The South Carolina Education Association Children’s Foundation

Spring Conference
Technology and Assessment

The SCEA CONFERENCE CENTER
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MARCH 11, 2017

Lila Toal-Mandsager, Keynote Speaker
Jennifer Kremer, Special Guest Presenter
Welcome to The SCEA Children’s Foundation Spring Conference

Bernadette R. Hampton, President, The SCEA

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to The SCEA Children’s Foundation Spring Technology and Assessment Conference. As a teacher in South Carolina for more than 23 years, I have seen education professionals endure many hardships and persevere, even prosper. I’ve also seen many of them leave the classroom for a variety of reasons. We are constantly asked to do more in our schools with less money and fewer resources, to sacrifice precious instructional time to prepare students for and administer an unprecedented number of tests, as well as to abide unfair and uninformed criticism.

In order to conquer these challenges, the best tool we have at our disposal is professional development. It is vitally important that we stay abreast of developments in education and be willing to continue cultivating and improving ourselves as professionals so that we can deliver the best possible education to all of the students in our charge.

One such opportunity is right here at this conference, continuing to learn about QR Codes, Innovative e-learning Tools, Video Games, 21st Century Technology Teacher, Podcasting, Technology in the Classroom, and more. I appreciate each of you and thank you sincerely for taking your valuable time today to learn new skills that will help prepare you for the continuing challenges ahead.
LILLA TOAL-MANDSAGER is a Columbia, SC native and proud graduate of SC public schools. She currently works with districts across the state on the transition to the SC Teaching Standards for the Office of Educator Effectiveness at the SC Department of Education. She taught high school English and served as a college counselor, principal, and professional development lead for Summit Public Schools in California. Her professional passion is personalizing learning for students and educators.

“Growing Teachers to Grow Students, changes in the Expanded ADEPT Teacher Support and Evaluation System”

A year ago, the SC Department of Education asked teachers across the state for feedback on how teacher evaluation could be more meaningful. This short session will give more details about how we’ve used that feedback to strengthen the supports available for teachers in the new Expanded ADEPT System.
Welcome and Opening Session
Jennifer Kremer, Senior Field Marketing Manager
California Casualty Management Company

JENNIFER KREMER, Senior Field Marketing Manager with California Casualty, the NEA Auto and Home Insurance Program, began her career teaching English at the secondary level in public schools in Birmingham, Alabama. She has been with California Casualty since 2003, working side-by-side with the Alabama Education Association and other southern state affiliates touting the benefits of membership. Jennifer is the mother of two sons, Daniel and Michael and will embark on her newest adventure of being a grandmother in June.

About the Session
This session will highlight information about the program offerings of California Casualty. Ms. Kremer will be sharing information about California Casualty Community Impact programs such as the Thomas R. Brown Athletic Grant, Driving Focused car giveaway, the Academic Award, and other ways California Casualty seeks to give back to The SCEA and the communities in which members live and work.
2017 Spring Conference

The Day at Glance

Stronger Together:
Building Blocks of
Professional Best Practice

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  Registration
10:00 a.m.-10:20 a.m.  Welcome and Door Prize
10:25 a.m.-11:25 a.m.  Session One
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Becoming a 21st Century Technology Teacher  Boardroom
Presented by Letia Cooper
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Alternative Energy and STEAM  Academy A
Presented by Norma and Ed Rockwell
Audience: Everyone
This session includes using integrated technology and learning to assemble solar powered houses & wind turbines. Activities and lessons are for all ages through REcharge.org

Getting to the Basics and Moving your Local Forward  Academy B
Presented by Bessie Wright
Audience: Everyone
This session teaches paraprofessionals how to create an email, maneuver through the system, set up folders, engage through email and Group Me, etc.

Membership Committee Meeting  Academy C
The Membership Committee shall devise a statewide plan for the promotion of membership in the United Education Profession (UEP).

Audit Committee Meeting  Academy D
The Audit Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all payments made during the year to verify that expenditures were made for properly approved purposes.
Workshops

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Innovative E-Learning Tool to Promote Teen Health  
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Presented by Jana Mastrogiovanni  
**Audience: Secondary**  
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Connecting Current Legislation w/ Schools and Classrooms

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Audience:  Everyone

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Leadership Training Committee
The Leadership Training Committee shall promote programs for the improvement of instruction in the public schools; shall urge the involvement of teachers in decisions related to curriculum, textbooks, and other media selections, class size, and methods of teaching; and shall promote selective recruitment, appropriate training and education for those seeking professional certification as educators.

Educator Rights Committee
The Educator Rights Committee shall provide assistance by examining legal and administrative issues by providing activities designed to prevent violation of rights. They shall review the procedures for providing legal and administrative assistance and make appropriate recommendations regarding criteria and procedures to the Executive Board.
Presenters

**Joyce Abel**

JOYCE ABEL has been a member of the education profession for 42 years. As a member of The SCEA, she has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as Vice President and President. She became a staff member and served as the Mid-Carolina UniServ Director. She was also a member of the NEA Minority Leadership Training Cadre. Joyce has taught health and physical education in Beaufort County Schools, served as the 6-12 Math and Science Specialist for the Lowcountry Math and Science Hub, taught physical science and chemistry in Richland School District Two and is currently teaching chemistry at AC Flora High School in Richland School District One.

