Tuesday Night Teacher of the Year Gala

Kiara Graham, CEA Executive Assistant

At this year’s 77th CEA International Conference & Training Event, CEA will honor the Teachers of the Year on Tuesday night! We want everyone to come together to celebrate the achievements of these phenomenal teachers. Make sure you take full advantage of this conference to hone your craft, learn, and network with teachers just like you. More information regarding the theme of this event will be available in the next few weeks. Peggy and I look forward to seeing everyone at Teacher of the Year Gala!

Correctional Education Symposium

There is still time to register for the Correctional Education Symposium on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. This event is free for all CEA members and completely virtual. Register Now!
77th CEA International Conference and Training Event
August 20—23, 2023
Hyatt Regency Portland
375 NE Holladay St, Portland, Oregon 97232
Phone: 971-222-1234

Full Registration
**Must be postmarked by the dates below to receive rate**
Conference registration includes Sunday Reception, Monday morning breakfast, Tuesday continental breakfast, Tuesday lunch, Tuesday TOY Gala, and Wednesday Brunch

**Please contact Kiara Graham at kwilson@ceanational.org if interested in becoming a member to take advantage of member rate.**

Full Registration
Before July 21st:
- $520 CEA Member
- $585 Non-Member
- $450 Retiree/Student

On-Site Registration
- $620 CEA Member
- $685 Non-Member
- $500 Retiree/Student

After July 21st:
- $570 CEA Member
- $635 Non-Member
- $475 Retiree/Student

Meal Tickets:
- $60 Sunday Reception
- $59 Tuesday Lunch
- $105 Tuesday TOY Gala
- $55 Wednesday Brunch

___ YES, I will attend the Council of Directors Leadership Meeting held from 8:00 am—4:30 pm August 20th. (Cost of attendance $115)

One Day Registration
Monday: (includes breakfast)
- $175 CEA Member
- $240 Non-Member

Tuesday: (includes continental breakfast, lunch & TOY Gala)
- $300 CEA Member
- $365 Non-Member

TOTAL CONFERENCE PAYMENT: $_________________________

***The room rate is $182 per night. Please use the link below to reserve your room.***

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**Non-Members**
If you are currently not a CEA Member, a membership application submitted four (4) weeks prior to submitting this registration form to www.ceanational.org will enable you to take advantage of the current member discount for the International Conference and Training registration.

Return Registration form and fees made payable to
“CEA Region 6” to:
Haley Speiser
1934 Wyott Dr
Cheyenne, WY 82002
or scan and email the form to registration@ceanational.org
2023 Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive and Regional board members. New Officers will be sworn in at the 77th CEA International Conference & Training Event.

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Region 8
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CEA Joins Forces with Make-A-Smile
Peggy Kaiser, CEA Executive Director

At the February CEA Executive Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to join forces with Make-A-Smile. Our mission is to assist in the fundraising efforts to help rebuild playgrounds, baseball fields, soccer fields and park shelters. When hosting a CEA state, regional or national conference, please consider a raffle or auction where proceeds can be donated to Make-A-Smile. The first article below talks about where it all began. The second article describes the upcoming project.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Lost Creek project in October, please send Peggy Kaiser, CEA Executive Director, your contact information.

SCDC Employees Help Make-A-Smile (article #1)
Clark Newsom with Public Affairs for South Carolina Corrections Association

After witnessing the destruction of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, many people were moved to help those in need in the state of Louisiana. Professionals in the field of criminal justice joined others in sending food, supplies, their labor, and prayers. A year after the storm, there was still much left to be done. A small group of people who worked in corrections gathered at a meeting of the North American Wardens and Superintendents Association (NAAWS) to discuss how they could help. They were joined by members of the Correctional Peace Officer’s Foundation (CPOF). It was pointed out that while there were obviously many needs in the areas affected by the storm, one that had greatly affected children was the loss of parks and recreation facilities to storm damage. Unfortunately, that was not high on the priority list. So that became the focus of the group’s efforts and was one of the main reasons the name for their project became “Make-a-Smile”.

Long time SCDC employee, Cecilia Reynolds, now retired after most recently serving as the warden at Lee Correctional Institution, was one of more than 30 past and present wardens from eight different states who helped rebuild parks and recreational facilities in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans through the Make-a-Smile project.

Since that time, Make-a-Smile has stepped in to do similar projects in five other states affected by storm damage and flooding. From September 30 through October 6, 2018, the group joined students and members of a local Rotary Club from Albany, Louisiana, a town of just 1,100 people, in building a park and playground. Reynolds and Shyathia (Shy) Duncan, who works at Goodman CI, were part of that construction team. They were also involved in building another park in nearby Clinton, Louisiana during the week.

