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Hello!

I would like to thank you all for the support and participation that was shown at our most recent CEC conference. We are looking forward to continue our partnership with Idaho Parents Unlimited and the department of education. As we move into the heart of the school year we hope that the conference provided both an energizing and thought provoking experience. We hope that during any tough times the memory of a Tim Harris hug makes you smile.

We have already started approaching keynotes for next year and have confirmed that we will have an exciting and motivational set of speakers for Friday in Jason Skeesuck and Patrick Gray. If that doesn't ring a bell google "I'll Push You".

In the meantime, stay energized, stay alert, and most of all stay current on new developments. The Idaho literacy initiative is starting. Be vigilant and aware that it provides an *extra* resource to students with disabilities – not a replacement for existing services. One of the challenges is to make sure our students get what they need to be successful, if they are not included in this well-funded initiative stand up and speak up!

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is coming. Soon there will be new monitoring and accountability for the performance of student with disabilities relative to their non-disabled peers. This is a good thing! But it means that a special educator can't do it alone. Work hard to bridge the gap with your regular education counterparts focus on inclusion, education, and best practice.

When possible attend as many trainings on literacy and reading as possible. Truly I feel that improving student reading skills is key to their success...

That said, I am off the soapbox! Remember how much of a difference you can make... Just 250 special educators can affect over 70,000 lives in ten years!

With much love and respect,

Julian Duffey

Idaho CEC President



Thank you for choosing the Idaho Council for Exceptional Children

The Idaho CEC thanks all of our 2016 conference attendees for choosing us for SPED professional development in Idaho. Stay tuned for details about Idaho CEC 2017!

Board Member Elections!



CEC is holding elections for three positions Vice-President, Treasurer, and Representative

VICE PRESIDENT—during the first year, the Vice-President’s main responsibility is to learn about the workings of CEC, help with the organization’s strategic plan and begin preparing for the next year’s conference. The second year the VP becomes the President-Elect with the main responsibility being that of chairing the annual conference and assisting with the organizations functions. The third year finds this elected official in the capacity of President where leadership is the focus. Finally, the fourth year, as Past President, one moves into a more supportive role to the CEC organization.

TREASURER- The treasurer is the chief financial officer of the unit, and serves as the authorized custodian of the unit’s funds. The responsibilities deal primarily with monetary transactions. The treasurer keeps an accurate and detailed account of all monies received and disbursed. (a two year position)

REPRESENTATIVE - The Representative is a liaison between our State CEC Board and the National CEC Board of Directors. Idaho has two Representatives who attend National meeting as a voice from Idaho and keeps our state organization up to date on the latest national developments. (a two year position)

Idaho CEC Members will receive an email for a link to the elections

Read up on our nominees on the next two pages

Idaho CEC Board Member Nominees

Vice President

William Morris

William currently served as the Special Populations Coordinator for the Idaho State Department of Education Federal Programs and currently serves as the Special Education Director for Weiser School District. Bill has a passion for special education and is a life-long proponent of students with disabilities.

M. Russell Rapp

- School Psychologist
- College Professor
- Special Education Teacher (K-12 experience)
- PhD Educational Psychology
- M.Ed Human Exceptionality
- Idaho Special Olympics (Area Director/Area Liaison)
- Founder/President CHAMPS
- Member Idaho Falls Community Transition Team (IFCTT, 15 years)
- Facilitator Disability Mentoring Day (12 years)
- Journalist (television/newspaper, 10 years, certified in Journalism/Graphic Arts)
- JC Penney Golden Rule Award Winner (4 times)
- KIFI TV-8 Eight Who Make a Difference Award Winner
- Idaho Association of Secondary School Principals Friend of Education Award Winner
- Former member Idaho Psychological Association
- Member Association of Behavior Analysis
- CEC Conference attendee/presenter (8 years)
- Member CEC
- Keynote Speaker EITC Faculty Retreat
- Keynote Speaker/Presenter Idaho Association of Alternative School Professionals
- Published Researcher
- Author

Treasurer

Lisa Perry

Lisa has served as the treasurer for CEC for the past two terms (4 Years). Lisa has been a special education teacher since 1999. She has been a Consulting Teacher and Supervisor for Nampa School District and has been a Director of Special Education at INSPIRE since 2014. Lisa has been a member of CEC since 1999. She has been an officer in DCDT, and Idaho CEC. Lisa has been a volunteer at National CEC for 3 years and has participated in CASE, DLD, IDADD and DCDT. Lisa believes that being an active participant in CEC has benefited her as a professional and as a parent of a child with disabilities.

