A Message From Your President
Kim B. Barnette, Ed.Sp., CEA Executive Board President

The Correctional Education Association and the Board of Directors would like to thank each one of you for your contribution to the education of those who desperately need our services.

Personally, I am proud of the work that our members do day-in and day-out, meeting the challenges that come with our chosen profession. In the past 2 years, we have been faced with challenges that no one could have foreseen.

In addition to resurrecting the teaching methods of the past, we must also appreciate and embrace the revelations of new technological methods which arose during the pandemic. I am convinced that this period of history in education will be viewed as we do the industrial revolution, a time of great change. Just as the introduction of the assembly line changed the industry, many of the new teaching methods invented in the past 2 years will forever change the face of education.

On a final note, during the CEA conference in Austin, I had the pleasure of meeting some of the greatest and most innovated teachers in our system. I encourage each of you to go to The CEA Givitas Community and share your successful teaching methods with the entire CEA membership. Do not allow the day-in and day-out of our daily grind to desensitize us from one another. This small action can forever change the lives of so many. Thank you all for your great service to our population!

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As the holiday season approaches in the coming months and we all reflect on both the minor and major accomplishments remember that you can support CEA through amazon. When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon makes a donation to CEA. All you have to do is click on the link below and shop on Amazon as you normally do. We would greatly appreciate you sharing the link with your family, friends, and colleagues. Any donation we receive can help further the mission of CEA. Shop Now!
A Message From Your Regional Directors...

On August 21st and 22nd, 2021, six of the eight Correctional Education Association’s (CEA) Regional Director met in Austin at the CEA Annual Conference and Board Meeting. It was great to have such a large representation of Regional Directors from across the country. They were energized and ready to get back to normal and back to work after a tough 2020. Of utmost importance to the Directors was the results of the Survey sent to the members of our mailing list.

The directors were very pleased with the response from our members. It was a good sampling from each Region and provided useful information the directors could act upon. The directors were mostly pleased with the desire and drive of their membership to get involved. It was a call to action and the directors are formulated plans to act upon.

Together, the directors decided to work on getting a visible presence with new and updated websites linked to the CEA National website. Beyond that, the directors are sharing ideas on best practices to create a better outreach and connection to the members.

It was wonderful to see my colleagues act swiftly in their response to the Survey. They realized the Survey had meaning and provided actionable items. Within the next few months you will see what we have created.

2021 Teacher of the Year Recipients

Region 1 Teacher of the Year- Melladee Waxmunsky

Melladee Waxmunsky was born in Williamsport, PA to Larry and Brigette Winter. She and her brothers, Martin and Marshall, grew up in Montoursville where she graduated High School in 2002. She always had an interest in the beauty industry and knew she would make a career out of it one day. Shortly after graduating high school, she enrolled in Empire Beauty School. After, she received her cosmetology license and then went on to earn her Instructor License in Cosmetology in 2008. She was then offered a teaching job with Empire Beauty School in Williamsport where she was awarded Educator of the Year in 2013. She traveled wherever she was needed as a substitute, at State College and Harrisburg and taught the Instructor’s program in Shamokin Dam. She left Empire in 2014 to start teaching at SCI Muncy to present day. She received the Outstanding Award Recipient for the Department of Corrections in 2020. Melladee is married to John, this year they celebrate 16 years together, they have four children; Kaylin, Harmony, Emma, and Liam. They stay very busy with the kid’s sports schedules in cheer, soccer, softball, football, and baseball. She is a volunteer for Canine Partners for Life (CPL) at SCI Muncy. She loves being outdoors and, in the sun, as much as possible and when she gets free time to herself she enjoys flower gardening and crafting.
Jen Bautz received a Bachelor degree from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in both Education and Music. She has earned over 40 graduate credits focusing on Education, Leadership, and Music Education from various Wisconsin universities. Ms. Bautz began her career in the public school system as a music teacher and choir director serving kindergarten through high school for 20 years.

The Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) is a secure treatment facility operated by DHS that houses DOC men and women with significant and persistent mental health concerns. Once WRC began recruiting for a licensed music educator, Ms. Bautz applied and accepted the position. She hit the ground floor running creating curriculum, handouts, visual aids, videos, and games for 20 classes! She found a new passion working in correctional education teaching adults with various mental and cognitive acuities. Jen’s classes include Treatment to Competency, Thinking for a Change, Basics of Music, Choir, Drum Circle, Guitar, Hip-Hop Studies, History of Rock N Roll, Holiday Traditions, Jazz Studies, Music Appreciation, Musical Styles, Music Theory and Composition, Music around the World, Piano, and Tone Chimes.

