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Today on the Special Education Today blog, special educator Kelsey Smith shares her some of her top ideas for setting up a classroom on a small budget. [Check it out!](#)

Joining Us on Capitol Hill? Only 1 Week Left to Book Your Hotel!

It's officially June, which means summer is already here. In addition to fun in the sun, however, it's also time to book your room for the 2019 Special Education Legislative Summit.

Housing ends on June 13, so make sure you [reserve a room](#) at the Crystal Gateway Marriott today!

If you haven't signed up for the 2019 Summit, [register](#) before time runs out.



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Do You Know Someone Who Is Making A Difference?

From groundbreaking research to exemplary teaching practices, CEC honors the integral contributions of the special education community through the following awards, presented each year on the main stage of the CEC Convention & Expo:



- J.E. Wallace Wallin Lifetime Achievement Award
- Clarissa Hug Teacher of the Year Award
- Special Education Research Award
- Frederick J. Weintraub Outstanding CEC Leadership Award

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- Outstanding CEC Student Member of the Year (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awards
- The Susan Phillips Gorin Award

Nominations for the 2020 [Professional](#) and [Student](#) Awards are officially open, with the deadline for all materials being **July 15, 2019**. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of your colleagues and peers!

In addition, nominations for our popular Yes I Can Awards will open in mid-June, so stay tuned for more details, updates, and information.

Policy Highlights

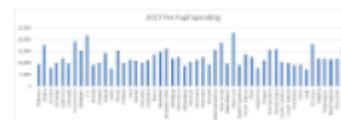
NCLD and Understood Release Forward Together



The National Center for Learning Disabilities and Understood.org recently released the report [Forward Together: Helping Educators Unlock the Power of Students Who Learn Differently](#), which found that general education teachers feel significantly under-prepared to teach students with learning disabilities but are eager to improve their practice. [Read more.](#)

K-12 Public School Per-Pupil Spending

The U.S. Census Bureau's [2017 Annual Survey of School Systems Finances](#) reported that per-pupil public school spending increased by 3.7% in 2017. [Read more.](#)



Upcoming Events

2019 Leadership Institute

Arlington, VA | July 5-7, 2019

2019 Special Education Legislative Summit

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

What's Happening in Washington

CEC Webinar | July 17, 2019

News

Behind The Shortage Of Special Ed Teachers: Long Hours, Crushing Paperwork:

IDEA requires that every student have an IEP, which almost always spell out that students - either some of the time or all of the time - must be taught by a teacher fully certified in special education. Yet around the country, many states and districts are reporting severe special education teacher shortages.

Federal Proposal Would Ease Path From Special Ed to College:

Last month, a bipartisan group of senators introduced the RISE Act (S.1585). If passed, the measure would free individuals who have received special education services from having to undergo additional diagnostic testing.

Report: K-12 spending still reeling from 'lost decade' of economic growth:

Seven years after the end of the Great Recession, states are still spending less per student in K-12 schools, and in nine states, per-pupil funding was down 10% in 2016 compared to 2008, according to a new [Pew Charitable Trusts' report](#) focusing on the "lost decade" in state economic growth.

Districts Struggle to Hire Black Teachers. Is the Solution Hiring More Black Principals?

School districts across the country struggle to hire staff that reflect student demographics. A working paper from Vanderbilt University strongly suggests that the answer to this ongoing problem lies in developing a strategy to hire more principals of color

Corporate America Urged to Increase Disability Hiring:

A group of major investors with over \$1 trillion in assets is looking to use its clout to pressure

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companies into hiring more people with disabilities.

Report highlights difficulty achieving equity for rural schools: High poverty, opioid addiction, limited healthcare and tech access, and a lower tax base contribute to challenges in lifting rural schools, according to a [new report](#) released last week by the Tennessee Educational Equity Coalition.

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