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St. Augustine, Florida

Office of the Mayor

#### Greetings!

On behalf of all the citizens of the *Nation's Oldest City*, St. Augustine, we welcome the attendees of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf and OPTION Schools 2018 "Together, We Grow Stronger" conference participants.

During your stay, you will be connecting with colleagues, broadening your knowledge bases and embracing the joys being educators of infants, toddlers, children and youths who are deaf or hard of hearing. As Mayor of this great City, it is my hope that this conference will help the members engage in stimulating dialogue and foster ideas that can positively impact and improve your ability to help those students prepare for a lifetime of success.

With more than four centuries of colorful local history to draw upon, some of our magnificent structures in St. Augustine bring to life the history and unique culture of the *Nation's Oldest City*. Hopefully you will have a moment to explore some of St. Augustine's quiet, narrow, side streets--streets along which residents of our city have strolled for over four and a half centuries. Perhaps you'll have a few minutes to walk along the Bayfront and its seawall that has protected our city so many times in the past, and every day provides a promenade for rest and reflection. And of course, take time to enjoy some of the city's rich cuisine and one-of-a-kind shops.

Our hope is that your time here will prove to be so memorable you will return often and stay longer.

Again, welcome to St. Augustine. Please accept my best wishes for a rewarding conference.

Best regards,

Nancy Shaver

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April 22, 2018

#### Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to St. Augustine and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CEASD! Our conference is one of the premier events in deaf education leadership. We are excited that we will be together over the next few days.

Dr. Prickett and the Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind have been hard at work planning an informative and inspiring agenda. Though packed with rich and educational workshops, it will still allow you time to meet and network with your peers. We know you will take back to your school new ideas and fresh energy to keep moving our field forward.

The theme of the conference is "Together, We Grow Stronger." It is no secret that when we form and sustain partnerships we can be better advocates for our students and their families. This year we are pleased to offer shared CEASD and OPTION sessions. Our schools have much in common, and it is fitting that we will be learning together.

And when you are not learning, sharing, and experiencing "aha" moments, enjoy the lovely city of St. Augustine. There are excellent restaurants, cultural sights, and magnificent beaches. We know you will find much to appreciate in this historic city.

As always, we are interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas. Feel free to chat with us during this time about the conference, CEASD, or other topics in deaf education. We value your input and feedback.

We are glad to have you with us. Enjoy the conference.

Very truly yours,

Sandra Edwards

Sandra H. Edwards Ed.D.

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## Congratulations to CEASD on its 92nd Conference and Celebrating 150 Years of Success!





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April 22, 2018

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I would like to personally welcome each of you to the groundbreaking joint CEASD-OPTION 2018 Conferences, "Together, We Grow Stronger." The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind has welcomed CEASD members to annual meetings in the Ancient City of St. Augustine five times since the organization was established in 1868, and we are so pleased to have this historic opportunity to welcome our colleagues from the OPTION Schools as we move into the next phase of collaboration.

It is an exciting time for the field of education of infants, toddlers, children and youths who are deaf or hard of hearing as we continue to grow and adapt, always remaining focused on children's needs and family choices. Our field is embracing a time of many changes and we are meeting these changes during a time of larger national and global change. We are transforming the way we educate our students to continuously improve our ability to help them prepare for a lifetime of success as 21st century citizens.

We should all be very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed. I'd like to thank each of you for attending our conference and bringing your expertise to our gathering. You, as organization leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, and the experience to help us pave the way into the future of collaboration on behalf of our students. My personal respect and thanks goes out to all of you.

Warm regards,

Jeanne Glidden Prickett, EdD

Zeanne Glidden Grickett

## Welcome to St. Augustine for the 37th OPTION Annual Meeting!

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Jill Muhs, MSED John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles, CA On behalf of the OPTION Executive Board, I'd like to say welcome to St. Augustine! We are looking forward to the opportunity to join Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) to focus on *Together, We Grow Stronger*.

My hope for these new few days is that we can live into *Together, We Grow Stronger* as more than just a slogan for a meeting. My hope is that each of us will walk away from our time here having met someone new, having learned something new and having a shared mission to support children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families.

We would like to express our gratitude to the host programs, Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech in Jacksonville and The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind for their assistance with planning of this year's meeting. We especially offer thanks to Martha DeHahn and Nancy Bloch for their tireless planning and organizing that made all of this possible.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to travel to St. Augustine to participate in this important meeting. As OPTION members joining CEASD, we are hopeful that we can work together to grow stronger. We all have one common goal – positive outcomes for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Sincerely,

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#### Dear Attendees,

On behalf of Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, Jacksonville we would like to welcome you to the First Coast of Florida. We are an area rich in history and recreational activities so we hope you have been able to add some extra days into your travel schedule to take advantage of these opportunities.

The theme for the coming days of our joint meeting with the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) is "Together, We Grow Stronger." Those are words that are dear to our hearts at Clarke in Jacksonville as we celebrate 20 years of success of our staff working together with families to help them realize their hopes and dreams for their children. We hope that our shared time here with CEASD will lead us to a greater understanding of how we can work together to support parents in their choices for their children.

Clarke would like to express our thanks to OPTION and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind for their hard work planning this year's meeting. We are especially grateful to Martha DeHahn and Nancy Bloch who truly took the lead and put all the pieces together for this event.

Thank you for traveling to St. Augustine to participate. We hope to see many of you in Jacksonville for our Clarke tour on Wednesday morning where you will have a chance to visit with staff, students and parents.

Finally, we hope that you will leave this gathering inspired, with a renewed sense of commitment to your work with families and children.

Sincerely,

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## CEASD Mission, Vision, Values



#### **CEASD Mission**

The Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD), an association of schools and programs committed to excellence in education of deaf and hard of hearing students, supports and develops dynamic organizational leaders of center schools and educational programs for deaf and hard of hearing students to maximize educational outcomes.

#### **CEASD Vision**

The Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf is a premier organization designed to develop and support visionary leaders of center schools and programs for deaf and hard of hearing students committed to shaping educational policy and practice to ensure that all deaf and hard of hearing students achieve successful outcomes and are valued and full participating members of society.

#### We Believe that...

- Deaf and hard of hearing students must have full access to education in language rich environments, designed to maximize their language, academic, and human (social) potential.
- Highly competent and knowledgeable educational leaders are vital to the success of quality schools and programs.
- It is essential for school leaders to engage in critical dialogue and ongoing professional development opportunities in the area of leadership.
- The National Agenda should drive educational programming for deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Results driven accountability is central to achieving quality outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Research must be translated to best practices at the school, program, and classroom level.
- Our schools should promote diversity through an inclusive culture to gain the strength that comes with individual differences and understanding of and respect for those differences.
- Continuous school improvement through CEASD accreditation improves the quality and viability of our schools.
- Public policy must place the child first and actively support and enhance informed choice for parents, the full continuum of education placements, and specialized education for deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Advocacy is essential to protect the educational rights of deaf and hard of hearing students.





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<sup>\*</sup> From 1868 to 1884 the organization was known as the Conference of Principals of American Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb, and from 1884 to 1933 as the Conference of Superintendents and Principals of American Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb. In 1933, the name Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf was adopted, and in 1980 the name was changed to Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf. In 1996 the name was changed to its current name.



## CEASD Conference History

Year	Hosted By	Location
2018	Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind	St. Augustine, FL
2017	American School for the Deaf	Hartford, CT
2016	Kansas School for the Deaf	Kansas City, MO
2015	Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness & Hearing Loss /	•
	Washington School for the Deaf	Tacoma, WA
2014	Indiana School for the Deaf	Indianapolis, IN
2013	Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	Tucson, AZ
2012	American School for the Deaf	Hartford, CT
2011	Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind	Honolulu, HI
2010	Iowa School for the Deaf	Council Bluffs, IA
2009	New Mexico School for the Deaf	Santa Fe, NM
2008	Montana School for the Deaf and Blind	Great Falls, MT
2007	Gallaudet University	Ellicott City, MD
2006	California School for the Deaf, Riverside	Riverside, CA
2005	Atlanta Area School for the Deaf & Georgia School for the Deaf	Atlanta, GA
2004	Florida School for the Deaf & Blind	St. Augustine, FL
2003	Communication Service for the Deaf & South Dakota School for the Deaf	Sioux Falls, SD
2002	California School for the Deaf, Fremont	Fremont, CA
2001	National Technical Institute for the Deaf & Rochester School for the Deaf	Rochester, NY
2000	The Learning Center for Deaf Children	Boston, MA
1999	Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf	Pittsburgh, PA
1998	Texas School for the Deaf	Austin, TX
1997	American School for the Deaf	Hartford, CT
1996	Pennsylvania School for the Deaf & Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf	Hershey, PA
1995	Minneapolis & St. Paul Public Schools	St. Paul, MN
1994	Washington School for the Deaf	Stevenson, WA
1993	Maryland School for the Deaf & Gallaudet University	Baltimore, MD
1992	South Carolina School for the Deaf & Blind	Myrtle Beach, SC
1991	Louisiana School for the Deaf	New Orleans, LA
1990	Rochester School for the Deaf	Rochester, NY
1989	San Diego Public Schools	San Diego, CA
1988	Rhode Island School for the Deaf	Providence, RI
1987	New Mexico School for the Deaf	Santa Fe, NM
1986	Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf	Long Island, NY
1985 1984	Florida School for the Deaf & Blind	St. Augustine, FL
1983	John Tracy Clinic Manitoba School for the Deaf	Los Angeles, CA
1982	Arizona State Schools for the Deaf & Blind	Winnipeg, MB Scottsdale, AZ
1982	Rochester School for the Deaf	Rochester, NY
1980	Nebraska School for the Deaf	Omaha, NE
1979	Texas School for the Deaf	Austin, TX
1978	Governor Baxter School for the Deaf	Portland, ME
1977	California School for the Deaf, Riverside	Los Angeles, CA
1976	Rochester School for the Deaf	Rochester, NY
1975	Central North Carolina School for the Deaf	Greensboro, NC
1973	Arizona State Schools for the Deaf & Blind	Tucson, AZ
1974	Indiana School for the Deaf	Indianapolis, IN
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## CEASD Conference History



