This week, we share our November specials, a special education teacher's tips for self-care, and your chance to save on the best of Marilyn Friend.

3 Tips for Teacher Self-Care

Late October/early November is often said to be one of the most difficult periods for educators. Special education teacher Kelsey shares three practical ways she advocates for herself and remains healthy, balanced, and encouraged during this stressful time of year.

Check it out!

Honoring CASE Leader Dr. Luann Purcell

This weekend at the 2nd Joint CASE/NASDE Conference in Louisville, KY, members of the Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) and the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) celebrated Dr. Luann Purcell, who is retiring from her position as CASE Executive Director after 17 years of service.

On October 27, Luann was presented with the 2019 Outstanding Service to CASE Award to honor her dedication, impact, and leadership. Congratulations, Luann, and thank you for your service!
Stay tuned for next week’s issue, where we’ll be sharing a full re-cap of the conference and other CEC unit and division events.

Put Down the Halloween Candy and Check Out These Fall Specials Instead!

From now through November 30, we’re holding a Fall Rollback Special for the CEC 2020 Convention & Expo in Portland, OR! If you’re a special educator, the CEC convention experience is NOT to be missed - so learn more and then use discount code TEC30 to get $30 off the full registration price.

Save on CEC 2020 registration!

Or, if cozying up with a great PD read is more your speed, you can also save on publications from the CECatalog! When you use the code FALL25 at checkout, you’ll get 25% off your ENTIRE purchase until November 30.

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Looking for co-teaching tips from the best there is? Then check out our *The Best of Marilyn Friend Recorded Webinar Set*, which includes four of Dr. Friend’s most popular CEC webinars. Covering topics from specially designed instruction to completing a co-teaching check-up, this set is the perfect addition to your professional library.

**Learn more!**

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**Policy Highlights**

**CEC Weighs in on House Higher Education Act Reauthorization**

On Monday, CEC submitted a letter to House Education and Labor Committee Chair Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Ranking Member Virginia Foxx (R-NC) in response to the introduction and consideration of H.R. 4674, the College Affordability Act, a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA). [Read more.](https://cec.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/pub/bWFpbGluZ0luc3RhbmNlSWQ9ODkyMzU2NQ==)

**Progress Stalls on Appropriations as Rumors of Second CR Circulate**

Last week’s effort in the U.S. Senate to advance a number of non-controversial spending measures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 stalled, as fundamental partisan disagreements continue to impede progress. [Read more.](https://cec.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/pub/bWFpbGluZ0luc3RhbmNlSWQ9ODkyMzU2NQ==)

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**Upcoming Events**

**Illinois CEC 2019 Fall Convention**
Naperville, IL | October 31-November 2

**TED 2019 42nd Conference**
New Orleans, LA | November 5-8

**DLD@Night Workshop**
New Orleans, LA | November 7

**How to Design and Deliver Effective Math Intervention**
CEC Webinar | November 13
Suspension, Discrimination, and Students with Disabilities: Exceptional Children contributor Dr. Paul Morgan provides an overview of a new synthesis examining whether U.S. schools are discriminating when suspending or disciplining students with disabilities.

'No Progress' Seen in Reading or Math on Nation’s Report Card: Scores released from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) showed most states saw little or no improvement in math and reading.

Study finds Texas students kicked out of special ed less likely to graduate, go to college: Students with mild learning disabilities who were kicked out of special education services were less likely to graduate high school or enroll in college, according to the University of California-Davis and Cornell University in what appears to be the first academic study of how Texas’ now-discarded cap on special education services impacted children.

How States Are Expanding Support for Dyslexic Students: Experts recommend a structured literacy approach to best help dyslexic students.

New Report Highlights Path to Equitable Access to Higher Education for Early Childhood Educators of Color: NAEYC recently released new research, in collaboration with The Education Trust, that explores the responses, reactions, and recommendations from 50 early childhood educators of color.
Higher-Ed. Legislation Bubbling in Congress: It may be a slow time for K-12 activity on Capitol Hill, but you can't say the same about higher education: In the last several weeks, both Democrats and Republicans have introduced bills designed to address college access, costs, and other policies.

NCTQ Databurst: Teacher Leadership Opportunities: A new report from NCTQ reveals that the majority of states support leadership opportunities for classroom teachers.

Helping students with intellectual disabilities conquer college: More colleges are opening doors to students with intellectual disabilities and giving them life skills and a ticket to employment, but federal funding for some of these programs runs out next year.