

OKCEC Winter 2011

Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children

Letter from the President

OKCEC Members,

The last few weeks I have enjoyed our beautiful Oklahoma fall! While I drive down the streets in Norman feeling the warm sun and looking at the colorful trees, I start thinking of Thanksgiving and what I am thankful for. I have a great family, friends, church and job! Not just a job that provides an income for our family but a career that I have enjoyed. It is rewarding to know that we help families with children with disabilities. Being an active member of OKCEC is also on my "thankful list". I have learned so much from OKCEC. This professional organization is an excellent way to stay current and informed!



OKCEC 2011 Conference

The 2012 OKCEC Conference will take place at the Moore Norman Technology Center (South Penn Campus) on February 27 and 28. This year Heather Caram and the OKCEC board members are planning an excellent 2012 Spring Conference. We would like to thank the Oklahoma State Department of Education for co-sponsoring this event and for providing personnel to present at our annual conference.

I am so excited to have Alan Blankstien as our key note speaker for Monday night and Tuesday morning. Mr. Blankstien will kick off the OKCEC 2012 Conference "Failure is Not an Option". He is the author of "Failure is Not an Option". We will learn from and use his words of encouragement and optimism when faced with challenging students. Andrea Kunkel Esq., who is the staff attorney for CCOSA (Cooperative Council of Oklahoma School Administrator), will give us her updates on legislation, court cases and special education policies during lunch. And of course there will be the door prizes, good food, vendors and great break out sessions on Co-Teaching, Classroom Management and Secondary Transition just to name a few. Watch the website for the complete "At-A- Glance" schedule of sessions.

We know and understand how challenging it is to leave your classroom, but it is also important to recharge yourself to get new ideas for your students. Our hope is that with the reasonable cost you can take the time to attend a high quality conference. Your work and patience helps students succeed today and in the future because "Failure is Not an Option" for our students!

I hope to see you at the 2012 OKCEC Conference,
Polly Oliver, OKCEC President

FAILURE is NOT an Option®

OKCEC 47th Annual Conference

When: Monday, February 27 (Registration 5:00 – 5:30; Conference 5:30 – 7:30)

Tuesday, February 28 (Registration 8:00 - 9:00; Conference 9:00 – 3:30)

Where: Moore Norman Technology Center, 13301 S. Penn, OKC, OK 73170

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Great
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Keynote Speakers

Monday & Tuesday



Alan M. Blankstein is the author of *Failure Is Not an Option*® and 9 volumes of the Soul of Education Leadership series. Mr. Blankstein, a former “high risk” youth, began his career in education as a music teacher and has worked in youth-serving organizations since 1983, including the March of Dimes, Phi Delta Kappa, and Solution Tree, which he founded in 1987 and directed for 12 years. He is Founder and President of the HOPE Foundation (Harnessing Optimism and Potential through Education), a not-for-profit organization. The HOPE Foundation has a more than decade-long track record of helping leaders create school cultures where “failure is not an option” for any student. For more information about Alan Blankstein, visit <http://www.hopefoundation.org/about-us/alanblankstein>

Tuesday



Andrea R. Kunkel Esq., We are pleased to have Andrea Kunkel return to our conference. Andrea Kunkel earned her bachelor of arts and juris doctorate degrees from the University of Tulsa. Ms. Kunkel worked for 24 years as an attorney at Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold, where she practiced special education and education law on behalf of Oklahoma public schools. As of July 1, 2011, Ms. Kunkel became the staff attorney for CCOSA, the Cooperative Council of Oklahoma School Administrators, where she advises and trains school administrators concerning special education and education law issues and serves as the liaison to the ODSS group. She is currently completing a master's degree in special education at Oklahoma State University- Tulsa.

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OKCEC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Monday - February 27th and Tuesday - February 28th 2012

Failure is NOT an Option®



Keynotes: Alan M. Blankstein and Andrea Kunkel, Esq.

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**The Oklahoma Council
for Exceptional Children**

Moore Norman Technology Center 13301 S. Penn. OKC, OK 73170

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ School/Agency: _____
 (Please print) First Last
 Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Email: _____
 CEC Membership #: _____ Special Accommodations: _____

CONFERENCE FEES: Please indicate your membership status and applicable registration below.