Year	Hosted By	Location
1972	Saint Mary's School for the Deaf	Toronto, Ontario
1971	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Little Rock, AR
1970	Florida School for the Deaf & Blind	St. Augustine, FL
1969	California School for the Deaf	Berkeley, CA
1968	Gallaudet College	Washington, DC
1967	American School for the Deaf	West Hartford, CT
1966	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Hot Springs, AR
1965	Michigan School for the Deaf	Flint, MI
1964	California School for the Deaf, Riverside	Riverside, CA
1963	International Congress on Education of the Deaf	Washington, DC
1962	Texas School for the Deaf	Austin, TX
1961	Oregon School for the Deaf	Salem, OR
1960	Northwestern University	Evanston, IL
1959	Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind	Colorado Springs, CO
1958	The Clarke School for the Deaf	Northampton, MA
1957	Tennessee School for the Deaf	Knoxville, TN
1956	Mississippi School for the Deaf	Jackson, MS
1955	American School for the Deaf	West Hartford, CT
1954	New Mexico School for the Deaf	Santa Fe, NM
1953	Washington School for the Deaf	Vancouver, WA
1952	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Little Rock, AR
1951	Missouri School for the Deaf	Fulton, MO
1950	Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind	Colorado Springs, CO
1949	Illinois School for the Deaf	Jacksonville, IL
1948	Minnesota School for the Deaf	Faribault, MN
1947	Florida School for the Deaf & Blind	St. Augustine, FL
1944	Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf	Pittsburgh, PA
1941	Missouri School for the Deaf	Fulton, MO
1939	Gallaudet College	Washington, DC
1936	Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf	Pittsburgh, PA
1933	New Jersey School for the Deaf	West Trenton, NJ
1930	Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind	Colorado Springs, CO
1928	Tennessee School for the Deaf	Knoxville, TN
1926	Maryland School for the Deaf	Frederick, MD
1924	Florida School for the Deaf & Blind	St. Augustine, FL
1919	Ohio School for the Deaf	Columbus, OH
1913	Indiana School for the Deaf	Indianapolis, IN
1904	Department of International Congresses of the Universal Exposition /	
	Halls of Congresses on the Exposition Grounds	St. Louis, MO
1900	Alabama School for the Deaf	Talladega, AL
1892	Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind	Colorado Springs, CO
1888	Mississippi School for the Deaf	Jackson, MS
1884	Minnesota School for the Deaf	Faribault, MN
1880	The Clarke School for the Deaf	Northampton, MA
1876	Mount Airy School for the Deaf	Philadelphia, PA
1872	Michigan School for the Deaf	Flint, MI
1868	Gallaudet College	Washington, DC



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## OPTION Mission & Vision



#### **OPTION Mission**

Advance excellence in listening and spoken language education by providing services that assist schools and programs to increase their effectiveness, efficiency and ability to teach children to listen and talk.

#### **OPTION Vision**

OPTION, Inc. will be a recognized authority on listening and spoken language education for children with hearing loss. We will be known for our work in, and dedication to helping children with hearing loss to listen and talk and reach their full potential. We will continue to provide a wide variety of programs and services that will increase the effectiveness of schools and centers that teach children with hearing loss. We will be an unfailing source of information and training for our members, and in our field.

#### **OPTION Purpose**

OPTION, Inc. is committed to ensuring children with hearing loss and their families have access to listening and spoken language education choices. We are a coalition of schools that advances listening and spoken language education by:

- Supporting and promoting educational options for children
- Measuring outcomes
- Establishing and sharing best practices and
- Raising awareness through advocacy





## OPTION Executive Board

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## OPTION History



In 1980, Dr. Wallace Bruce, then Director at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, had the idea to bring private auditory oral schools together to share resources and challenges. In 1981, George Fellendorf obtained a small grant for the purpose of inviting the directors of auditory-oral programs to meet. The organization was named OPTION. Over the years many other pioneers in the field of oral deaf education helped to found OPTION. The original organizing group included Sr. Joyce Buckler, Edgar Lowell, and Patrick Stone. Other founders or individuals who played key roles in establishing OPTION include Bill Blevins, Doris Lecke, Etta Fisher, Kathy Sussman, and Karen Rossi.

The original meetings of OPTION consisted of representatives from 10-12 schools, gathered around a table, informally sharing the creative ideas they had and the challenges they faced. OPTION continued to grow steadily, and in 2001 was incorporated as a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Executive Board of Directors and the membership continue to work for the excellence and high standards envisioned by the founders.

Year	Hosted By	Location
2000	AG Bell Convention	Philadelphia, PA
2001	Clarke Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL
2002	Sunshine Cottage	San Antonio, TX
2003	Children's Hearing & Speech Centre of BC	Vancouver, BC
2004	Chinchuba Institute	New Orleans, LA
2005	Atlanta Speech School	Atlanta, GA
2006	St. Joesph Institute for the Deaf / Moog Center	
	for Deaf Education / Central Institute for the Deaf	St. Louis, MO
2007	Montreal Oral School	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2008	St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf	Indianapolis, IN
2009	Omaha Hearing School	Omaha, NE
2010	Memphis Oral School	Memphis, TN
2011	Unknown	Washington, DC
2012	Sunshine Cottage	San Antonio, TX
2013	The Children's Cochlear implant Center at UNC	Chapel Hill, NC
2014	Buffalo Speech and Hearing Center	Buffalo, NY
2015	CCHAT Center	Sacramento, CA
2016	Mama Lere Hearing School	Nashville, TN
2017	Debbie School	Miami, FL
2018	Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind & Clarke Jacksonville	St. Augustine, FL

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## The Common Ground Project

#### **Vision Statement**

All infants, children and youth who are D/HH should have the services, supports and specialized providers they need to become successful as full-fledged human beings. As children and adults, they should thrive, not just survive.

#### **Purpose**

OPTION and CEASD will identify areas for collaboration to help all infants, children and youth who are D/HH succeed.

#### Goals

- A. Become more familiar with each other's national organization and the membership of each.
- B. Develop shared understandings leading to specific cooperative efforts based on our common interests.
- C. Advocate, educate and articulate at the federal, state and local level the shared understandings and the differences among our groups/constituents.
- D. Develop a model for working together.
- E. Identify models and strategies we can undertake to impact at the individual state levels where the need exists now.
- F. Promote family education and empowerment that is complete, accurate, and balanced, and supports parents being able to make the best decision for their child and family.
- G. Identify additional partners in this collaborative effort on behalf of all children who are D/HH and their families.

#### **Shared Understandings**

- 1. One size does not fit all. The full continuum of communication choices and educational placements must exist so an appropriate program can be offered to meet each child's needs.
- 2. Children birth-to-3 and their families should have access to funded services in center-based settings where they have an opportunity to meet other families and other children who are D/HH and receive multidisciplinary services from specially qualified personnel.
- 3. Children 3 5 and their families should have access to funded services in center-based settings where they have an opportunity to meet other families and other children who are D/HH and receive multidisciplinary services from specially qualified personnel.

### **Shared Collaboration**



- 4. Qualitative and quantitative data are critical to understanding the efficacy of programs and/ or services for children who are D/HH and must be collected at the program, state and national level. Data needs to include but not be limited to demographics; language access and acquisition; literacy and academic benchmarks; cognitive ability; social/emotional development; post school outcomes; and developmental indicators.
- 5. Eligibility determinations for special education and 504 plans should take into consideration the supports the child has required (birth-3) and will require (3-21) to develop age-appropriate language, pre-academic/academic and developmental skills, and to access the curriculum as an engaged learner/participant at the school.
- 6. IEP teams/service delivery models need to plan for the unique educational and access needs of a child/student who is D/HH, and address the whole child including academic, cognitive, social/emotional, communication, and language development components.
- 7. It is critical to provide accurate information to federal, state and local policy makers about the diverse needs of children who are D/HH. Explore areas where we can collaborate in this effort.
- 8. In order to prevent potentially lifelong developmental ramifications, a child identified as D/HH requires immediate and ongoing specialized, quality, family-centered early intervention/involvement designed to meet that child's individual needs.
- 9. States must develop a system for empowering parents of newly-identified deaf/hard of hearing infants/toddlers/children to become informed decision-makers through provision of complete, balanced, unbiased information about their learning and whole person development needs, language acquisition, communication modalities, technology and the early intervention system.
- 10. Families with children who are D/HH need ongoing, quality opportunities to receive accurate information about the range of language and communication needs, whole child development, educational approaches and placement options, the special education process, and the importance of the parents' role and decision-making throughout.
- 11. Children who are D/HH should not be made to fit into the program that happens to exist in their local area. The needs of the child, which are informed by the family's desired outcomes for the child or other family circumstances, data, team input and evaluation, should drive program, services and placement.
- 12. LRE has been misapplied by federal, state and local agencies. D/HH children should receive their education and support in an environment that meets their individual needs. Eligibility determinations for special education and 504 plans should take into consideration the supports the child has required (birth-3) and will require (3-21) to develop age-appropriate language, pre-academic/academic and developmental skills, and to access the curriculum as an engaged learner/participant at the school.