Since Ms. Bautz’s arrival at WRC, her students have commented on feeling less anxiety and isolative behaviors while increasing their energy, mood, socialization, and learning new coping skills. Jen has been transforming lives by making her students feel “human,” and “validated,” even if society shunned them. WRC’s Education Director, Chisim Metternich, stated that “Jen’s work is pioneering in the field of correctional education. She has taken a correctional niche, music, and transformed it into an educational phenomena that has resonated with people from all walks of life. Ms. Bautz’s work impacts many lives and blurs the lines between education and treatment.” Her Unit Supervisor, Brett VandeWalle, stated “The difference Jen has made on our unit is very impressive. We have had more positive outcomes in treatment and stabilization since her groups have started. The patients often come from very tough backgrounds and to see the excitement they have when Jen shows up for class each day is awesome. I have worked in a correctional setting for nearly 20 years, and have never witnessed a teacher engage with offenders the way Jen does. She truly makes an impact in their lives each and every day.”

Bono once said “Music can change the world because it can change people” and Jen has found her calling by doing just that - transforming lives!
Region 5 Teacher of the Year- Sametta Praker

Sametta’s parents used to always say that they knew she was going to be a teacher from the time she was about five years old. They loved to tell the story of how they bought her sister and her a little chalkboard for their play area, and they would invite the other children in their neighborhood to play school. Among them, were two sisters from China who did not speak English. According to her mother, when the girls’ parents came for them at the end of one play date, they refused to leave until their father addressed them in English rather than Mandarin. Now, she doesn’t have much memory of that particular incident, but she does know that she has had a penchant for teaching since she was very young that only compared to her love of theatre.

She comes from a long line of educators which goes as far back as her second great-grandmother on her father’s side. There were also two great grandmothers, one of whom was also a well-respected principal, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins at both the primary and post-secondary levels. When she left home for her first teaching job, her father gave her the school bell that had once belonged to her great-grandmother, and it holds pride of place in her home, even now.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee University in 1997, with a concentration in Secondary Language Arts and began her career in Pembroke Pines, Florida, followed by a brief period in Kent, Washington following the birth of her first child. She returned to Alabama to be closer to her mother, who had been diagnosed with cancer and began teaching Theatre Arts at Sidney Lanier High School.

It was during that time that she wrote two original plays produced by her students: Settin’ on the Porch and Dancing Without Music. Another: Life Story was not performed. With the assistance of a colleague, they also formed Poetry in Motion, a lyrical dance ensemble which performed at events in the local area. We also successfully re-chartered the school’s chapter of the International Thespian Society, which had been inactive for over a decade.

In 2005, she accepted an offer for a position with Three Springs, Incorporated (now known as Sequel TSI), an intensive medium security facility for juvenile males. While employed with Three Springs, she taught Language Arts and Reading to students in grades six through twelve, oversaw academic placement testing as well as statewide achievement testing for their students. Additionally, she was responsible for managing the library, including expanding the range of texts available to students and streamlining their automated circulation program.

In 2009, she returned to public school teaching with Huntsville City Schools where she taught middle school English first at Westlawn Middle School, before receiving a transfer to Davis Hills Middle School. It was at this time that their district received ARRA grants to implement technology and distance learning in the classroom. Using laptop computers and smartboard systems, she became interested in creating digital content that was both inclusive and engaging for her students.
Region 5 Teacher of the Year - Sametta Praker (continued)

She began creating simple interactive activities including online quizzes that allowed students to receive immediate feedback, video lessons to enhance content and digital textbooks which allowed students to work at their own pace.

She took a leave of absence from teaching in 2011 after her husband was diagnosed with renal failure shortly after moving to Arkansas to lead a church he was pastoring. Following his death in 2016, she returned to teaching part-time as an acting coach with the Jonesboro Foundation of Arts. From 2016 to 2020, she served as an artist-in-residence, teaching classes in beginning acting and adult performance and photography, as well as directing productions in the Foundation’s community repertory and serving as lead costumer and prop mistress from 2019 to 2020.

Since accepting the position as an Adult Education Instructor at Springer Correctional Center, she has been engaged in creating engaging interactive content for students, including presentations which incorporate 3-D models of human anatomy systems, instructional video content and challenging games to reinforce the teaching of concepts and encourage cooperative learning.

