This week, we announce Chad Rummel as our new executive director, express our gratitude with a discount on CEC 2020, and send out an application reminder for our Leadership Development Committee.

Announcing Chad Rummel, CEC’s New Executive Director!

On Monday, November 25, CEC announced the appointment of Chad Rummel, M.Ed., CAE, as its NEW executive director, effective Jan. 1, 2020!

Chad comes to us from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, where he has been executive director since 2013. We’re excited about the leadership experience Chad brings to CEC, including expertise in education initiatives, Board and volunteer management, digital communications, events management, sponsorship/development initiatives, and advocacy.

We'll be sharing more information about him – and from him – when he joins the headquarters staff in January.

Read our official press release to learn more!

A Thank-You Discount for CEC 2020

Tis’ the season to give thanks. And this year, we are tremendously thankful for YOU. Whether you’re helping students learn new skills or fighting for full funding, your work matters and is making a difference for the millions of children and youth who count on you each day.

As a token of our appreciation, please enjoy additional savings on the CEC 2020 Convention & Expo in Portland, OR, through the end of November. When you use the code TEC30 at checkout, you can get an extra $30 off the already discounted price of full registration. We can’t wait to see you there!
Help Support a Pipeline of Diverse Leaders

Guess what? Our Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is currently seeking three committed CEC members to join its ranks!

If you’re creative, collaborative, solution-focused, and passionate about engaging underrepresented groups to diversify our field’s leadership pool, serving on this exciting, fast-paced committee could be the perfect opportunity for you. Applications are now being accepted for three-year terms beginning Sept. 1, 2020.

Applications due **Feb. 13.**

Learn more and apply today!

Policy Highlights

CEC to Host Policy and Advocacy Webinar for Members

Please join us on Tuesday, December 10, from 4-5pm ET for a FREE member webinar with CEC’s Senior Policy Advisors. **Read more.**

New Report Shows Office of Civil Rights Made “Dramatic” Changes Across the Board

Last week, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released a report, *Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement*, examining current practices at the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR). **Read more.**
Join Us. Work with Great Minds. Get your PhD.

Our top-tier Special Education department has several exciting doctoral opportunities for Fall 2020. Apply today! Priority deadline December 1.

**Upcoming Events**

**Ontario CEC 63rd Annual Conference**
Toronto, ON | November 29-30

**SuperConference 39**
Lafayette, LA | January 12-13

**DADD 21st International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability, and Developmental Disabilities**
Sarasota, FL | January 22-24

**News**

**Gifted Education: Results of a National Survey:** Students from low-income homes, and black, Latino, and Native American children are often underrepresented in school gifted education programs, according to a nationwide survey of the people who staff those programs by the Education Week Research Center.

**Up to 3.6 million students should be labeled gifted, but aren’t:** As many as 3.6 million gifted children are being overlooked in school, according to a report from Purdue University’s Gifted Education Research and Resource Institute, GER2I.

**High Stakes for Schools If 2020 Census Undercounts Latino Families:**
For communities with significant numbers of Latino and immigrant residents, the barriers to an accurate 2020 Census count are high - and so are the stakes for their
schools, which could lose hundreds of millions of dollars if counts are inaccurate.

**3 studies argue against fidget spinners in the classroom:** The popularity of fidget spinners may be declining, but that is for the best, according to studies that show the devices - often touted as useful in helping some students concentrate - may harm learning.

**Pointilism in 1st Grade? Teachers Use Unfamiliar Lessons to Mine for Giftedness:** Some school districts, including some in Kentucky and Florida, are overhauling how they identify students who qualify for gifted programs.

**Report: Volunteering, cultural literacy most effective for instilling sensitivity:** A recent study finds that the best way to create and sustain intercultural mindsets in U.S. youth is to teach about cultural perspectives and provide volunteer opportunities.

**Clashing Views on Civil Rights Data Proposal:** Proposed changes to the massive trove of civil rights data the U.S. Department of Education collects from every public school in the country has drawn organized praise from advocates concerned about anti-Semitism in schools.

**Will online learning help 4-year colleges weather the next recession?:** Faced with challenging population trends and the possibility of another recession, some universities are working to balance declining enrollment with online learning programs aimed at adult students.