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## CEASD Schedule at a Glance



#### Sunday, April 22, 2018

#### **CEASD Board Breakfast & Meeting**

8:00-11:30 am, Costa Brava Sultan's Room

#### **CEASD-OPTION Board Luncheon**

(For Board/Staff Only) 11:30 am–1:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Board Meeting/Afternoon Session**

1:00-5:00 pm, Costa Brava Sultan's Room

#### **CEASD Registration**

1:00-6:30 pm, Casa Monica Prefunction

#### CEASD Cocktail Hour & New Superintendents Recognition

Sponsored by Sorenson Communications 5:30–6:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Pavilion

#### **CEASD Opening/Welcome Reception**

Sponsored by Sorenson Communications 6:30–9:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### Monday, April 23, 2018

#### Morning Run/Walk

6:00-7:00 am

#### **CEASD Breakfast**

Sponsored by American School for the Deaf 7:00–7:45 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Registration**

7:00 am-5:30 pm, Casa Monica Prefunction

#### **CEASD-OPTION Exhibits**

7:00 am-5:30 pm, Cordova Room

#### **CEASD Opening/Plenary Sessions**

7:45 am-10:40 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Coalition of Private
Schools for Deaf Children
10:40–11:00 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

11:00 am-12:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballrooms

#### **CEASD Luncheon**

Sponsored by National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology 12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

1:30-3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Insyte Partners 3:20–3:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

3:50-5:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Cocktail Hour**

Sponsored by Convo Communications 5:30–6:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Pavilion

#### **CEASD Dinner/On Own**

6:30 pm >

#### Tuesday, April 24, 2018

#### Morning Run/Walk

6:00-7:00 am

#### **CEASD Registration**

7:30 am-5:30 pm, Casa Monica Prefunction

#### **CEASD-OPTION Breakfast**

Sponsored by Communication Service for the Deaf 7:30–8:30 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD-OPTION Exhibits**

7:30 am-5:30 pm, Cordova Room

#### **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

8:30-10:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

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#### **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

10:50 am-12:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD-OPTION Luncheon**

Sponsored by Gallaudet University 12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Break/Networking**

1:30-2:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

2:00-3:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballrooms

#### CEASD Break/Networking

Sponsored by Sprint Accessibility
3:30–4:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Government Update/ Business Meeting**

4:00-6:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Break/On Own**

6:00-6:30 pm

#### **CEASD-OPTION Cocktail Hour**

Sponsored by Ultratec 6:30–7:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Room

#### **CEASD Banquet/Live Auction**

Sponsored by ZVRS / Purple Communications 7:30–10:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### Wednesday, April 25, 2018

#### **Campus Tours**

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## CEASD Full Schedule

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6:00-7:00 am

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#### **CEASD Diversity Committee**

John Serrano, Board Member and Chair, Diversity Committee, CEASD / Superintendent, Atlanta Area School for the Deaf

#### **CEASD Registration**

7:00 am-5:30 pm, Casa Monica Prefunction

#### **CEASD-OPTION Exhibits**

7:00 am-5:30 pm, Cordova Room

#### **CEASD Opening/Plenary Sessions**

7:45 am–10:40 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

Dr. Sandra Edwards, President, CEASD / Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Deaf

Dr. David Geeslin, President-Elect, CEASD / Superintendent, Indiana School for the Deaf

#### **Update from OSERS/USDOE**

Johnny Collett, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education

#### STEaMing Ahead for Employment

Dr. Gerard Buckley, President, National Technical Institute for the Deaf / Rochester Institute of Technology

#### 50 Schools Project: Follow Up

Bobbi Cordano, J.D., President, Gallaudet University

#### **New CEASD Strategic Plan**

Jeffrey Bravin, Board Member, CEASD / Executive Director, American School for the Deaf

#### Strengthening Viability Through Accreditation

Claire Bugen, Board Member & Chair, Accreditation Committee, CEASD / Superintendent, Texas School for the Deaf

#### **CEASD Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Coalition of Private Schools for Deaf Children

10:40-11:00 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

11:00 am-11:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballrooms

#### *Is Accreditation the Right Fit?*

Casa Monica Ballroom I

Claire Bugen, Board Member & Chair, Accreditation Committee, CEASD / Superintendent, Texas School for the Deaf

#### Be a Community Organizer

Casa Monica Ballroom II

Beth Benedict, Executive Director, Undergraduate Admissions & Outreach, Gallaudet University

#### 10 Principles of Educational Leadership

Casa Monica Ballroom III

James Tucker, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf

#### **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

11:30-11:50 am, Casa Monica Ballrooms

#### Become an Accreditation Site Team Visitor or Chair

Casa Monica Ballroom I

Claire Bugen, Board Member & Chair, Accreditation Committee, CEASD / Superintendent, Texas School for the Deaf

#### Equalizing the Playing Field: CSD Learns

Casa Monica Ballroom II

Joseph Santini, Program Manager, Communication Service for the Deaf Robert Siebert, Development Manager, Communication Service for the Deaf

#### **ASL Assessment: Advancing Practice**

Casa Monica Ballroom III

Jeanne Reis, Director, Center for Research and Training at The Learning Center for the Deaf

#### **CEASD Luncheon**

Sponsored by National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology 12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **Language Deprivation and Cognition**

Dr. Peter Hauser, Director, Center on Cognition and Language, National Technical Institute for the Deaf / Rochester Institute of Technology

#### **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

1:30-3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

Dr. Sandra Edwards, President, CEASD / Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Deaf

Hannah Eskridge, President, OPTION / President, Children's Cochlear Implant Center at University of North Carolina

#### **Reflections on What Unites Us**

Jane Mulholland, Chief Executive Officer, Planning for Student Success / Retired Administrator, Washington School for the Deaf Dr. Barbara Hecht, Past President, OPTION / Director, Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech / Boston

#### Leadership in Times of Disruption & Expanding Our Capacities for Listening and Conversation

Marie McCormick and Liz Alperin Solms, Principals, Insyte Partners Grace Shim, Project Director, Insyte Partners

#### **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Insyte Partners
3:20-3:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

3:50-5:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

#### All for Language Acquisition

Kim Bianco Majeri, State Legislative Affairs Coordinator, National Association of the Deaf Teri Ouellette, Director and President, St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf

#### Making Sense of Our Day

Marie McCormick and Liz Alperin Solms, Principals, Insyte Partners

#### Q/A for Shared Session Presenters

Kim Bianco Majeri, Dr. Barbara Hecht, Marie McCormick, Teri Ouellette & Liz Alperin Solms

#### **CEASD Cocktail Hour**

Sponsored by Convo Communications 5:30-6:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Pavilion

#### **CEASD Dinner/On Own**

6:30 pm >

# CEASD Full Schedule



# Tuesday, April 24, 2018

# Morning Run/Walk

6:00-7:00 am

# **CEASD Registration**

7:30 am-5:30 pm, Casa Monica Prefunction

# **CEASD-OPTION Breakfast**

Sponsored by Communication Service for the Deaf

7:30-8:30 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

# CSD Works Job Club: Improving Transition

Daniel Veit and Joseph Santini, Project Managers, Communication Service for the Deaf

# **CEASD-OPTION Exhibits**

7:30 am-5:30 pm, Cordova Room

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

8:30-10:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **CEASD & OPTION: Stories of Collaborative Efforts**

Maura Berndsen, Common Ground Representative, OPTION / Interim Director, Listen Talk

Dr. David Geeslin, Common Ground Representative & President-Elect, CEASD / Superintendent, Indiana School for the Deaf

# **Retro Yet Critical Needs of Deaf Students**

Dr. Christen Szymanski, Clinical Psychologist, Kendall Demonstration Elementary School for the Deaf

# **Universal Design for Deaf Education**

Kevin Symons, Senior Associate, Mackey Mitchell Architects

Marcus Adrian, Architect, Mackey Mitchell Architects

# **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

10:20-10:50 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

10:50 am-12:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **Q/A for Shared Session Presenters**

Marcus Adrian, Kevin Symons & Dr. Christen Szymanski

# Reflections on Shared Conference and Shared Agreements

Dr. Sandra Edwards, Hannah Eskridge, Marie McCormick, Liz Alperin Solms & Grace Shim

# **CEASD-OPTION Luncheon**

Sponsored by Gallaudet University
12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# Gallaudet: Programs, Events, and Resources

Bobbi Cordano, J.D., President, Gallaudet University

### **CEASD Break/Networking**

1:30-2:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

### **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

2:00-2:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# Chasing the "Why" in Deaf Children

Casa Monica Ballroom I

Oscar Ocuto, Doctoral Candidate, Deaf Studies and Deaf Education, Lamar University

### **Demystifying Charter Schools**

Casa Monica Ballroom II

Amy Novotny, Director, Rocky Mountain Deaf School

Susan Lane-Outlaw, Executive Director, Metro Deaf School

# Pineapple Professional Development"Welcome Mat"

Casa Monica Ballroom III

Tracie Snow, Administrator of Instructional Services, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

Randi Mitchell, Coordinator of Professional Development, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

