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

As we all begin a new year and prepare to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope that we never forget how a public health emergency profoundly changed correctional education, forced us all to understand how outcomes can be achieved in an unconventional manner, and the importance of working together. For those of you who have known me for years, know that I have always encouraged young educators to become more involved in their profession, as I believe that a stagnate professional can never reach their potential. Over the past year, I have witnessed a nationwide community of educators work as a team to teach as never seen before. Through this teamwork, I have seen classroom teachers become leaders and rise to new heights as if their wings have developed at a record pace. As an educator at the end of a four-decade career, I could not be more proud of the teamwork and leadership that I have had the privilege of witnessing over the past year. It is this rise in coordinated growth and leadership that let’s me know that correctional education will continue to grow for decades to come.

With the passage of PELL for All and the FAFSA Simplification Act, I feel as though the time between 1994, when PELL was halted for the incarcerated population of state and federal prisons, and now, is being erased, but the fight for the rights for all qualified persons to attend college should never stop. The Correctional Education Association must continue to be the voice for those who want to be educated.

No incarcerated person, whether housed in a state facility, federal facility, jail, detention center, work release facility, or otherwise, should be denied the right to continued education. And it is up to us, the educators, to remind the public that it is in their best interest to educate this population, rather than having them waste their time lying on a bed dreaming of what they could become.

Please join me in 2022, and tell all who will listen, “Education is the best solution to reducing recidivism and reducing crime. Correctional Education saves lives!” Thank you for your great service, and Happy New Year!

CEA Givitas
Don’t forget! CEA has a member only platform that allows you to communicate with your fellow educators to provide support, ask for help, and to further your passion for correctional education. Make sure you create your account today! Go to cea.givitas.com to sign up. You have the option of creating your account by linking your LinkedIn account, Google account, or your email. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the National Office at 443-459-3080 or email Kiara Graham at kwilson@ceanational.org.
The Correctional Education Association of Ohio held a virtual conference on October 15th, 2021. The conference was attended by over 175 CEA-O members. Workshops were presented by a diverse group of presenters on several topics including universal design for learning, implicit bias, emotional intelligence, positive school culture, and chair yoga!

The CEA-O Executive Board met on November 13-14, 2021 to work on constitutional and by-law revisions to make the organization more flexible and to ensure the organization is ready to move forward in the post-pandemic world. The Constitutional changes will be presented to the membership and voted on as prescribed in the current constitution with the next regular election cycle. Edits and revisions are ongoing.

Donald Barker was sworn in as Vice President to fill a vacancy. Don has been a correctional educator for over 15 years and has been active in CEA-O as well as CEA Region III. We look forward to having another great correctional educator and CEA member on the Executive Board. This will allow Janet Carter to resume her role as Immediate Past President and enjoy a little break as she has been Vice President, President, and serving as the interim Vice President for the past 6 months.

CEA-O is looking forward to a return to in-person conferences in 2022!

The Case for Digital Literacy in Correctional Education

The workplace landscape in the United States is rapidly transforming. Workers are expected to be fluent in a wide variety of digital technologies and also have the capacity to adapt to new and ever-changing technologies. According to “Digital Skills for an Equitable Recovery1,” at least 48 million U.S. workers lack these essential skills. Moreover, they lack access to high-quality training that would empower them to increase their digital skill levels.

Beyond simply lacking core digital skills, a significant number of potential workers reportedly have no digital skills. They were unable to complete the PIAAC digital skills assessment2, which requires three baseline criteria to be met: 1) prior computer use, 2) willingness to take a computer-based assessment, and 3) ability to complete four out of six very basic computer tasks, such as using a mouse or highlighting text on the screen.

Ensuring that detained and adjudicated juvenile and adult students have foundational digital literacy skills is paramount for successful reentry into and viability in today’s job market. Correctional educators can play a critical role in unlocking doors to opportunity by cultivating a pipeline of “digital haves3” who can meet the demands of the growing sector of middle-skill jobs that do not require a bachelor’s degree, but do require baseline digital skills.