Region 8 Teacher of the Year - Frank Clem

Frank Clem is a former offender, correctional educator, and lay minister. He experienced dramatic changes in life while incarcerated for ten years. A dropout, Frank earned a GED. While incarcerated in Alabama, he earned a Diploma in Auto Mechanics from J F Ingram State Technical College and an AS Degree from Alexander City State Junior College in 1989, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Finishing his sentence, Frank was a Laubach Literacy tutor, and Instructor Aide in Auto Mechanics.

After prison, Frank was hired as Assistant Instructor in Auto Mechanics by JF Ingram in 1995, and earned a BS in Adult Vocational Education from Athens State College, graduating Summa Cum Laude. In 1998, he earned an MS in Counseling and Human Development from Troy State University in Montgomery, Alabama. He was promoted to Instructor, and re-assigned to academics. Frank developed numerous student development lessons for inmates, adapted these to a cluster of Basic Study Skills courses, and began teaching them in the College Prep segment of Ingram’s academics.

In 2002, Frank was promoted to Faculty Advisor of the Draper-Staton Campus, which included the Guidance Counselor function. After a year of processing disciplinaries, he returned to the classroom to instruct his BSS courses and Life-Skills. From 2003 until 2014, Frank instructed Developmental Academics in Reading, Language, Math and Personal Development, helping students qualify for Occupational Programs. In 2014, Ingram moved all Developmental Academics to the Adult Basic Education Department, and Frank continued as a GED Instructor. In 2017, Frank was re-assigned to instruct the Career Pathways Program at the Draper-Staton Center.
Region 8 Teacher of the Year- Frank Clem (continued)

Frank will celebrate 30 years as a correctional educator in July 2022. He was interviewed in three informative videos concerning adult literacy in prisons and jails; he’s authored and published two books; and written, recorded and published several songs. Booker T. Washington spoke to the effect that ‘success is not measured by the station occupied in life, but by the obstacles overcome along the way’. Frank’s personal motto is this: “I can never live down all the things I’ve done, but I can live above them by the power of God’s Son.”

CEA Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Fran Warsing

Dr. Fran Warsing is currently serving as the chairperson of the Standards Commission. She has been a CEA auditor for 10 years and has been a CEA member for 30 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.

CEA Advocate Award

Rhea Edmonds

Rhea serves as the Correctional Education Program Director for MTC. She has been with the college since 2010. Prior to joining MTC, Rhea worked as a reporter and editor, covering everything from arts and entertainment to education, economic development, city government, and human interest stories. She has taught creative writing to high school students in Upward Bound and has taught as an adjunct instructor for Marion Tech. Rhea is a member of Toastmasters International, and she earned her BA in Journalism from Howard University.
CEA Austin MacCormick Award

Heather M. Gay

In December of 1999, Heather M. Gay, began her career in the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). Heather is currently the State Assistant Administrator for Prisoner Education within the Offender Success Administration. She is responsible for supervising and directing the Vocational, Educational and Post-Secondary services for the department. Heather has served in various positions throughout her career within the MDOC including teacher, principal and programs manager.

Heather was recently elected to serve at Correctional Education Association President – Elect and will be sworn in this August. Heather was also elected to serve as President of the Association of State and Federal Directors of Correctional Education in 2018 and is still serving in that role. In this leadership role, she is assisting in revitalizing the national council of educational state directors and improving communication among all educational leaders throughout the nation.

Also, Heather assisted in leading the education team in the creation of the Vocational Village Model stemming from the Pathways from Prison to Post Secondary Grant Initiative. Under Heather’s leadership, Michigan has emerged as one of the nation’s leaders in the Second Chance Pell Grant initiatives increasing post-secondary opportunities for Michigan’s prison population.

Robert McGeorge

Robert McGeorge joined the Michigan Department of Corrections in January 2000 as a Building Trades Instructor. In 2014 he joined Central Office administration as the Departments Vocational Specialist and was promoted in 2017 to his current role of Assistant Education Manager. In this role, he assists in the oversight of the Departments Vital Documents, Workforce Development, Employment Readiness, and Vocational Programs. Robert also oversees the grants received for the Education Department. During his time as the Vocational Specialist, Robert was highly involved with the creation and implementation of the Vocational Village model now used in 3 locations across Michigan and replicated by several other states.
# CEA Statement of Financial Position As of June 30th, 2021