# **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

2:30-2:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballrooms

# CEASD Schools: Future Teacher Needs (Continues in next breakout session)

Casa Monica Ballroom I

James Tucker, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf

Joseph Fischgrund, Executive Director, Council on Education of the Deaf

# The Latest on EHDI and LEAD-K

Casa Monica Ballroom II

Tawny Holmes, Esq., Education Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf Kim Bianco Majeri, State Legislative Affairs Coordinator, National Association of the Deaf

# Accessible Media for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students

Casa Monica Ballroom III

Cindy Camp, Marketing and Communications Specialist, Described and Captioned Media Program

### **CEASD Breakout Sessions**

3:00-3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballrooms

# CEASD Schools: Future Teacher Needs (Continuation from previous breakout session)

Casa Monica Ballroom I

James Tucker, Superintendent, Maryland School for the Deaf Joseph Fischgrund, Executive Director, Council on Education of the Deaf

### The Architecture of Deafness

Casa Monica Ballroom II

Jeffrey Mansfield, John W. Kluge Fellow, U.S. Library of Congress

# Students to Entrepreneurs: Partnering with Deaf Schools

Casa Monica Ballroom III

Jeff Rosen, Esq., General Counsel, Convo Communications

# **CEASD Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Sprint Accessibility 3:30-4:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **CEASD Government Update**

4:00-4:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **CEASD Business Meeting**

4:30-6:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **CEASD Break/On Own**

6:00-6:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Pavilion

# **CEASD-OPTION Cocktail Hour**

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6:30-7:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Pavilion

# **CEASD Banquet/Live Auction**

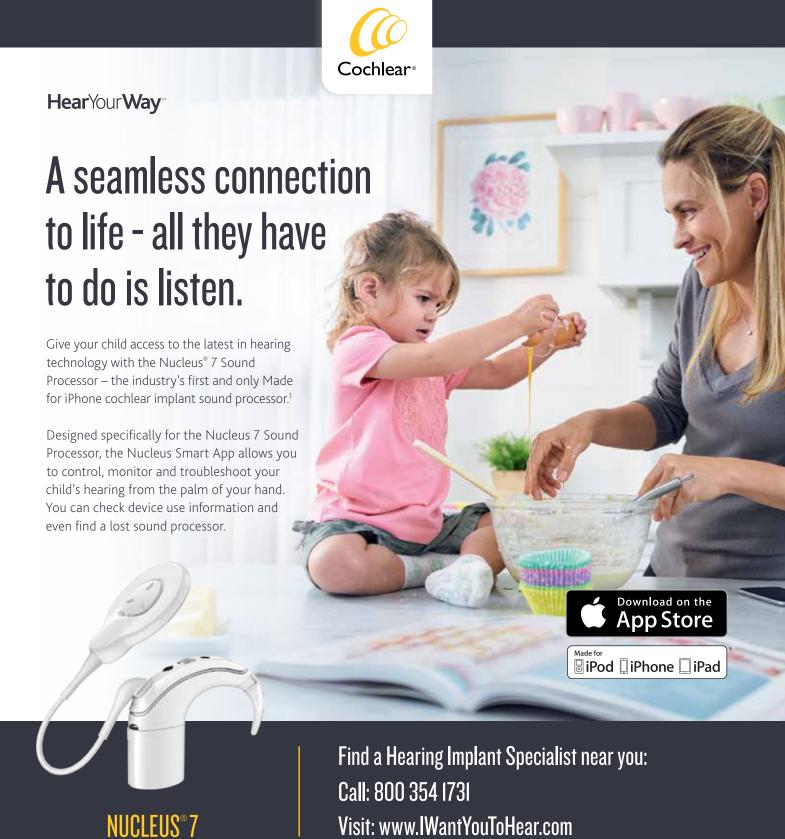
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# Wednesday, April 25, 2018

# **Campus Tours**

FSDB & Clarke Schools / Jacksonville Separate Tours / Advance Sign Up Required





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# OPTION Schedule at a Glance



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# **CEASD-OPTION Board Luncheon**

(For Board/Staff Only)
11:30 am–1:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **OPTION Board Meeting**

2:00-5:00 pm, Costa Bravo Wine Room

# **OPTION Registration/Welcome Reception**

5:30-8:00 pm, Flagler Prefunction

# Monday, April 23, 2018

# **OPTION Registration**

7:30-8:30 am, Flagler Prefunction

### **OPTION Breakfast**

Sponsored by National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology 7:30–8:30 am, Flagler Ballroom

# **CEASD-OPTION Exhibits**

7:00 am-5:30 pm, Cordova Room

# **OPTION Business Meeting**

8:30-10:00 am, Flagler Ballroom

# **OPTION Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Cochlear Americas 10:00–10:30 am, Flagler Prefunction

# **OPTION Plenary Session**

10:30 am-12:00 pm, Flagler Ballroom

### **OPTION Luncheon/Committee Meetings**

Sponsored by Cochlear Americas 12:00–1:30 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

1:30-3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Insyte Partners
3:20–3:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

3:50-5:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **OPTION Break/On Own**

5:30-6:30 pm

# OPTION Dinner/Casa Monica Resort & Spa

Sponsored by MED-EL 6:30–9:30 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# Tuesday, April 24, 2018

### **CEASD-OPTION Breakfast**

Sponsored by Communication Service for the Deaf 7:30–8:30 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

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# **CEASD-OPTION Cocktail Hour**

Sponsored by Ultratec 6:30–7:30 pm, Pool Deck/Sultan's Pavilion

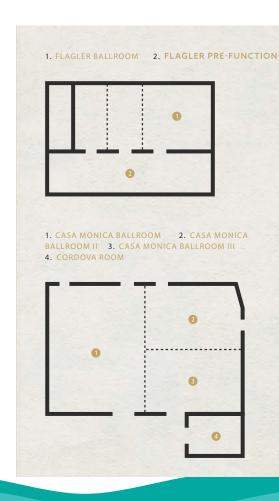
# **OPTION Dinner/Location TBD**

7:30-10:00 pm

# Wednesday, April 25, 2018

# **Campus Tours**

FSDB & Clarke Schools / Jacksonville Separate Tours / Advance Sign Up Required





# OPTION Full Schedule

# Sunday, April 22, 2018

### **CEASD-OPTION Board Luncheon**

(For Board/Staff Only)
11:30 am–1:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **OPTION Board Meeting**

2:00-5:00 pm, Costa Bravo Wine Room

# **OPTION Registration/Welcome Reception**

5:30-8:00 pm, Flagler Prefunction

# Monday, April 23, 2018

# **OPTION Registration**

7:30-8:30 am, Flagler Prefunction

### **OPTION Breakfast**

Sponsored by National Technical Institute for the Deaf/Rochester Institute of Technology 7:30–8:30 am, Flagler Ballroom

# NTID: Past, Present and Future

Dr. Gerard Buckley, President, National Technical Institute for the Deaf / Rochester Institute of Technology

# **CEASD-OPTION Exhibits**

7:00 am-5:30 pm, Cordova Room

# **OPTION Business Meeting**

8:30-10:00 am, Flagler Ballroom

# **Welcoming Remarks/Annual Business**

Hannah Eskridge, President, OPTION Schools / President, The Children's Cochlear Implant Center at the University of North Carolina

# **OPTION Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Cochlear Americas 10:00–10:30 am, Flagler Prefunction

# **OPTION Plenary Session**

10:30 am-12:00 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# Annual LSL-DR Report / Using LSL-DR for Program Evaluation and Improvement

Tamala Bradham, LSL-DR Principal Investigator, Vanderbilt / OPTION Betsy Brooks, Executive Director, Moog Center Uma Soman, Outreach Coordinator, Carle Auditory Oral School

# **OPTION Luncheon/Committee Meetings**

Sponsored by Cochlear Americas 12:00–1:30 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

1:30-3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **Welcoming Remarks**

Dr. Sandra Edwards, President, CEASD / Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Deaf

Hannah Eskridge, President, OPTION / President, Children's Cochlear Implant Center at University of North Carolina

# **Reflections on What Unites Us**

Jane Mulholland, Chief Executive Officer, Planning for Student Success / Retired Administrator, Washington School for the Deaf Dr. Barbara Hecht, Past President, OPTION / Director, Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech/Boston

# Leadership in Times of Disruption & Expanding Our Capacities for Listening and Conversation

Marie McCormick and Liz Alperin Solms, Principals, Insyte Partners Grace Shim, Project Director, Insyte Partners

# **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Insyte Partners
3:20-3:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

3:50-5:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# All for Language Acquisition

Kim Bianco Majeri, State Legislative Affairs Coordinator, National Association of the Deaf

Teri Ouellette, Director and President, St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf

# **Making Sense of Our Day**

Marie McCormick and Liz Alperin Solms, Principals, Insyte Partners

# **Q/A for Shared Session Presenters**

Kim Bianco Majeri, Dr. Barbara Hecht, Marie McCormick, Teri Ouellette & Liz Alperin Solms

# **OPTION Break/On Own**

5:30-6:30 pm

# **OPTION Dinner/Casa Monica Resort & Spa**

Sponsored by MED-EL 6:30–9:30 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# OPTION Full Schedule



# Tuesday, April 24, 2018

# **CEASD-OPTION Breakfast**

Sponsored by Communication Service for the Deaf 7:30–8:30 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

# CSD Works Job Club: Improving Transition

Daniel Veit and Joseph Santini, Project Managers, Communication Service for the Deaf