Conference fees include: box dinner on Monday evening and lunch and snacks on Tuesday.	<u>Early Registration on or before 4 p.m.</u> February 20, 2012			<u>Late Registration after 4 p.m.</u> February 20, 2012		
	<i>Full conference (Mon & Tues)</i>	<i>Monday only (evening conf)</i>	<i>Tuesday only (1 full day)</i>	<i>Full conference (Mon & Tues)</i>	<i>Monday only (evening conf)</i>	<i>Tuesday only (1 full day)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> CEC Member (Must have membership # above.)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member of CEC	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Student CEC member: University: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55
<input type="checkbox"/> Student CEC member conference volunteer: University: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45

*****Cancellations MUST be received on or before Feb. 20th at 4:00pm; otherwise, payment is required even if participant is unable to attend. No exceptions. *** Early registration and/or cancellation must be postmarked no later than February 17th*****

MEALS: Please indicate the applicable information on both rows.

Conference fees include box dinner on Monday evening and lunch and snacks on Tuesday.

I will eat at the conference on:	<input type="checkbox"/> Both days	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday evening only	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday only	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither day
Special dietary request (We will do our best to accommodate your identified needs.):	<input type="checkbox"/> Nothing special	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Please specify _____	

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Please complete one of the following options.

A purchase order, purchase order number, or personal check MUST accompany this form for the registration to be complete. Make payable to OKCEC.

- Purchase order # : _____ enclosed **OKCEC Federal ID # 73-1208142**
 Purchase order # : _____ to will be presented at conference
 Personal check enclosed made payable to OKCEC (Check # _____)

MAIL: Registrations and payment or payment information should be mailed to:

OKCEC, c/o Regina Blair, 2725 SW 116th Street, OKC, OK 73170

Or registration and payment information may be sent by fax to: 405-739-1694 attention: OKCEC

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The Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL NOMINATION

This award, presented at the annual conference of the Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children, recognizes an outstanding special education paraprofessional who is currently employed in an Oklahoma public school who works with students with exceptionalities in a school setting. The nominee must have attended paraprofessional training to obtain registry status and continued to meet the on-going training requirements.

Instruction for Nomination

Each candidate must be nominated by a current CEC member.

Each nomination must include the following for each candidate:

This completed nomination form

Three typed letters of recommendation for each candidate. These include one from the nominator and two from any of the following: superintendent, principal, director of special education, co-worker, student and/or parents. Letters should address some of the following: skill in human relations, understanding and concern for student and individual needs, personal integrity, and efforts made for students with disabilities in providing an appropriate education.

If possible, it would be appreciated if a picture of the nominee was mailed along with the completed nomination form.

[DEADLINE: January 7, 2012](#)

**MAIL TO:
Penny Cantley, OKCEC Past President
14808 SE 79th
Choctaw, Ok 73020**

The Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children

OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Listed below are the educator awards presented annually at the Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children Conference. Please read the description for each award, **check one box**, and complete the necessary information pertaining to the nominee. If nominating an educator for more than one award, please submit a separate form for each nominee.

- Eva Robinson Memorial Award:*** This award is given to the outstanding special educator in Oklahoma. The nominee for this award must spend all of his/her professional time as a teacher of students with disabilities.
- Special Educator of the Year:*** This award honors an outstanding special educator in Oklahoma. The nominee must currently be employed in an area of special education (**teaching/non-teaching**).
- Outstanding General Educator Teacher:*** This award honors an outstanding general educator in Oklahoma. The nominee must currently be employed in an Oklahoma public school. He/she must have taught in the general education curriculum for a minimum of three years and have made significant contribution to the education of students with disabilities within that setting.
- Outstanding Co-Teaching Team Award:*** This award recognizes and honors an outstanding special educator and general educator in Oklahoma. The nominees must currently be employed in an Oklahoma public school. The co-teachers must have taught together as a team for at least 2 years and have made significant contribution to the education of students with disabilities within that setting.
- Maurice P. Walraven Award:*** This award recognizes and honors an outstanding member of the Oklahoma Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children. The nominee must be or have served as a chapter/division/state officer and made a significant contribution to CEC and to the advancement of the quality of life for students with disabilities.

Instructions for Nomination

Each nomination must include the following for each candidate and be mailed together:

This completed nomination form

Three typed letters of recommendation are required: one from the nominator and two from a combination of the following: superintendent, principal, director of special education, coworker, teacher, student, and/or parent. Letters should address at least some of the following: (1) skills in human relations, (2) understanding and concern for student and individual needs, (3) personal integrity, and (4) effort to provide an appropriate education for students with exceptionalities.

