

Exciting New Changes in LACEC

Ashlie Abercrombie Allardyce
LACEC President

The 2019-2020 Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children (LACEC) Board has been working hard on exciting new things this year. First, we are updating our website  to make it more accessible and user friendly to our current membership and individuals interested in our organization. Second, LACEC's annual Super Conference is going to be a little different this year. We are holding our conference on Sunday, January 12th through Monday, January 13th. Our conference will open with our annual Student and Professional Awards Ceremony, President's reception, followed by our Keynote Speaker and an ice cream social.  Conference attendees will be able to mingle with vendors, LACEC Board Members, and Poster Presenters while eating from a wide variety of ice cream and toppings. The Board looks forward to seeing the outcome of our efforts this year. We hope that you all will experience these new changes with us too!



ULL SCEC News

By Jade Viator, Academic Specialist,
UL LIFE, College of Education



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and we wanted to take a moment to highlight one of the main goals of the UL LIFE Program: which is to prepare students to obtain and hold employment after completing college, with the goal of utilizing their capabilities and passions in the workplace. The theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month 2019 is #RightTalentRightNow, emphasizing on what individuals with disabilities can bring to the table for employment, focusing on their abilities over their disability. We worked with students in the LIFE Program to create signs that displayed each of their workplace talents and also learned about how everyone can work together to focus on capabilities over limitations to make the workplace more inclusive!

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On October 26th, we had an awesome morning celebrating some of our friends in the UL LIFE program with a little something "extra" at the Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana's annual Buddy Walk! UL LIFE even won an award for the University Organization with the most registered attendees! It was a great time spent with mentors, family, and friends.



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Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) membership provides expanded benefits and services and allows you to select the option that best meets your needs.

You can select from three types of membership:

Premier, Full, or Basic, with students receiving 20% of any individual membership rate

CEC membership provides:

- Access to evidence-based articles
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- Engage in conversations with others within the CEC online Community
- Receive discounts on books and products
- Make connections to expand your relationships and find new paths to advance your career

CEC WANTS YOU!

Meet the Newest Board Members

Meghann Comboy Jordan

LACEC Scholarships/Mini Grants chairperson

Meghann Comboy Jordan is a recent graduate from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in Mild-Moderate Special Education grades 6-12. She also has earned a Bachelor of Science in Business with a minor in Finance. Currently, Mrs. Jordan is teaching special education at St. Martinville Senior High School. She has also taught Biology I, Biology II, and Physical Science at St. Martinville Senior High School.

Mrs. Jordan grew up in a suburb of New Orleans and attended Ursuline Academy. She has been married for ten years. They have two sons, ages 8 and 9, and two dogs. One of her children was diagnosed with ASD and ADHD at the age of 2. This was Mrs. Jordan's inspiration for becoming a special education teacher and advocate. She currently resides in Youngsville, LA.

Sarah Dubois Lemaire

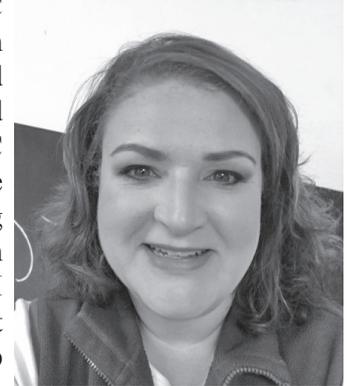
LACEC Secretary

Sarah is a special education teacher with the Lafayette Parish School System. She has been involved with LACEC since her freshman year at ULL. Sarah has been teacher for 15 years and has worked with students of all abilities. She was nominated as the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children's Teacher of the Year.

Have a Happy
THANKSGIVING

Our New Vice President Attended the CEC Leadership Convention

In July I attended the CEC Leadership Institute in Virginia. I was afforded the opportunity to meet and collaborate with other CEC Leaders and discuss the challenges that we are facing in Special Education on both a state and federal level. I learned about ways to recruit and retain our membership on the state level. CEC was very supportive in wanting to boost membership and sustain leadership in the state divisions. I am very grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to implementing some of the activities to grow membership and engage the members in the Louisiana Council for Exceptional.



Leslie Ortiz
CEC Vice President



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