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# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

8:30-10:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **CEASD & OPTION: Stories of Collaborative Efforts**

Maura Berndsen, Common Ground Representative, OPTION / Interim Director, Listen Talk Dr. David Geeslin, Common Ground Representative & President-Elect, CEASD / Superintendent, Indiana School for the Deaf

### **Retro Yet Critical Needs of Deaf Students**

Dr. Christen Szymanski, Clinical Psychologist, Kendall Demonstration Elementary School for the Deaf

# **Universal Design for Deaf Education**

Kevin Symons, Senior Associate, Mackey Mitchell Architects Marcus Adrian, Architect, Mackey Mitchell Architects

### **COMMON GROUND Break/Networking**

10:20-10:50 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions**

10:50 am-12:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **Q/A for Shared Session Presenters**

Marcus Adrian, Kevin Symons & Dr. Christen Szymanski

# Reflections on Shared Conference and Shared Agreements

Dr. Sandra Edwards, Hannah Eskridge, Marie McCormick, Liz Alperin Solms & Grace Shim

# **CEASD-OPTION Luncheon**

Sponsored by Gallaudet University
12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# School Data Research Initiative

Bobbi Cordano, J.D., President, Gallaudet University

# **OPTION Plenary Session**

1:30-3:00 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# Promoting Language and Literacy in Deaf Children

Susan Nittrouer, Professor and Chair of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, University of Florida

# **OPTION Break/Networking**

Sponsored by Ultratec 3:00–3:30 pm, Flagler Prefunction

# **OPTION Plenary Sessions**

3:30-5:00 pm, Flagler Ballroom

# **Recruiting New Teachers**

and Speech-Philadelphia

Laura Covello, Executive Director, CCHAT Center Cynthia Robinson, Co-Director, Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech-Jacksonville Jamie Sepulveda, Outreach Coordinator of Desert Voices Judy Sexton, Director of Clarke Schools for Hearing

# **Characterizing Program Outcomes Using LSL-DR**

Uma Soman, Outreach Coordinator at Carle Auditory Oral School

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# **MARCUS ADRIAN**

An architect and principal of **Mackey Mitchell Architects**, Marcus Adrian has designed buildings and classrooms for deaf education on nine different campuses. He lectures widely on classroom design, including an October, 2017 talk at TEDx Gateway Arch.



# **DEBRA ARLES**

Debra Arles, Auctioneer for the **CEASD 2018 Live Auction** with Don Galloway, is Executive Director of **St. Joseph's School for the Deaf**.



# **Universal Design for Deaf Education**

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 8:30–10:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

Along with their communication approaches, CEASD and OPTION schools have evolved different approaches to shaping their buildings and classrooms, around the sense each one prioritizes for communication – vision or hearing. In our first 10 min, we will share design strategies we used to design multiple schools for both CEASD and OPTION campuses, acknowledging the differences but focusing on the similarities. Next, we will break into mixed groups. Attendees will share problems, ideas and best practices from their own school's context. We reconvene for a 15-min. plenary, to explore how we can combine ideas into a more universal design approach, to create schools that respond to a fuller range of sensory abilities, allowing more kids to succeed.

# LIZ ALPERIN SOLMS

Liz Alperin Solms, MPA is co-founder of Insyte Partners (www.insytepartners.com) and senior practitioner of the Presencing Institute (www.presencing.org). She has been applying the Theory U framework for 12 years as trusted partner to leaders across sectors to address their most critical issues—shifting strategy, culture, business models, cross-sector collaborations, collective leadership—



all toward the goals of creating a future that is distinct from the past.

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# **BETH BENEDICT**

Dr. Beth S. Benedict is Executive Director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach and tenured professor in the Communication Studies program in the Department of Art, Communication, and Theatre at **Gallaudet University**, Washington, DC.



# **Be A Community Organizer**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 11:00–11:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom II

Community Organizers are now more recognized and valuable than ever since President Obama was elected, as he was once a community organizer. Deaf community involvement is critical for the success of all early intervention programs. The JCIH 2007 Position Statement: Principles and Guidelines for Early Intervention After Confirmation That Child is Deaf or Hard of Hearing published in the Journal of Pediatrics relies on the Supplement to the original Position Paper composed in 2013. The documents focus on early detection and intervention for infants with hearing levels by addressing screening process as well as referral mechanisms and viewpoints on how deaf babies communicate and develop language (including ASL-English bilingualism).

# **MAURA BERNDSEN**

Maura Berndsen, MA, CED, LSLS Cert. AVT, is Interim President of **Listen Talk**. She serves as OPTION representative to the Common Ground Project. She and David Geeslin will present on **CEASD & OPTION: Stories of Collaborative Efforts**.





# KIM BIANCO MAJERI

Kim Bianco Majeri holds a MBA degree from North Park University and a MA degree from New York University. With 20 years of experience in nonprofit and corporate settings, she serves as the State Legislative Affairs coordinator for the National Association of the Deaf.



### The Latest on LEAD-K and EHDI

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:30–2:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom II

The past two years, you, as a school administrator may have noticed increased legislative activity on both the federal and state level in terms of young deaf children (the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Re-Authorization Act and LEAD-K state legislation (Passed in CA, HI, KS, and OR). Questions will be answered by two experienced advocates who were very involved with the passage of both. Participants will have opportunities to discuss how it will impact or has impacted their students, staff, and families that they serve. Participants will become more familiar with the set-up of language acquisition assessments, and will be able to state the purpose of both laws and how it impacts deaf/hard of hearing students.

# All for Language Acquisition

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 3:50–5:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

A spotlight on the groundbreaking conversation Deaf Community had with the Deaf School, OPTION, professionals and parents to openly discuss concerns about language deprivation and whether or not it was an issue in Indiana. Clear roles, ground rules and respect for one another with biases and experiences led to an agreement that something needed to be done. Utilizing the LEAD-K template, the group started to envision a better future. These kind of discussions with ALL kinds of stakeholders at the table with Deaf people leading the conversations are essential in every state.

# **JEFFEREY BRAVIN**

Jeffrey S. Bravin is a CEASD Board Member and Executive Director of the **American School for the Deaf**. He will present with board representatives on the **New CEASD Strategic Plan**.



# **TAMALA BRADHAM**

Tamala S. Bradham, PhD, DHA, CCPA, CCC-A is the Principal Investigator for the **Listening and Spoken Language Data Repository** (LSL-DR) at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in partnership with OPTION, Inc. She will present on the **Annual LSL-DR Report** with Betsy Brooks and Uma Soman.



# **BETSY BROOKS**

Betsy Brooks, EdD, CED, LSLS Cert. AVED, is Executive Director of the **Moog Center** in St. Louis, MO. She will present with Tamala Bradham and Uma Soman on the **Annual LSL-DR Report** and with Uma Soman on **Using LSL-DR for Program Evaluation and Improvement**.



# **GERARD BUCKLEY**

Dr. Gerard J. Buckley has served as President of National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology since 2011. His career includes involvement at the Kansas and Lexington Schools. NTID is committed to working with CEASD to prepare students for STEM careers.



# STEaMing Ahead for Employment

CEASD Opening/Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:45–10:00 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

This presentation will include a discussion of career opportunities within the new American economy; a description of STEaM occupations and opportunities and an overview of how NTID is partnering with CEASD members to prepare students via our NSF DeafTEC initiative, our new established NTID Southeastern Regional STEM Center at ALDB and our educational outreach efforts.

# NTID: Past, Present and Future

OPTION Breakfast Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:30–8:30 am, Flagler Ballroom

NTID has a strong tradition of responding to the evolving needs of our student population. The presentation will involve an overview of services and outcomes. NTID has assumed a leadership role in the provision of educational captioning services and is engaged in state of the art automatic speech recognition efforts with national partners. This presentation will include an overview of NTID access services.



# **CLAIRE BUGEN**

Claire Bugen is Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer of the **Texas School for the Deaf.** Active in professional organizations her entire career, Claire currently serves as CEASD Board at-Large member and as Chair of the **CEASD Accreditation Committee.** 



# Strengthening Viability through Accreditation

CEASD Opening/Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:45–10:40 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

Our schools are always being criticized for one reason or another. Accreditation is a program that can be leveraged by schools and programs for the deaf to ensure their continued strength. CEASD Accreditation is designed to promote school improvement while ensuring the School's public that the school has met the threshold standards for accreditation in core areas. The process can be married with strategic planning to evaluate a program's success in meeting its mission and accomplishing its own organizational and student outcomes. Participants will learn how accreditation can assist a School in understanding its Environmental Forces both internal and external and how they can be leveraged for their educational and strategic benefit.

# Is Accreditation the Right Fit?

CEASD Breakout Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 11:00–11:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom I

Some people think accreditation is just another unnecessary audit, others feel it is not worth the time and money and yet others fear that their state will not recognize it or that they will be compared to other bigger schools with more resources. This presentation will debunk some of those myths and highlight the steps and resources available to assist schools that are thinking about accreditation for the first time or considering reaccreditation after a long lapse.

# **Become an Accreditation Site Team Visitor or Chair**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 11:30–11:50 am, Casa Monica Ballroom I

CEASD, as a peer accrediting body, is always looking to train new site visitors and chairs! Whether you are an administrator a CEO, a teacher, an instructional specialist or a dorm supervisor, we would be happy to include you in our pool of visitors. To become a site team visitor we really encourage you to attend an in person training session like this or participate in one online. For Chairs we really like you have two or three visits under your belt and a strong understanding of the process before you become a chair. Participants in this session will gain a better understanding of the requirements for visits, report writing, and the schedule for visits.