Fortunately, correctional educators have a growing list of curriculum resources to utilize. For example, the Computers: One Click at a Time workbook serves to empower both teachers and students. It equips adult learners with gateway computer skills, including use of a mouse, keyboard, e-mail, and the Internet. It also helps more advanced learners gain experience with office productivity software such as word processing and spreadsheets. In the area of career readiness, students receive best practices for searching for employment, interviewing, and creating a resume opportunities to practice what they have learned. Additionally, instructors are provided with an online Teacher’s Guide featuring easy-to-use tips and tools for delivering high-quality instruction.
The Case for Digital Literacy in Correctional Education

These instructional materials align to the Northstar digital literacy standards and can prepare learners for industry-recognized credentials. The economy will continue to evolve through technological shifts. Correctional education is not immune to these shifts and must leverage digital literacy curricula to spur better economic access and a more equitable future for justice-involved workers.

Indiana Corrections Educators Complete Comprehensive Professional Development Program

Teaching in a corrections classroom comes with unique challenges. Often, corrections educators have little to no preparation for teaching special populations, implementing pedagogy or inspiring transformative changes. In addition, corrections classrooms are often compared to one-room schoolhouses, where educators encounter learners whose skill levels vary significantly.

More than 80 educators and administrators from the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) gained the skills and knowledge needed to effectively navigate these challenges. Each of these educators and administrators completed a four-part professional development program presented by Paradigm Education Solutions in collaboration with Ivy Tech Community College, an educational partner with the IDOC.

In October and November of 2021, educators attended two full-day, in-person professional development sessions in Indianapolis, Indiana. Facilitators Coach Alisa Smedley and Dr. Geleana Alston provided educators with evidence-based practices for teaching in a corrections classroom, navigating the corrections culture and engaging adult learners. Following each in-person session, Smedley and Alston met with educators and administrators in a series of online sessions designed to foster small group discussion about the challenges that are unique to the corrections environment and how to address them effectively.

“The correctional classroom is very different from a K-12 or vocational setting. Many obstacles to learning present themselves: institutional lockdowns, skill level disparities, lack of interest—to name a few,” explained Smedley. “A skilled correctional educator knows how to pivot when faced with such daily challenges. As educators, we play a critical role in preparing our students for successful reentry if we are well trained ourselves.”

Smedley further acknowledged that professional development and ongoing training have a significant impact on equipping educators to foster student engagement and re-entry preparedness.

“Many students have never had the proper ‘soil’ in which to learn, grow and thrive as students. When an effective correctional educator engages with the learner, the learner can truly change and begin to grow,” said Smedley. “Every student represents a family and a community. Educators have the wonderful opportunity to change a student’s life trajectory by preparing them for release.”
2022 CEA Leadership Forum

We are elated to host the 2022 CEA Leadership Forum on the west coast in Long Beach, California. We will host this transformative event at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located at 200 S Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802. Our deadline for our Call for Presentations is January 15th. We were able to secure a fantastic room rate of $160 per night for non-government employees and $120 per night for government employees with ANY government agency ID.

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Exhibitors Register Today

Keynote Speaker for the 2022 CEA Leadership Forum

We are excited to welcome Lois M Davis as our Keynote speaker for the 2022 CEA Leadership Forum in Long Beach, California. Lois M. Davis (Ph.D., Public Health, University of California at Los Angeles) is a Senior Policy Researcher at RAND with expertise in correctional education, prisoner re-entry, and public safety. Dr. Davis has over 30 years experience in conducting program evaluations and working with agencies and organizations involved in service provision, policymaking, or the administration of programs. She currently is leading an assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on correctional education within state prison systems. She co-authored the 2021 guidebook What Corrections Officials Need to Know to Partner with Colleges to Implement College Programs in Prisons. Davis also is leading the evaluation of California’s County Resentencing Pilot Program. Past research includes evaluation of the Minnesota Department of Corrections’ Career Navigators Program; evaluation of the three-state “Pathways from Prison to Post-Secondary Education” demonstration project that provided access to college programs to incarcerated adults; and the national evaluation funded under the Second Chance Act to assess the effectiveness of correctional education programs for incarcerated adults.
2022 CEA Leadership Forum
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
200 S Pine Ave
Long Beach, CA 90802
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**Full Registration**
(Includes President’s Reception Sunday, Breakfast, Lunch Monday, and Lunch Tuesday)

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~ $160/Night ~

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Fax: 443-459-3088
Email: registration@ceanational.org
2022 Call for Nominations

This year we are requesting nominations for the Executive Board Secretary, two (2) Standards Commissioners, the Region 4 Director, and the Region 6 Director. Submit your nomination today!