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February - September

**Alaska**
- Michael Clark

**Alabama**
- Joeanne Young Ashley
- Virgin Kathryn Graddy
- Margaret Shippen John Whitman

**Arizona**
- Robyn Aguilar
- Elizabeth Alcantara
- Mary Alexander
- Darah Beeles
- Richard Bensing
- Cynthia Berens
- Kathrina Black
- Ralph Braseth
- Qwayne Bright
- Sandra Casad
- Joseph Christensen
- Sara Colbert
- Felicia Davis
- Linda Davis
- Gregory Denning
- Ronelle DeVillers
- Natalie Eggers
- Carolina Flores
- Hector Guanajuato
- Hussam Hammed
- Faith Ingersoll
- Thomas Johnson
- Louis Joseph
- Connie Konrath
- Ivan Lee
- Yesenia Lipps
- Sandra Lucero
- Samantha McCullough
- Keith Munson
- Jennifer Pena
- Lisa Preston
- Liliana Rascon-Valdez

**California**
- Benjamin Reyna
- Danna Rivera
- Shari Sidransky
- Gaye Sims
- Aubrey Spivey
- Nicole Sullivan
- Karen Sutter-Lorson
- William Tarbush
- Gracious Tembo
- Jayne Turnbull
- Miranda Valencia
- Nathan Wilson
- Adam Young
- Artisha Young

**Colorado**
- Cathy King

**Connecticut**
- Lisa Simone

**Florida**
- Kimberly Aher
- Claudia Batista
- Luis Ceruti
- Ray Childs
- David Cobb
- Rebecca Corrigan
- Brittany Dawson
- Carla Ford
- Bryce Forrester
- Kenneth Golson
- Jennifer Harrell
- Carolyn High
- Kaylea Layton

**Georgia**
- Allison Marek
- Carolyn McBean
- Viola Omega
- Jason Pennington
- Rebecca Porter
- Heather Rainey
- Allen Richardson
- Adam Ryalls
- Melissa Sawyer
- Anna Schubarth
- R. Allan Thornton
- Carlos Valdes
- Alicia Warren
- John Weidert

**Iowa**
- Linda Houchins
- Derald Jones

**Illinois**
- Daniel Effrein

**Indiana**
- Jennifer Sinclair
- Scott Rogers
- Marie LeBlanc
- Susan Southey
- James Sullivan

**Massachusetts**
- Taryn Capozzi
- Michael Connors
- Meghan Crowley
- Linda Delman
- Colleen Dolan
- Laureen Doolan
- Carlos Espendez
- Bernadette Kennedy-Cox
- Robert Kennedy Jr
- Kristen Hallinan
- Mary Haynes
- Darla Lamanna
- Mark Black
- Mackenzie Niness
- Smith Williams
- Smith Williams Jr

**Maine**
- Maria MacDougal

**Maryland**
- Richard Ashley
- Brandon Andersen
- Brian Andrews
- Ellen Baron
- Craig Beck
- Jonelle Beneteau
- Jill Besteman
- Brent Blair
- Jenna Blair
- Karri Bollinger
- Arianna Bott
- James Bozung
Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Lori Brown
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Cristian Brunett
Rolland Carman
Lori Calcaterra
Katherine Clancy
Jodie Clemons
Kyle Coblentz
Makenzie Cochran
Wanda Cole
Douglas Compo
Kim Corcoran
Kimberly Coulson
Derrick Crum
Mitch Cullinan
Bradley Dean
Christopher Dean
Sandra DeCaire
Brent Drake
Dorsie Dubie
Matthew Dunaj
Brenda Dunn
Kevin East
Chandra Elliott
Louis Elter
Christina Enrici
James Evans
Jeni Faber
Gabriel Forkel
Taryn Francis
Marcia Freeman-GLanton
Erica Gamble
Adrienne Gates
Oja Glenn
Jacob Gorden
Zachary Grennell
Jamie Griffith
Kimberly Hall
Kibrea Habtemariam
Chad Haney
Joshua Hankins
Joshua Hans
Amy Harpowski
Tabetha Harvey
Gregory Hauck
Jolena Hawkins