# **CINDY CAMP**

Cindy Camp is the Marketing & Communications Specialist with the **Described and Captioned Media Program** (DCMP). She holds a Master's degree in English, is a nationally certified interpreter as well as a C-Print captioninst and trainer. She has provided access services for over 25 years.



# Accessible Media for D/HH Students

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:30–2:50 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom III

Research has shown that the use of multimedia is beneficial to all students. However, it is not always easy to find educational media with high quality captions. The Described and Captioned Media Program is a federally funded program, which provides accessible educational media and much more. Learn about this free resource. There are videos to teach sign language and deaf culture, self-advocacy, science, math, language arts, just to name a few. We'll discuss how to use accessible media in the classroom and at home. Participants will explore how to evaluate the quality of captions, discuss uses for video in the classroom, and be able to find DCMP media and match titles to classroom learning objectives.

# JOHNNY COLLETT

Johnny Collett is the Assistant Secretary in the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the United States Department of Education. In this capacity, he serves as the advisor to the U.S. education secretary on matters related to the education of children and youths with disabilities, as well as employment and community living for youths and adults with disabilities. The mission of his office is to



improve early childhood, educational, and employment outcomes, and to raise expectations for all people with disabilities, their families, their communities, and the nation.

# **Update from OSERS**

CEASD Opening/Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:45–10:40 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Assistant Secretary Johnny Collett will provide an update regarding programs, initiatives and priorities from the U.S. Department of Education and OSERS. His remarks will touch on the importance of our work together to positively impact the lives of individuals with disabilities—from birth through adulthood. Collett will highlight OSERS investments in deaf education, the need for school and parent choice and the importance of schools for the deaf in serving students and families.



# **BOBBI CORDANO**

Roberta J. Cordano became the 11th president of **Gallaudet University** on January 1, 2016. During the announcement of her selection as president, Cordano was recognized as a "transformational leader who is the right person at the right time for Gallaudet."



# 50 Schools Project: Follow Up

CEASD Opening/Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 7:45–10:40 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

As a result of last year's keynote presentation unveiling the 50 schools in 10 years project, we have found that there is a substantial need for data to be collected and analyzed towards the vision of educational opportunities for deaf children. The presentation will share the results and thoughts on the collaborative endeavor. Participants will become familiar with the Gallaudet University's 50 Schools project and its plans for the future, understand of the need for data collection and its impact on deaf education, funding, and school improvement, and be able to state the basic principles of the data collection plan and able to lead the implementation process.

### School Data Research Initiative

CEASD-OPTION Luncheon Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

After 200 years it is time to look in the mirror and ask, "Are we maximizing the educational experience for our students?" That is what Gallaudet University is doing! The core of education for deaf students is language, so we are undergoing several initiatives - one is Language Vibrancy, another is a Bilingual Taskforce. That means that we are constantly exploring ways to enhance our excellent university experience specifically for Deaf students and are the only university in the world doing this. We are committed to giving back to schools- we will start with providing support for a data collection research center on a national level. Yes, this is an initiative that will seek to understand the academic achievement for all deaf students.

# **LAURA COVELLO**

Laura Covello is the Executive Director of the **CCHAT Center** in Sacramento, CA. CCHAT is a highly specialized and comprehensive listening and spoken language program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. She will present with Cynthia Robinson, Jamie Sepulveda, and Judy Sexton on **Recruiting New Teachers**.



# **SANDRA EDWARDS**

Dr. Sandra G. Edwards is President of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) and Superintendent of the Mississippi School for the Deaf, and serves as CEASD representative to the Common Ground Project.. She and Hannah Eskridge will present during CEASD-OPTION Common Ground sessions.



# HANNAH ESKRIDGE

Hannah Eskridge, MSP, CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT, is President of **OPTION** and President of the **Children's Cochlear Implant Center at University of North Carolina**. She serves as OPTION representative to the Common Ground Project. She and Dr. Sandra Edwards will present during **CEASD-OPTION Common Ground** sessions.



# **JOSEPH FISCHGRUND**

Joseph E. Fischgrund served as Headmaster of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for 21 years. He is a Past President of CEASD and currently serves as Executive Director of the Council on Education of the Deaf. He will copresent with James Tucker.



### **CEASD Schools: Future Teacher Needs**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:30–3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom I

Results of a 2018 survey of CEASD schools are presented, including the demographic profile of current teachers, the number of teachers retiring in the next four years and the number and characteristics of teachers needed at schools for the deaf in the future. The data is compared to two previous studies, indicating the changing nature of skills needed by teachers of the deaf.

# **DON GALLOWAY**

Donald A. Galloway, Auctioneer for the **CEASD 2018 Live Auction** with Debra Arles, is Superintendent and CEO of the Lexington School for the Deaf.



# **VICTORIA GAITANIS**

Victoria Gaitanis is the lead State Program Specialist at the **Florida Department of Education** for students who are blind/visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, or dual sensory impaired with over 20 years of experience in education within multiple educational settings, grade levels, and certification areas. She will provide welcoming remarks on behalf of the Florida Department of Education.





# **DAVID GEESLIN**

Dr. David Geeslin, CEASD President-Elect, is Superintendent of the **Indiana School for the Deaf**. He serves as CEASD representative to the Common Ground Project. He and Maura Berndsen will present on **CEASD & OPTION: Stories of Collaborative Efforts**.



# **PETER HAUSER**

Dr. Peter C. Hauser is a clinical neuropsychologist, professor, and director of the NTID Center on Cognition and Language that investigates the neural, cognitive, linguistic, and socio-cultural factors that advance deaf individuals' learning, wellbeing, and health across the life span.



# **Language Deprivation and Cognition**

CEASD Luncheon Monday, April 23, 2018, 12:00–1:30 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

Dr. Peter C. Hauser will share one of his research studies that investigated if the deprivation of sign language in the first three years of life has an impact on deaf children and adults' executive functions. Hauser will discuss what these results mean for deaf students and teachers as these results have important implications for parent-infant programs and early childhood curriculums as well as for those who work with older deaf children and adults. The result provide empirical evidence that administrators can use for making evidence-based decisions and policy changes. The presentation will end with a discussion on defining and framing language deprivation in a way it can be understood to those outside of deaf education.

# **BARBARA HECHT**

Barbara F. Hecht, Ph.D., is Past President of OPTION and Director of the Boston area campus of Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech and Co-Director of the tVISIT project, a collaborative tele-intervention initiative. She serves as OPTION representative to the Common Ground Project. She and Jane Mulholland will share **Reflections on What Unites Us.** 



# **TAWNY HOLMES**

Tawny Holmes, Esq. serves as the Education Policy Counsel at the **National Association of the Deaf** and provides policy consultation on a local, state, national and global level. Holmes also teaches at Gallaudet University focusing on sign language rights and advocacy. She will co-present with Kim Bianco Majeri.



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# SUSAN LANE-OUTLAW

Dr. Susan Lane-Outlaw is the Executive Director at **Metro Deaf School** in St. Paul, MN. She earned her doctorate from Gallaudet University. Her interests include content literacy, bilingual education, assessment, nontraditional instructional strategies. She will co-present with Amy Novotny.



# **Demystifying Charter Schools**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00–2:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom II

What are charter schools? This presentation is for anyone wanting to learn the basics about charter schools. This presentation will also address associated myths of charter schools by separating fact from fiction, and providing a quick overview of charter schools. The growing charter school movement will be discussed and will include different models and the roles they play in Deaf education. Finally, both presenters will describe their schools, and explain how their schools are similar to and different from each other.



# **JEFFREY MANSFIELD**

Jeffrey Mansfield is a John W. Kluge Fellow at the **Library of Congress** and Graham Foundation grantee for his work on the architectural history of deaf schools. Jeffrey holds a M.Arch. from the Harvard Graduate School of Design.



### The Architecture of Deafness

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 3:00–3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom II

Deaf schools are architecturally and spatially ambiguous. Yet, for over two centuries, their architectural forms and vocabularies have reflected evolving social attitudes towards deafness, disability, and normalcy. Their story is one of industry, biology, pathology, politics, and power. The deaf school fostered interaction, instilled a sense of community, and cultivated a discrete, at times subversive, linguistic, sensorial, and material culture. Although narratives of the deaf school remain largely fragmented and underrepresented, analyzing American deaf schools together as a spatial and architectural typology presents a cohesive picture, with much to offer in strengthening educational and psychological discourses in deaf education.

# **MARIE MCCORMICK**

Marie McCormick, Ph.D. is co-founder of Insyte Partners (www.insytepartners.com) and senior practitioner of the **Presencing Institute** (www.presencing.org). She has been applying the Theory U framework for 12 years as trusted partner to leaders across sectors to address their most critical issues -shifting strategy, culture, business models, cross-sector collaborations, collective



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# RANDI MITCHELL

Randi Mitchell is the Coordinator of Professional Development at **Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind** and had worked as a kindergarten teacher for the last five years.

# FSDB Pineapple PD "Welcome Mat"

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00–2:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom III

Social media has become one of the most informative platforms among parents, educators, and specialists in the field of education. Through this technology medium, schools have the potential to provide professional learning opportunities to individuals within their school, across the nation, and even internationally. The FSDB has developed a way to break down the walls of a school and enable teachers to share best practices from their classroom with peers, parents, and stakeholders. Participants will learn the nuts and bolts required to establish and maintain their own Social Media Professional Development initiative and discuss how they would be able to establish Professional Development opportunities using social media and technology tools.