Douglas Sato

Douglas serves as the Dean/Sped Director/Title I Director at the Village Charter School in Boise, Idaho. Douglas has been a Corporate officer for 30 years including as an auditor for Price-Waterhouse Coopers, Finance Division Ore-Ida Foods, Finance BP Amoco, Chief Administrative Officer Industrial Storage Systems, 6 years in education - Dean of Students, Special Education Director, Special Education Teacher. Douglas has also served as the President Disabled Sports USA, Chairperson for Adaptive PSIA-NI, and on the Audit Committee Japanese American Citizen's League. His undergraduate degree is in accounting and many of his corporate positions have involved finance/accounting. Douglas has been

Representative

Karren Streagle

Karren has 12 years experience teaching special education in Virginia, working in early childhood special education and teaching elementary students with multiple and severe disabilities. She joined the faculty in the College of Education at Idaho State University in 2012 as an Assistant Professor of Special Education. Karen's research interests include alternate assessments for students with significant intellectual disabilities and Universal Design for Learning. Karren currently serves as the Idaho DADD President Elect, will take over as President in January 2017. She regularly attends the Southeast Idaho Special Education Director Meetings since 2012, and serves as the faculty adviser for ISU CEC Student Chapter"

Idaho CEC Advocacy

Toni Harbaugh



2016 Special Education Legislative Summit

This year, Idaho CEC and CASE were able to send 5 representatives to Washington, DC for the 2016 Special Education Legislative Summit. The representatives were Kindel Mason, Jerome, Tammie Morin, Middleton, Tracy Thornton, Filer, Ramona Lee, West Ada, and Toni Harbaugh, Jerome.

The first few days the team was immersed with the knowledge about the nine critical issues facing special education.

Then, they received **advocacy training**, advice, and recommendations from some of the **most experienced education advocacy professionals** in the field.

Finally, they poured their hearts and souls into their Capitol Hill Day meetings—sharing success stories, making the case for more funding for services and research, and ensuring that their elected officials understood that investing in special education, gifted education, and early intervention pays off in successful students who have developmental and school readiness skills and are college- and career-ready.

The Idaho team was able to meet with both senators and representatives and leave them a copy of the briefs that were discussed. Along with having the opportunity to visit with the Idaho legislatures, they had several exciting experiences. From being in a lock down on capitol hill to meeting children with special needs that are advocates for others special needs students.

The Idaho team had a great experience meeting with the legislatures and meeting new special educators from around the United States.



Learn about the special and gifted education issues Congress and the administration are considering by reading CEC's Policy Insider. Sign up today to receive weekly e-mail updates!



Happy Fall to all of our IDADD members,

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the state CEC conference a couple of weeks ago! We had a great turnout at all of our DADD sessions and so many thoughtful conversations in between. I want to thank all of the DADD strand presenters for their time and the expertise they shared during the sessions.

We had a great time at the Social Event on Thursday night at Mai Thai restaurant! The board had a chance to meet students from Idaho State University's CEC student chapter as well as two SESTA members who are interested in joining our group.

The IDADD Board is currently recruiting for three board positions:

- Vice president (a four-year commitment)
- A secretary (a one-year commitment)
- A treasurer (a one-year commitment)

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions- and I truly hope you are!- please email me at ahollingshead@uidaho.edu before November 1st, 2016.

Happy Fall!

Dr. Alex Hollingshead

IDADD president

Idaho Assistive Technology Project
Making Technology the Great Equalizer

2017 Tools for Life: Secondary Transition
and Assistive Technology Fair
March 6 & 7, 2017

The Red Lion Hotel
1555 Pocatello Creek Rd Pocatello, Idaho 83201



“WE’RE BACK!!!” And, we need your help!

On October 6th we had the opportunity to attend the Idaho CEC Conference in Boise. If you didn’t have the chance to attend, you missed out on a vast amount of information and exciting speakers. One of the items that were addressed was the revitalization of the Idaho DCDT Division. Jacque Hyatt has been the acting president and has done a fantastic job, but has been pulled in a number of different directions. A new group (some more experienced) of individuals have been nominated, and have accepted the following positions:

Eric Lichte – President

Jennifer Comstock – President Elect

Lisa Perry - Secretary

Phyllis Vermilyea – Treasurer

This is where we need your help! We would like to develop the Idaho DCDT group and need your input.

What would you like to see our DCDT Division accomplish this year?

How do we increase the interest in the division as well as increase the members?

How do we develop and use our DCDT members and their skills?

Let’s build DCDT, as well as build a statewide network, that will help us as teachers so that we can help our students!

I look forward to an exciting and productive year! Let’s do it together!

Eric Lichte

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Get more information at <http://www.idahocec.org/subdivisions/dcdt/>

2017 Idaho CEC Fall Conference News

The Idaho CEC Board is excited to announce that Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray of the film ***I'll Push You*** will be our Keynote Speakers for the 2017 Fall Conference!



For more information about the story of their friendship and incredible journey follow the links below

[Documentary Trailer](#)

[Ted Talk](#)