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**CEC Pioneers
Division**

Special Education Convention & Expo

Orlando | Jan 16-19



A Message from the President



Thank you for your membership in the Pioneers Division of CEC! I hope all is well as life emerges from the pandemic restrictions.

The Board continues to work on a variety of projects to ensure the vitality of the division. Here are a few highlights of items you will discover in this issue of the newsletter:

- Thank you to President-Elect Candace Borger for all of her work in planning the Pioneer's sessions and meetings at the upcoming CEC Convention and Expo, in Orlando, FL, January 16-19 (see p. 3). Registration is currently open and housing information is available at: <https://exceptionalchildren.org/convention>. Updated COVID Protocols for in-person Convention attendees and speakers: Please review CECs current policies and registration requirements related to the in-person event in Orlando, FL by visiting <https://exceptionalchildren.org/convention/about/covid-protocols>.

- If you are planning on attending the convention in-person, be sure to check out the special drawing for our members to receive a free ticket to the CEC Legacy Luncheon on Monday, January 17, 2022 (see p. 5). Deadline to enter: December 1, 2021.
- Consider nominating a colleague for the prestigious Romaine P. Mackie Award (see p. 8). Applications are due November 15, 2021.
- The Pioneers Division has been working closely with the Division of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners to create a new webinar series (see p. 6) regarding important conversations on to engage with culturally and linguistically different students and families. Webinars are scheduled for September 21, October 19, and November 16.
- The Pioneers President's Book Club meets monthly to discuss timely books for inclusive education leaders. Check out the list on p. 7 for the upcoming dates, times, and books.
- The Pioneers 100th anniversary planning work group has been busy planing a monthly event/activity to celebrate CEC's 100th anniversary (see p. 3). More details in the very near future!

- The Treasurer's report is provided on p. 4. In summary, we are in a solid financial position. Expenses in 2021 continue to be a fraction of the budgeted allocations due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Some additional news to share:

- The Pioneers Division has over 200 members and is one of 10 divisions that has under 900 members.
- CAN Coordinator Lisa Dieker stepped down from the Pioneers Board as as result of her appointment as the CEC Conference Co-Chair for 2021-2022. Congratulations Lisa! I am pleased to announce the appointment of Alexis Morgan to fill the term (September 2021 – December 2022). Alexis is a past CEC Board of Directors member and brings a wealth of knowledge to the CAN Coordinator role. Welcome Alexis!
- More information will be forthcoming concerning the CEC Virtual Conference, February 1-4, 2022.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Fall!

Dave

President-Elect Report Candace Berger

Professional Development Committee

The professional development committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and is pleased to announce Engaging with Culturally & Linguistically Different Students and Families, a three part virtual interactive webinar series presented by the CEC Pioneers Division and the CEC Division for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners. This series offers practice-based sessions using strategies to connect one's own cultural competence through reflective practice, examine culturally responsive family approaches, relevant instruction, behavioral interventions, and a strengths-based lens for assessment to promote effective engagement strategies. The sessions are relevant to everyone working with children and families. Dates are as follows Session 1 Reflection Tuesday, September 21st; Session 2 Connection Tuesday, October 19th and Session 3 Action Tuesday, November 16th. Refer to the flyer for further information on this not-to-be-missed learning opportunity!

Canada CEC History Work Group

The Canada CEC History work group had its second meeting on Tuesday, September 7th and is in the process of gathering materials and preparing reports in recognition and celebration of Canada's long-standing involvement and commitment to CEC. Further information will be documented and shared soon.

Program Advisory Committee

Plan to attend the Pioneer's Showcase session Legacy, Leadership and Launching the Future which will be held on Monday, January 17th from 8:00 to 9:00am at the convention. This session will provide an overview of CEC's past, present and future beginning with a brief historical perspective of CEC's past 100 years and events that have

influenced present practices. Current challenges and opportunities, policies and practices highlighted, including professional learning initiatives. Trends will be linked and implications for future programming/practices will be highlighted.

Other Pioneers presentations accepted for the convention include:

- FAPE in the Early 1900's? In the Beginning of the 20th Century, African-American Parents Wanted an Education for their Children! Two Unique Individuals Changed the Course of Educational History. (Concurrent Live & Virtual) Monday, January 17th from 9:15-10:15am
- The CEC LGBTQ+ Caucus: Historical Challenges and Successes (Poster – Live & virtual) Tuesday, January 18th from 1:00 to 1:45 pm

The following two collaborative sessions were accepted as well:

- Culturally Responsive Practices to Foster Family Engagement (Pioneers & DDEL) Concurrent-Live and Virtual Tuesday, January 18th from 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Leading the Future: Collaboration among Administrators and Special Education Teachers to Improve the State of the Profession (Pioneers, CASE & TED) Concurrent-Live & Virtual Sunday, January 16th from 3:30-4:30pm

We'll look forward to seeing everyone at the convention!!