Jenna Helinski
Andy Hengesbach
Jimmy Hill
Earnest Hines
Karen Hins
David Horvath
Amie Hostetler
Derek Irwin
Melody Isaacson
Scott Jette
Kiegel Johnson
Gerald Johnston
Dawn Jones
Patrick Jones
Dan Kauffman
Kevin Kelso
Jarod Kent
Sarah Kienitz
Angelia Kinasz
Spencer Kinney
Pamela Kryscio
Tonya Kulczyski
Raymond Ladd
Debra Laidler
Kelsi Lamaire
Kyle Lavacque
Joseph Lienhart
Jason Lindgren
Dawn Little
Jacob Litwiller
Nick Male
Hunter May
Jessica McCurdy
Janet McCleery
Tracy McDonough
Dean McGregor
Renee McKinney
Steve McNulty
Theresa Meador
William Meier
Craig Moore
Mohammad Moradi
Scott Morris
Stephan Morris
Joan Murine
Jamie Myers

Giuseppe Naccarato
Heather Painter
Shane Peterman
Paul Phelps
Justin Pleviski
Paul Precour
Amanda Pope
Lisa Reed
Dianne Richardson
Thomas Richey
Lisa Rivera
Erik Rosendale
Michael Ruben
Nicole Sawyers
Martha Sayles
Ronald Seaberry
Dan Seal
Ronald Sego
Rosemary Seidl
Alan Selbig
Brandon Selling
Audrey Seymour
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Kari Shie
Mark Shrum
Roger Slavik
Matthew Smith
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Andrea Strong
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Laresha Thornton
James Tomlinson
Robert Torp
Ernest Travick
Denise Trepanier
Pamela Trout
Ronald Vansumeren
Gregory Veit
Rose Villegas

Tammara Watkins
Cecila Webb
Aaron Weller
Wendy Wiles
Joseph Wilsey
Anthony Wohlscheid
Lynn Wood
Rebecca Woycehowski
Charity Wright
Joey Wright
Thomas Wright
Mark Ybarra
Matthew Yeager
Charles Young
Jessica Zima
Stanley Zurek

Minnesota

Kjersten Skatvold

Montana

Bill Carney

Mississippi

Misty Hughes

Montana

Karla Anderson Sherry
Carlson Carolyn
Murphy Karl Ortman

North Carolina

Brooke Wheeler
Shanon White

Nebraska

Randall Farmer
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New Hampshire
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New Jersey
Nambiar Rajan
Rakima Stokes

Nevada
Deb Conrad
Carla Kuhn
R. Bruce Pierce
Leilani Shive

New York
Jamel Wright

Ohio
Kilian
Gwyn Adkins
Dustin Bishop
Mary Deloe
Divine Fondem
Bill Gallagher
Carrie McKinley
Tammy Shelton
Tonya Toliver
Jason Wyant

Oklahoma
Ricky Grant
Wendy Mitchell

Oregon
Lauri Babcock
Cherril Beecroft

Pennsylvania
Crystal Bennett
Merrie Brinck
Kevin Bradley
Nathan Burgess
Christine Coyne
Teresa Durkin
Liz Engblom
Dan Fuller
Becky Furstenberg
Michelle George
Anita Goodwin
Dulce Hays
Katy Holdman
Deb Jensen
Garth Johnson
Jennifer Johnston-Carsten
Greg Jones
Tammy Kennedy
Tammy Krawczyk
Kathy Maclean
Andrew Mathe
Linda McDowell
Noreen Monte
Sarah Mooney
Patrick Moore
Wade Muller
Emily Murr
Janet Norton
Ellen Nunez
Javier Pacheco
Crystal Patton-Doherty
Brilynn Reed
Tina Renk
Jim Schmid
Shannon Schuette
Jay Sklenar
Karen Sheppard
Ali Stabenow
Kevin Tompos
Jason Villers
Tim Vrolyks
Ibrahim Yansaneh

Jeanine Youncs
Jeremy Yraguen

Puerto Rico
Maria Toro

South Carolina
Chuck Davis
Sophie Spivey

Tennessee
Alfonzo Alexander
Brenda Haywood

Texas
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Martha Brantley
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Charla Griffin
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Cassandra Myers
Andy Owens

Utah
Christopher Sillivan

Virginia
Jennifer Austin
Sandra Himelright
Tamara Lindquist
Kevin Monroe

Washington
Greg Adamski
Hanan Al-Zubaidy
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Kristen Morgan
Steve Smith
Jayme Peterson
Angelica Pravettoni
Kelly Ritches
Sultana Shabazz
Guy Slover
Brian Snover
Gerard Woodlief

Wisconsin
Sabrina Anderson
Michelle Buehl
Carrie Campanelli
Kari Ives
Marjorie May
Wendy Patterson
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- Standards Commission Chair: Fran Warsing
- Council of Directors’ Representative: Kristina Hartman
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CEA 2022 Upcoming Events

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