# JANE MULHOLLAND

Jane Mulholland is Chief Executive Officer, **Planning for Student Success** and Retired Administrator, Washington School for the Deaf. She serves as CEASD representative to the Common Ground Project. She and Dr. Barbara Hecht will share **Reflections on What Unites Us.** 



# SUSAN NITTROUER

Susan Nittrouer has a Master's degree in Deaf Education from Smith College, and a Ph.D. in Speech and Hearing Science from the City University of New York, She is Professor and Chair of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at the **University of Florida**.



# Promoting Language and Literacy in Deaf Children

OPTION Plenary Session Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 1:30–3:00 pm, Flagler Ballroom

The potential for children with hearing loss to develop spoken language and literacy skills commensurate with those of their normal-hearing peers has improved tremendously in recent years, but they continue to face risk of failing to reach their optimal abilities. Teachers and clinicians need to be aware of recent developments in our understanding of sensory impairments on language development, and that of the interconnections among various language skills in order to design interventions appropriately. This presentation will discuss three research findings that should influence intervention for best outcomes: 1) when it comes to the signal, all is better than some; 2) early is not early enough; and 3) language and literacy are symbiotic.



# **AMY NOVOTNY**

Amy Novotny is the Director at **Rocky Mountain Deaf School** in Denver, CO. She obtained her master's in Deaf Education from Gallaudet University and completed the Administrators Leadership and Policy Studies program (ALPS) at the University of Colorado Denver. She will co-present with Susan Lane-Outlaw



# **Demystifying Charter Schools**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00–2:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom II

What are charter schools? This presentation is for anyone wanting to learn the basics about charter schools. This presentation will also address associated myths of charter schools by separating fact from fiction, and providing a quick overview of charter schools. The growing charter school movement will be discussed and will include different models and the roles they play in Deaf education. Finally, both presenters will describe their schools, and explain how their schools are similar to and different from each other.

# **OSCAR OCUTO**

Oscar Ocuto is a FSDB graduate and a doctoral candidate in the Deaf Education program at **Lamar University**. Research interests include deaf children of hearing families and factors in the home environment that influence critical thinking development.



# Chasing the "Why?" in Deaf Children

CEASD Breakout Sessions
Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00–2:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom I

Research shows that communication between mother and child in early development stages is a predictor of later higher-order critical thinking development. For deaf children, communication between mother and child hinges on having an accessible language in the deaf child's home language environment (HLE). There is a need to conceptualize the characteristics of a deaf child's HLE; this qualitative study will use an in-home measurement to observe parent and child communication. Attendees will receive an overview of relationships between language and thought, family interaction strategies, and how these relationships pertain to a deaf child's incidental learning opportunities within their HLE that influence their critical thinking development.

# **TERI OUELLETTE**

Teri Ouellette, LSLS Cert AVEd, is President of **St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf**. She has degrees in Deaf Education and Early Childhood Education. She has worked with infants through graduate students, and is Past President of the LSL Academy Board. She will co-present with Kim Bianco Majeri.



# All for Language Acquisition

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 3:50–5:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

A spotlight on the groundbreaking conversation Deaf Community had with the Deaf School, OPTION, professionals and parents to openly discuss concerns about language deprivation and whether or not it was an issue in Indiana. Clear roles, ground rules and respect for one another with biases and experiences led to an agreement that something needed to be done. Utilizing the LEAD-K template, the group started to envision a better future. These kind of discussions with ALL kinds of stakeholders at the table with Deaf people leading the conversations are essential in every state.

# JEANNE GLIDDEN PRICKETT

Dr. Jeanne Glidden Prickett, is President of the **Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind** in St. Augustine. FSDB is the host school for the CEASD 2018 Conference, working in collaboration with OPTION for their Annual Meeting, and the National Outreach Conference. She will provide welcoming remarks on behalf of FSDB.



# **BARBARA RAIMONDO**

Barbara Raimondo, Esq., is Executive Director of **CEASD** and a long-time advocate for the rights of deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families. She has presented and written about numerous topics including early hearing detection and intervention, education, test equity, civil rights, family support, deaf-hearing partnerships, parent and deaf community involvement, and more.



She will provide a CEASD Government Affairs Update just before the CEASD 2018 Business Meeting.



# **JEANNE REIS**

Jeanne Reis, M.Ed., CIT, CT, MMP, is Director of The Center for Research and Training at **The Learning Center for the Deaf**. She served as an ASL expert for the Guidelines for Accessible Assessments Project, an 18-state coalition effort funded by USDOE.



# **ASL Assessment: Advancing Practice**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 11:30–11:50 am, Casa Monica Ballroom III

In the past two decades, there has been increased research on, and understanding of, the linguistic properties of ASL and other signed languages, as well as broader understanding of methods for language assessment. This presentation will focus on these developments, including as an example the American Sign Language Assessment Instrument (ASLAI). Designed to track the yearly progression of ASL and English print literacy over time for students 4-18, the ASLAI has been conducted with over 1800 deaf students nationwide. Learning Outcomes: participants will be able to distinguish features of ASL that can be evaluated in language assessments and will understand recent developments related to bilingual language assessments.

# **CYNTHIA ROBINSON**

Cynthia S. Robinson, MEd, CED, LSLS Cert. AVEd is Co-Director of **Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech in Jacksonville**, where she has been for 20 years. She will provide welcoming remarks as well a present on **Recruiting New Teachers** with Laura Covello, Jamie Sepulveda, and Judy Sexton.



# **JEFF ROSEN**

Jeff Rosen, Esq., is the General Counsel for **Convo Communications**, a deaf owned and operated provider of video interpreting and visual-based emergency and mass notification systems. Previously he served as Chairperson of the National Council on Disability, appointed by President Barack Obama.



# Students to Entrepreneurs: Partnering with Deaf Businesses

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 3:00–3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom III

The session will provide a brief overview of the growth in deaf businesses. Information will be shared about the opportunities for deaf schools to engage with deaf businesses. An active discussion will address challenges to deaf companies in doing business with deaf schools, such as state procurement requirements and strategies for deaf schools to engage with deaf businesses.

# **JOSEPH SANTINI**

Joseph Santini, Ed.S., is Program Manager for CSD Learns, the online education system of **Communication Service for the Deaf**, and a former K-12 instructor. Currently a Ph.D. student at Gallaudet University, Santini's research focuses on training for teachers in bilingual environments. He will co-present with Daniel Veit.



# **Equalizing the Playing Field: CSD Learns**

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# JOHN SERRANO

John A. Serrano is a Board Member of the **Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs** for the Deaf and Superintendent of the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf in Georgia. He is Chair of the **CEASD Diversity Committee**, and will present on the committee's work.



# **JAMIE SEPULVEDA**

Jamie Sepulveda is the Outreach Coordinator at **Desert Voices** in Phoenix, Arizona. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She will present with Laura Covello, Cynthia Robinson, and Judy Sexton on **Recruiting New Teachers**.





# **JUDY SEXTON**

Judy Sexton, MS, CED, LSLS Cert. AVEd, is the Director of Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech in Philadelphia. She will present with Laura Covello, Cynthia Robinson, and Jamie Sepulveda on Recruiting New Teachers.



# **GRACE SHIM**

Grace Shim is Project Manager with Insyte Partners, providing support throughout her work to ensure there is a well-organized and documented rhythm and ritual to the process. She is a graduate of Northeastern University in Boston. She will co-present with Marie McCormick and Liz Alperin Solms.



# **Expanding our Capacities for Listening and Conversation**

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Monday, April 23, 2018, 1:30–3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

# **Reflections on Shared Conference and Shared Agreements**

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:50 am–12:00 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom

At the heart of collaboration are two key competencies - the capacity to listen deeply – bringing curiosity and compassion to even the most challenging interactions—and the ability to have honest and open dialogue, putting aside voices of judgment, cynicism and fear. Based on Theory U, a framework developed at MIT for innovation and social change, this two-part session will build a shared vocabulary and strengthened capacity to lean in to the important questions facing educators of the deaf, within and across language modalities. This includes examining the way we think—our assumptions and mental models, the way we relate with one another, and our collective willingness to let go of the old so that new mindsets, relationships, collaborations, structures, and alliances can emerge.

# **UMA SOMAN**

Uma Soman, PhD, LSLS Cert AVEd, is the Outreach Coordinator at Carle Auditory Oral School in Urbana, IL. She works with students who are DHH, families, and professionals. Her research focuses on academic and social outcomes of children who are DHH. She will present on Using LSL-DR for Program Evaluation and Improvement with Tamala Bradham and Betsy Brooks; she will also present with Betsy Brooks on Characterizing Program Outcomes using LSL-DR.



# **TRACIE SNOW**

Tracie C. Snow is the Administrator of Instructional Services at the **Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind**. She has been the Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, a Reading Specialist, and a classroom teacher during her 22 years tenure at FSDB. She will co-present with Randi Mitchell



# FSDB Pineapple PD "Welcome Mat"

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00–2:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom III

Social media has become one of the most informative platforms among parents, educators, and specialists in the field of education. Through this technology medium, schools have the potential to provide professional learning opportunities to individuals within their school, across the nation, and even internationally. The FSDB has developed a way to break down the walls of a school and enable teachers to share best practices from their classroom with peers, parents, and stakeholders. Participants will learn the nuts and bolts required to establish and maintain their own Social Media Professional Development initiative and discuss how they would be able to establish Professional Development opportunities using social media and technology tools.