100th Anniversary Celebration Workgroup

The work group met on Monday, July 26th and Monday, August 9th and has developed an action plan to celebrate our 100 years each month through meaningful, relevant and fun activities including a birthday party and virtual ice cream social! We hope you'll be able to join us throughout the year. Stay tuned for further information.

By Laws Committee Update

The Bylaws Committee completed a revision of the Constitution and Bylaws during 2020 and early 2021. The changes were voted on and approved by the general membership of the PD and are currently in place. Constitution was dropped from the document based on current practice. Starting during the summer of 2021, I have divided up the PD Handbook into sections for review and revision by the PD Board Members and the Bylaws Committee. Sections of the PD Handbook will be forwarded to Board Members and the Bylaws Committee for review later this month (September) and input will be requested to be submitted to me by early November. The updates will be included in the document and prepared to share with the Board by our Annual Board Meeting during the 2022 CEC Convention. Final corrections and recommendations will be completed and hopefully the updated PD Handbook will be completed by late spring of 2022.

Joan McDonald, Chairperson



Treasurer's Report



Cash on Hand as of September 8, 2021

Checking Account	\$ 7,232.93
Savings Account	\$23,056.02
Certificate	\$10,714.51
Total	\$41,103.46

Lorraine McPherson, Treasurer



- General questions about the Pioneers can be directed to President [Dave Edyburn](#)
- Membership questions can be directed to Membership Committee Chair: [Mickie Wong-Lo](#)
- Questions about the 2022 Convention Program can be directed to Pioneers President Elect [Candace Borger](#)

PD Historian Report

As we enter the fall of 2021, we are quickly approaching the 100th year of CEC as an organization. Given the recent limited access to traditional activities and interactions with colleagues along with the ever changing “pandemic” way of being, many of us may be beginning to feel that we have been here for the entire 100 years.

However, hope springs eternal and the Pioneers Division along with other CEC members are hopeful of a return to some degree of comradery at the CEC Convention and Expo in Orlando in January 2022 to begin a grand celebration during our 100th year.

There are several activities planned for the convention to highlight CEC history, and there will be a year long series of activities and resources provided by CEC-PD to its members and the entire organization to commemorate the first one hundred years and start on our second century.

For many, history is all about the past and often considered dull and not worth investing time for review, but it can also be alive and a vital part of a successful future. We all make history every day and unless today’s events are captured there is no “yesterday” for folks to refer to and use to build for a better tomorrow. We hope that you will help capture information on people, events, policy, professional practices and other items that are happening today or have meaning to you from your CEC experiences so that we can share these in our “Recollections of CEC” and use to inform predictions of the future for the organization and the field.

It is startling to review the work of our predecessors and frequently find that except for the evolution of the language, many of the goals and concerns are very much a part of the present. An example is the Resolutions accepted at the Washington Meeting – February 23, 1926 which are printed below as they originally appeared. They could indeed be used today, and clearly set out the guideposts for the organization that are with us now in providing educational opportunity for exceptional children, teacher preparation and professional development, advocacy, transition, inclusive practices, and collegial networking. Forward your recollections, questions, comments to the CEC-PD email at cecpioneers@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Diane Johnson, Historian



To join CEC's 100th celebration and commemorate thousands of volunteers and leaders over the years, the Pioneers Division has reserved a limited number of seats for our membership at the Legacy Leadership Luncheon at the convention on Monday January 17, 2022. If you would like to enter a drawing for a chance to receive a complimentary seat at the Pioneers Division table, please fill out the form below before December 1, 2021.

[CEC Pioneers Division Leadership Legacy Luncheon Drawing Form](#)



Engaging with Culturally & Linguistically Different Students and Families

A Virtual Interactive Webinar Series for Special Educators/General Educators/Related Service Providers, Administrators, and Anyone working with Students and Families

Presented by CEC Pioneers Division & CEC Division for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners

Join us in a journey towards cultural competence in connecting with your students and their families. This three-part virtual interactive series offers practice-based sessions using strategies to connect one's own cultural competence through reflective practice, examine culturally responsive family approaches, relevant instruction, behavioral interventions, and a strengths-based lens for assessment to promote effective engagement strategies.

Engage! Webinar Series

Registration information

- Each session is a virtual interactive Zoom Talk Presentation
- Sign up for one or more sessions or all three!
- Sessions are scheduled for 1.5 hours
- Earn CEU/professional development credit for each session

Cost:

CEC Member	\$20 per session
Nonmember	\$30 per session
Team Rate*	\$20 each person/ per session
3 people from the same organization	

Register using this link:

[ENGAGE! REGISTRATION](#)

Payment

- Payment can be made by credit card upon registration
- Purchase orders/checks accepted – contact

CECPioneersDivision@gmail.com

Questions?