Prior to leaving for Louisiana to take part in the latest building project, Reynolds and Duncan were presented with a check from the SCCA at the Women’s Task Force Conference to be donated to the Make-a-Smile project “The results of the Make-a-Smile project gives children, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, something positive and fun to do with their time,” said Reynolds. “If it helps keep just one child out of trouble and away from a possible life in prison, it will have been worth it.”
May 2023

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CEA Joins Forces with Make-A-Smile

Lost Creek Make-A-Smile Project (article #2)
Jeff Crawford, Director of Detention, Farmville Detention Center, Farmville, Virginia and President of NAAWS

In July 2022, Lost Creek, Kentucky suffered a devastating hundred-year flood. Torrential rain flooded from the hilltops down into the valleys resulting in forty-three people losing their lives in this natural disaster. Entire homes were washed away, and many others were destroyed and unable to be restored. Many people lost everything they owned.

The only playground and ballpark that existed in this community was at Riverside Christian School. Kids from all over would gather to play ball and soccer or just have fun in the playground. The flood took all of that away. Make-A-Smile volunteers want to help the Lost Creek community by restoring the park and installing a new playground. When communities experience a natural disaster, restoring parks and playgrounds is often at the bottom of the list after rebuilding homes and communities. The week of October 9th, 2023, Make-A-Smile will respond to this community to make a significant difference in Lost Creek.

Using an all-volunteer labor force, a new and safe playground will be rebuilt. With enough fundraising, the hope is to restore the ballparks with new fencing, dugouts, goals, and grass and add a picnic shelter. This is an ambitious project that will take many hands to build and a lot of funds to purchase the supplies needed. Will you please consider helping the children of this community?

Since 2006, Make-A-Smile has completed numerous projects just like this one in communities affected by natural disasters all over the United States. We do it for the children. Every dollar raised goes towards these projects. The more money raised; the more things can be built in the community. Additionally, Make-A-Smile is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. For more information on Make-A-Smile and the project in Lost Creek, or to see our previous community projects, please visit us at make-a-smile.org. To see information on the flood and the effect it had on Riverside Christian School, please visit www.riversidechristian.org/projects-6. If you’d like to contribute financially, attached is the link to our GoFundMe Campaign for Lost Creek: https://gofund.me/f0548291 Thank you in advance for contributing to the lives of the children of this community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
On October 28, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education published final regulations that provide a framework for how to implement Pell reinstatement and ensure high-quality postsecondary education in correctional facilities. These provisions outline the steps that postsecondary institutions must follow to create PEPs that are eligible for Pell Grant funds. In addition, the regulations require robust data collection and reporting to support the Department of Education in its assessment of program outcomes. The regulations will take effect on July 1, 2023.

The fact sheet below highlights the main points of the Department of Education’s regulations and presents a simplified version of the processes they describe.

Accessing Pell Grants for College Programs in Correctional Settings

***Please submit your best practice to Peggy Kaiser, pkaiser@ceanational.org, which may be included in the next newsletter.***

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

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CEA 2023 Upcoming Events

- **2023 CEA Region I Conference:** May 9 - 11, 2023 in Niagara Falls, New York
- **Correctional Education Symposium:** May 16, 2023
- **77th CEA International Conference & Training Event:** August 20 - 23, 2023 in Portland, Oregon
- **78th CEA International Conference & Training Event:** July 28 - 31, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio

**International Conferences**

European Prison Education Association (EPEA) 18th International Conference
“Education in Prisons: Everyday Challenges, Experiences, and Solutions”

Hotel Klubben in Tønsberg, Norway.
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A Message From Your Executive Director...

Happy Spring!

Hard to believe the Forum took place three months ago in New Orleans and the annual conference and training event is only three months away! The planning committee is well on its way to putting together an outstanding event. Call for Presentations, sponsorship and registration information is posted on our website https://ceanational.org/conferences/. There is one important change to this year’s annual conference and training event. The Teacher of the Year Gala will be held on Tuesday night! In past years, it has been on Monday night. The order of the program changed because the venue for the Gala was not available on Monday. Please plan to stay for the Tuesday night event!

Mark your calendar to attend the first correctional symposium co-hosted by CEA and COABE on May 16. The virtual event will kick off with a panel of formally incarcerated individuals and how education changed their lives. Please register for the symposium here.

Over the past several months, I have been reviewing and updating various CEA documents, policies, and forms. The CEA Constitution is one of the next documents up for review. There are several updates and changes that need to be considered. These amendments to the CEA Constitution must be voted and approved by our membership. Please watch for any emails in the next several months regarding amendments to our Constitution.

Next week, I will be attending the Region I conference in Niagara Falls, New York. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces that I have met in the past. If your state or region is hosting a conference and training event, please contact the national office so it can be posted to our website.

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you in Portland, Oregon!

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