshop. Participants will discover various strategies that are sure to engage students, increase retention, and promote lifelong learning. This workshop will run from noon to 4:00 p.m., includes a break with snacks and beverages, and requires separate registration.

The Leadership Forum will officially kick off Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. with the President's Reception where we will acknowledge regional attendees, welcome new CEA members to the organization, present accreditation certificates, recap important work accomplished by the conference planning committee, the CEA Board, and other organizational committees. There will be a pizza and salad buffet immediately following the ceremony. The evening will conclude with musical entertainment and networking social.

There will be a wide variety of workshops presented throughout the remainder of the conference that include topics such as: assessment and innovation, juvenile and adult education, post-secondary education, career tech, technology, re-entry, and other general topics. There are two unique tours being offered. Plum Brook Nasa Glenn's Space Power Facility which contains the world’s largest space simulation chamber, measuring 100’ in diameter and 122’ high. The “behind-the-slides” tour of Kalahari will take you through the operations of the hotel, food service, maintenance, laundry, etc., as well as a look under the waterpark to see how this area is run. Registrations for both tours are limited.

The Region 3 and Region 4 Teacher of the Year Luncheon will close out this year’s training event. We will acknowledge and recognize Teacher of the Year finalists from both
2019 Forum and Region 3 & 4 Conference
Denise Justice and Della Morris Schaffran Conference Co-Chairs

We encourage everyone to take advantage of as many learning opportunities as possible. This is certainly a training event you will not want to miss. Be sure to visit with colleagues from other states to share your expertise and knowledge in your field and, remember, “Don’t Stop Believin’ that YOU make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

We Look forward to seeing everyone in Sandusky!

Program Allowing PELL Grants For Prisoners
Brian Walsh, Vera Institute of Justice

The Department of Education has confirmed that the Second Chance Pell Grant experiment will continue for a fourth year starting July 1, 2019. I know many of you have been preparing your funding requests so this isn’t new news; however, the Department of Education has announced that in year one, 8,500 students were awarded $13.2 million in Pell Grants, in year two 11,000 students were awarded $22 million, and half-way through year three, 10,000 students have received about $13.4 million. I applaud you on your absolutely amazing work!

Here is the brief announcement as reported by Politico –

Liz Hill, a department spokesperson, said in an email the department doesn’t yet have enough data to evaluate the program. “But we don’t want to deny any student the opportunity to receive the education they want and need while we wait to get conclusive results,” she said. Reported by Kimberly Hefling.

2018 PIAAC Research-to-Practice Conference
Susan Lockwood Roberts, CEA President

December’s PIACC research convening in Arlington, VA focused on the question Do U.S. Adults Have the Skills Needed to Thrive in the 21st Century?: 2018 AIR PIAAC Research-to-Practice Conference. More than 150 researchers, practitioners, professional developers, and policymakers attended the two-day conference, including representatives from government agencies, academic institutions, research and policy organizations, literacy programs, and foundations. Amy Lopez, CEA member from Washington, DC, participated as a discussant on two works that focused on the educational levels of incarcerated parents and the effects of the parents’ education on their children, and the effects of correctional education participation on post-release social outcomes. The convening reviewed and discussed research based on the 2014 PIACC data, some of which centered around prison education.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!
December, January

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