**Letia P. Cooper**

LETIA P. COOPER is an Instructional Technology Specialist, focused on assisting teachers with technology integration. Find out more at www.techwithtia.com and follow her on twitter at @techwithtia.

**Dr. Mike Fanning**

DR. MIKE FANNING, a native and lifelong South Carolinian, holds degrees from Wofford College, Benedict College, and the University of South Carolina (where he holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership & Policy). He is an active-service veteran of the US Army. Mike is a former teacher. He has taught high school students (Social Studies) at Estill High School (Hampton School District #2) and Columbia High School (Richland School District #1). Mike currently serves as the Executive Director of the Olde English Consortium, an educational collaborative that seeks to promote excellence through collaboration, where he has been for 18 years. Located in Chester, the OEC is a non-profit business dedicated to promoting efficiency and cooperation among nine school districts and two universities (Winthrop and USC Lancaster) in North Central South Carolina (including Rock Hill, York, Fairfield, and Chester). A key goal of the consortium is to bring all stakeholders together to improve education, economic development, and the quality of life for all citizens in the region and across South Carolina.
Presenters (cont’d)

Jana Mastrogiovanni

JANA MASTROGIOVANNI, Program Manager and CET Health Educator, is a licensed mental health counselor (LMHC) whose specialty is working with individuals and families coping with a life-threatening disease. She is a nationally certified alcohol and drug counselor as well as a trained tobacco cessation specialist. She recently trained with the National Cancer Institute to provide cancer education and information to patients, caregivers and health professionals. She has developed and implemented educational programs for cancer prevention as well as alcohol and drug awareness and early intervention.

Ed Rockwell

ED ROCKWELL is the Public Works Director for the Town of Blackville. He is a mentor to FLL Mindstorm Robotics, Future City, KidWind, and Trebuchet competitions. His training is supported by First Lego League, KidWind, and Future City. Mr. Rockwell is Operations Director at The CIA (Cyber Instructional Academy), where he encourages learning about all things STEM. His previous presentations include Wind Energy at Aiken County STEM Symposium and SEED.

Norma Rockwell

NORMA ROCKWELL, MEd-Technology, is a retired STEAM teacher, currently teaching part-time as GED instructor in RLA and Science through Bamberg/ Barnwell Adult Education. Her training beyond Master's Degree include PTLW, KidWind, FLL, Future City, NCSU- Computer Science, USC-Columbia CS, and various workshops. Ms. Rockwell is co-founder and Executive Director of The CIA (Cyber Instructional Academy), encouraging learning all things STEAM in rural Barnwell County. She is a past presenter of Computer Programming and Alternative Energies at Education/ Business Summit, SC Middle School Association, Aiken County STEM Symposium and SEED.

Sherri Simmons

SHERRI SIMMONS joined the South Carolina Bar in September, 2016 as the Civics Programs Coordinator. Prior to working for the Bar, she worked in Gorham, Maine as a public school teacher for 12 years and as a paralegal for 5 years. Teaching public school is where she developed her passion in history, government and civics education. Sherri firmly believes that empowering children to learn how to participate in the management of their lives and their communities at an early age builds a better future for all. Sherri lives in northeast Columbia with her husband, two children and her two dogs.
Presenters (cont’d)

Janet Stein

JANET STEIN joined the staff of The SCEA in 2003 after working with the NCAE for 17 years. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Labor and a Masters in Public Administration. She began her career in NCAE in 1987 as a classified employee and understands the struggles that school support personnel face. She sought opportunities to advance and uses her experience and training to help ESPs. She worked in the field as a UniServ Director in NC from 1995-2003 and in SC from 2003-2010 and then assumed her current role as Director of The SCEA’s Member Advocacy Center in 2010. Our Member Advocacy Center provides one-on-one assistance to members who need help with employment problems and is our liaison to legal services when an attorney is needed.

Lilla Toal-Mandsager

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Harry Williams

HARRY WILLIAMS is a 3rd grade Math and Science teacher at North Vista Elementary School in Florence, SC. He has been teaching for three years. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina-Columbia in 2014. Harry is currently working on his Master’s degree in Instructional Technology from Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC and plans to graduate in May 2017.

Bessie Wright

BESSIE WRIGHT was born and raised in a small rural town in South Carolina. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education, Master of Science in Counselor Education K-12, and Administrative Certificate and Education Specialist Degree from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She has taught kindergarten, first, and second grade in Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 for many years. Bessie’s motto is: There is ALWAYS something positive in everything we go through. LOOK for the positive!
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