Email **CECPioneersDivision@gmail.com**
or call: 520-870-8274

Engage! Webinar Series

Session Content

Session 1 – Reflection! - Learn to use reflective practice to connect with our own cultural competence and examine the rules of engagement that guide culturally responsive family approaches. *Presented by Dr. Endia J. Lindo & Dr. Joy Banks*

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1.5 hrs.
6 PM EST/5 PM CT/4 PM MST/3PM PST



Session 2 – Connection! – Learn culturally relevant classroom practices to connect with home and community and discuss strength-based approaches that foster student and family relationships. *Presented by Dr. Cathy Kea & Dr. Mary Ruth Coleman*

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1.5 hrs.
6 PM EST/5 PM CT/4 PM MST/3PM PST



Session 3 – Action! - Learn how culturally responsive behavioral interventions can positively impact student success and family engagement and put our learning into action by committing to one specific change in practice to improve our cultural competence in working with families. *Presented by Dr. Kimberly Bunch-Crump & Dr. Joy Broughton*

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 1.5 hrs.
6 PM EST/5 PM CT/4 PM MST/3PM PST

Link here



Pioneers President's Book Club Fall 2021

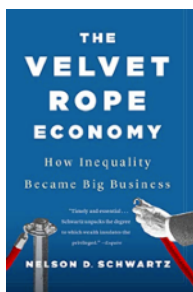
Pioneers President Dave Edyburn invites members and friends to gather virtually to discuss contemporary books relevant for inclusive education leaders. Past participants have reported how much they have enjoyed the opportunity to read and discuss books that they ordinarily would not pick up. To participate: (1) borrow each book from your library or purchase from your favorite bookstore, (2) read the book, (3) use the registration link to receive a Zoom invite to join the conversation on the dates listed below.

Questions can be directed to [Dave Edyburn](#).

September Book Club Meeting

September 23, 4:00 - 5:15 ET

Schwartz, N. D. (2021). *The velvet rope economy: How inequality became big business*. NY: Doubleday.



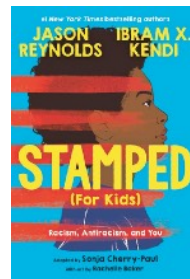
[Order it from Amazon](#)

[Register in advance](#) for the September Book Club conversation.

October Book Club Meeting

October 21, 4:00 - 5:15 ET

Reynolds, J., & Kendi, I. X. (2021). *Stamped (for kids): Racism, antiracism, and you*. NY: Little, Brown and Co.



[Order it from Amazon](#)

[Register in advance](#) for the October Book Club conversation.

November Book Club Meeting

November 18, 4:00 - 5:15 ET

Epstein, D. (2021). *Range: Why generalists triumph in a specialized world*. NY: Riverhead Books.



[Order it from Amazon](#)

[Register in advance](#) for the November Book Club conversation.

The Pioneers Division of CEC is pleased to present a call for nominations for the Romaine P. Mackie Leadership Award for 2021. Honor your colleagues who have made significant contributions to the field. Acknowledge their dedication and success in the field by a nomination for this prestigious award.

PURPOSE: The Romaine P. Mackie Award is to honor an Outstanding professional who has demonstrated leadership in CEC and other organizations for an extensive period of time in various areas within the field: service delivery; teacher education and professional development; research; policy; assessment; publications. The individual should be nominated by someone who is familiar with the nature and quality of his/her work and who can speak to the nominee's character.

The Award is named for Romaine P. Mackie who was a U.S. Commissioner of Education, a devout supporter of special education in the early years, and an active member of CEC who promoted the mission of CEC in all of her work.

Nomination Materials Include:

- Completed Nomination Form (below)
- Letter of nomination
- Brief vitae or resume of the nominee
- At least two (2) letters of support (no more than four (4) please)

Nomination Form

Nominee Name _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ Telephone Number _____

CEC Membership Number _____

Nominator Name _____ Nominator Unit _____

Nominator Email _____

The brief vita or resume for the individual nominated should include educational background, employment history, length of service, special projects undertaken, awards received, and other information which will assist the Awards Committee in making a decision.

All nominations and materials must be received by **November 15, 2021**.

Submit your nomination packet electronically to: gтарadash@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

Dr. Gloria Taradash
Awards and Honors Committee Chair
26 Cedar Hill Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Pioneers 2021 Board Members

The following individuals serve on the 2021 Pioneers Board of Directors. To email any board member, write to us at: cecpioneers@gmail.com

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Pioneers Calendar

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January 16-19, 2022

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