Nominations must be received by February 1, 2022.
Nominees must provide written consent, bio (maximum or 75 words) and picture by February 15, 2022.
Electronic elections will open February 16, 2022 to all eligible voters. Elections will close March 1, 2022.

Secretary

Eligible candidates must be a current member of CEA and willing to become an ACA member. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining and distributing official records of the Executive Board activities, most specifically the minutes of the Board meetings. The position chairs the Awards Committee and serves on the Policy and Procedure Committee.

Standards Commissioners

Eligible candidates must be a current member of CEA have been a teacher in a correctional setting or correctional educator for a minimum of three years and a CEA member for same period of time. Should be familiar with CEA Standards. Must be available to attend at least two meetings per year and participate in monthly conference calls.

Region IV Director

Eligible candidates must be a current member of CEA. The Region 4 Director is responsible for Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It is the duty of the Region 4 Director to:
• Provide leadership to Region IV during his/her term of office,
• Preside at meetings of the Region IV Executive Board,
• Preside at meetings of the Region IV membership,
• Represent Region IV to other organizational affiliates,
• Attend National Executive Board meetings, and
• Appoint committees and chairs as needed.

Region VI Director

Eligible candidates must be a current member of CEA. The Region 6 Director is responsible for Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, and Yukon. It is the duty of the Region 6 Director to:
• Provide leadership to Region VI during his/her term of office,
• Preside at meetings of the Region VI Executive Board,
• Preside at meetings of the Region VI membership,
• Represent Region VI to other organizational affiliates,
• Attend National Executive Board meetings, and
• Appoint committees and chairs as needed.
CEA Awards
Andrea Buttross, Awards Committee Chair

Austen MacCormick Award
The CEA sponsors several awards annually to worthy recipients. The Austin MacCormick Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated best practices. The winner must be a CEA member. The practices/program should be able to be replicated and implemented by correctional educators in order to develop or modify their own program. The deadline to apply for this award is June 1st.

Lifetime Achievement Award
The Lifetime Achievement Award may be presented to someone who has made a major contribution to the field of correctional education during their professional work life. The award will honor an individual’s longevity within the profession because he/she provided leadership, vision and momentum toward excellence. The Lifetime Achievement Award may be awarded to a teacher, counselor, supervisor, manager, administrator, aide, employee of CEA, or any other position which involved education as its primary duty. This award, however, is not for someone who has only given a few years of service, gained sudden notoriety, or given political support in the short term; it is meant to reflect a lifetime of service to the correctional education field. The honor can be awarded posthumously or to someone still living. In any given year if there are no nominations, or if a nomination does not meet the eligibility criteria, the award will not be presented. The deadline for application is June 1st.

Correctional Education Advocate Award
The Correctional Education Advocate Award is an award for a candidate who skillfully promotes the purpose of correctional education, actively campaigns to initiate and continue educational programming in correctional settings; enthusiastically supports correctional educators and their students; proficiently defends the significance of correctional education and publicly places a value on educating inmates. The deadline for the application is June 1st.

Teacher of the Year
Lastly, the CEA recognizes teaching excellence by celebrating Teacher of the Year winners from each of the CEA Regions. Each Region is encouraged to select a Teacher of the Year to be recognized at the upcoming national conference. Regional Directors are encouraged to select their teachers soon and to submit their information by June 1st to the National Office and the National Secretary (Awards Committee Chair).

Complete information and nomination forms regarding each of the awards is available on the www.ceanational.org website, or e-mail Andrea.Buttross@la.gov for more information.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

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Richard Andersen
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Save the date!

CEA 2022 Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 20 - Tuesday, March 22 in Long Beach, California

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