# **KEVIN SYMONS**

A Senior Associate at **Mackey Mitchell Architects**, Kevin Symons graduated from Illinois School for the Deaf and NTID/RIT.
Current Advisory Board President at Missouri School for the Deaf, he enjoys educating young Deaf students about careers in design. He will co-present with Marcus Adrian.



# **Universal Design for Deaf Education**

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 8:30–10:15 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

Along with their communication approaches, CEASD and OPTION schools have evolved different approaches to shaping their buildings and classrooms, around the sense each one prioritizes for communication – vision or hearing. In our first 10 min, we will share design strategies we used to design multiple schools for both CEASD and OPTION campuses, acknowledging the differences but focusing on the similarities. Next, we will break into mixed groups. Attendees will share problems, ideas and best practices from their own school's context. We reconvene for a 15-min. plenary, to explore how we can combine ideas into a more universal design approach, to create schools that respond to a fuller range of sensory abilities, allowing more kids to succeed.



# CHRISTEN SZYMANSKI

Christen A. Szymanski, Ph.D. is a trained Clinical Psychologist who currently works at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School in Washington DC. She specializes in treatment and interventions for children with developmental and behavioral disorders.



# Retro Yet Critical Needs of Deaf Students

COMMON GROUND Plenary Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 8:30–10:15 am, Casa Monica Ballroom

This session will encourage members of the audience to rethink how we envision the critical needs of deaf children. By examining current research and practices, and reviewing the retro experiences, beliefs, myths, and practices of the past we can better envision the future. When combined we are faced with a very real reality- meeting the needs of our deaf students, their families and the teachers and staff that work with them is an urgent crisis that requires us all to work together collaboratively. Key research related to early child development, psycho-social development and learning trajectories of deaf children and how they may impact their needs in the classroom will be reviewed.

# **JAMES TUCKER**

James E. Tucker is in his 26th year as Superintendent of the **Maryland School for the Deaf**, and served President of CEASD during 2006-2008 and 2014-2016. He will copresent on CEASD Schools (two-part session) with Joseph Fischgrund.



# 10 Principles of Educational Leadership

CEASD Breakout Sessions
Monday, April 23, 2018, 11:00–11:20 am, Casa Monica Ballroom III

The presenter will outline ten principles of successful leadership uniformly found in the K-12 field. The presenter will also give examples and personal anecdotes for each principle. The objective of this presentation is to inspire conference participants to reflect on their own leadership styles and principles, and perhaps to develop new principles.

# **CEASD Schools: Future Teacher Needs**

CEASD Breakout Sessions Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:30–3:20 pm, Casa Monica Ballroom I

Results of a 2018 survey of CEASD schools are presented, including the demographic profile of current teachers, the number of teachers retiring in the next four years and the number and characteristics of teachers needed at schools for the deaf in the future. The data is compared to two previous studies, indicating the changing nature of skills needed by teachers of the deaf.

# **DANIEL VEIT**

Daniel P. Veit, MS, is Program Manager for CSD Works, a national initiative of the **Communication Service for the Deaf** that addresses multiple factors behind employment challenges impacting DHH people. Daniel has over 17 years' experience in the fields of career and technical education services, and transition planning. He will copresent with Joseph Santini.



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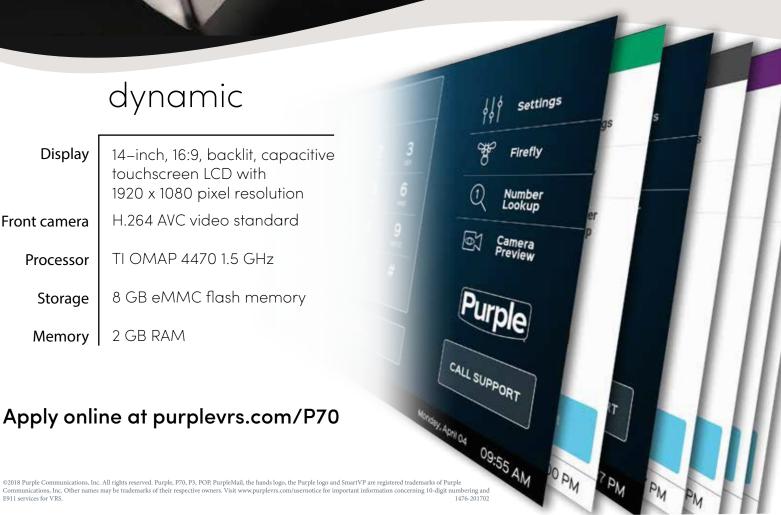
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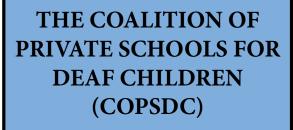












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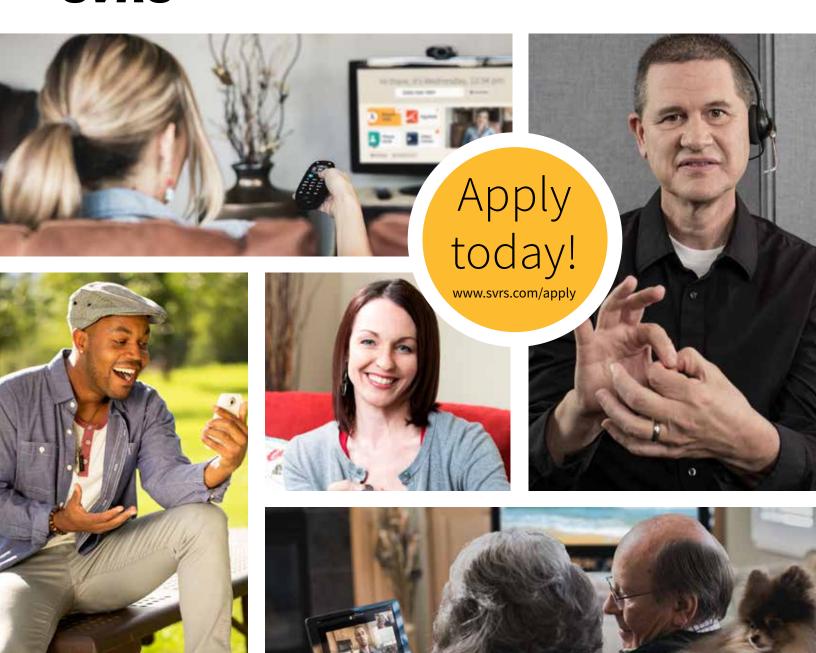


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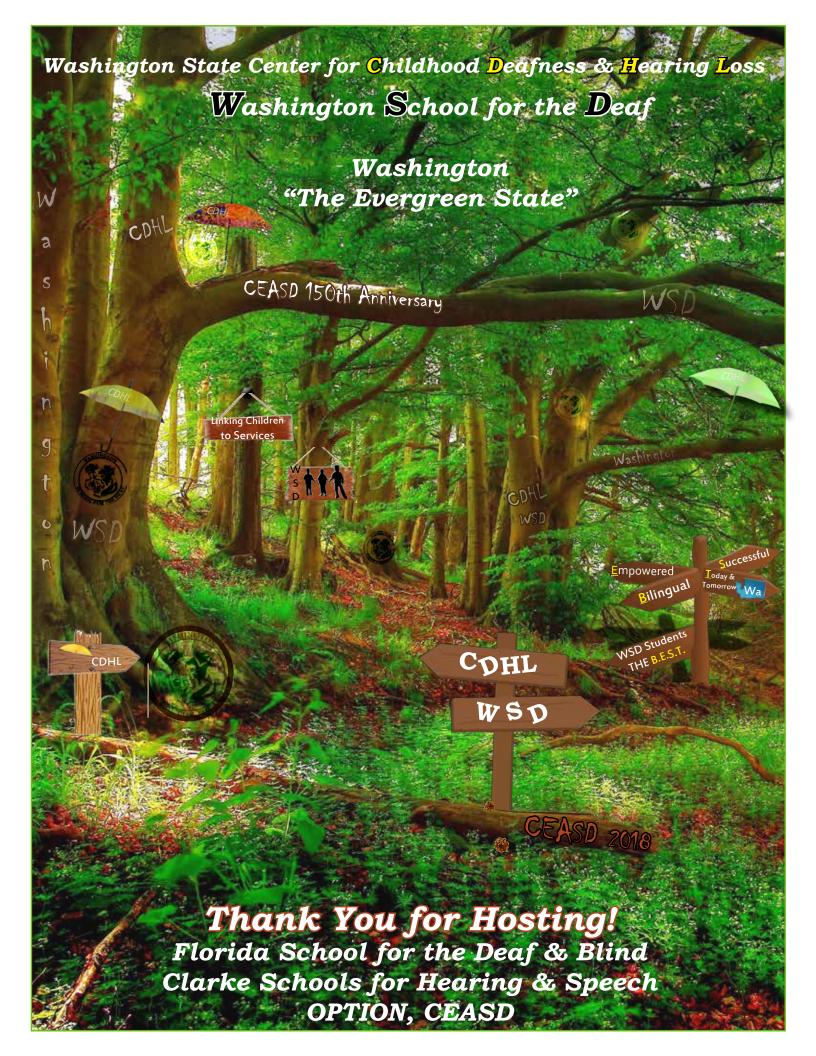
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