DEADLINE: January 7, 2012

MAIL TO:

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OKCEC OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINATION

Name of nominee: _____

Home address: _____

Phone(s): (home) _____ (work) _____

Current employment: _____

Certificates and/or areas of certification: _____

Colleges/Universities (institution-degree-year): _____

Education Experiences (assignments-position-years): _____

Membership and/or office held in professional organization: _____

Honors and/or awards received: _____

Unusual or special projects in Special Education (**for Special Educator or Eva Robison Awards only**):

How has this individual contributed to the success of exceptional children within the classroom? :

The following information is needed for the **Maurice P. Walraven Award** along with the above:

Total number of years nominee has been a CEC member: _____

Current CEC chapter affiliation (if any): _____

Offices held:

Chapter and/ or Division: _____

State: _____

Committee involvement:

Chapter and/or Division: _____

State: _____

National & International: _____

The Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children

OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD NOMINATION

The Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children (OKCEC) Outstanding Administrator Award recognizes a public school principal, assistant principal, or superintendent who has been a driving force in his/her school. The Council recognizes the recipient for commitment, leadership, and dedication to services for students with disabilities. This award honors an administrator who has made significant contributions to school programs for students with disabilities for at least the last two years.

Instructions for Nomination

Each candidate must be nominated by a current CEC member.

Each nomination must include the following for each candidate:

This completed nomination form

A typed letter of recommendation for each candidate. This letter must

- A. list the leadership roles the candidate has accepted and executed at the local level and
- B. describe how the nominee's activities have contributed to the success of students and/or teachers in the special education program in his/her school/district within at least the last two years.

If possible, it would be appreciated if a picture of the nominee was mailed along with the completed nomination form.

DEADLINE: January 7, 2012

MAIL TO:

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Choctaw, Ok 73020**

OKCEC OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Nomination Form

Please type or print the following information:

Name of nominator: _____

Nominator's CEC Member #: _____

Nominator's phone numbers: (C) _____ (W) _____ (H) _____

Nominator's FAX number: _____ Email: _____

Nominator's address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip code

Name of nominee for award: _____

Nominee's current job title: _____

CEC Member? _____ No _____ Yes (if yes, please provide CEC number) _____

Nominee's phone numbers: (C) _____ (W) _____ (H) _____

Nominee's FAX number: _____ Email: _____

Nominee's address: _____

OKCEC

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OKCEC 47th Annual Conference

When: Monday, February 13 (Registration 12:00 - 1:00 Conference 1:00 - 5:00)
 Where: Tuesday 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
 Where: Invoce Norman Technology Center, 1230 S. Park, OKC, OK 73109



IN THE NEWS

- ◆ The ECU student chapter has had a busy fall semester. They participated in the homecoming parade and handed out over 1500 pencils to children watching the parade. They also have been raising funds for this year's conference by having a "Barbecue Lunch" for ECU faculty and students. In This December (after finals...LOL) we will be taking a field trip to OKC to observe an autism preschool program and visit The Children's Center in Bethany. They are looking forward to this year's state confer-

People first language

People First Language to Use	Instead of Labels that Stereotype and Devalue
people/individuals with disabilities an adult who has a disability a child with a disability a person with a disability	the handicapped the disabled
people/individuals without disabilities typical kids	normal people/healthy individuals atypical kids
people with intellectual and developmental disabilities he/she has a cognitive impairment a person who has Down syndrome	the mentally retarded; retarded people he/she is retarded; the retarded; he/she's a Downs kid; a Mongoloid; a Mongol
a person who has autism	autistic
people with a mental illness a person who has an emotional disability with a psychiatric illness/disability	the mentally ill; the emotionally disturbed is insane; crazy; demented; psycho a maniac; lunatic
a person who has a learning disability	he/she is learning disabled
a person who is deaf he/she has a hearing impairment/loss a man/woman who is hard of hearing	the deaf
person who is deaf and cannot speak who has a speech disorder uses a communication device uses synthetic speech	is deaf and dumb, mute
a person who is blind a person who has a visual impairment man/woman who has low vision	the blind
a person who has epilepsy people with a seizure disorder	an epileptic, a victim of epilepsy
a person who uses a wheelchair people who have a mobility impairment a person who walks with crutches	a person who is wheelchair bound a person who is confined to a wheelchair a cripple
a person who has quadriplegia people with paraplegia	a quadriplegic the paraplegic
he/she is of small or short stature	a dwarf or midget
he/she has a congenital disability	he/she has a birth defect
accessible buses, bathrooms, etc. reserved parking for people with disabilities	handicapped buses, bathrooms, hotel rooms, etc. handicapped people