

Ontario CEC's 63rd Annual Special Education Conference: November 29 – 30, 2019



Well-being, Equity and Success for All *Enhancing Learning and Life Outcomes for* *Students with Special Education Needs*

On behalf of the Ontario CEC Board of Directors, I am excited to extend an invitation for you to join us at Ontario CEC's 63rd Annual Provincial Special Education Conference, which will be held November 29 – 30, 2019 at the Marriott Downtown CF Toronto Eaton Centre!

The theme of the 2019 conference is ***Well-being, Equity and Success for All***; presentations will focus on evidence-based practices, instructional strategies, and technology to equitably support the well-being, learning and achievement of all students with special education needs. The conference program features more than 70 lecture and poster presentations in numerous topical areas, including self-regulation, anxiety, well-being for students and educators, at-risk children & youth, autism, assistive and adaptive technology, transitions, managing challenging behaviour, learning disabilities, intellectual disability, indigenous education, post-secondary initiatives and low incidence exceptionalities.

Conference highlights include:

- ◆ Poster Presentations/President's Reception
- ◆ Publisher & Exhibitor Display
- ◆ Film Screening: *Intelligent Lives* by Dan Habib
- ◆ Hot Topics & Featured Sessions
- ◆ Ministry of Education Strand
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Well-being Strand
- ◆ Awards Luncheon
- ◆ Technology Training
- ◆ EQAO Update

Value added alert! Conference registration includes the opening keynote address, breakout sessions, poster presentations/President's reception, silent auction, the Exhibitor/Publisher Display, and breakfast and lunch both days. Special conference rates apply for CEC members and full-time University & College students.

Please mark these dates and join Ontario CEC for this incredible self-directed professional learning opportunity!

For further information, please contact:

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Conference Overview

Thursday, November 28, 2019

- ◆ Ontario CEC Board of Directors' Meeting
- ◆ Ontario CEC Annual General Meeting
- ◆ Conference Registration

Friday, November 29, 2019

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ **Opening Session** & **Keynote Address**
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/ Publisher Display
- ◆ Networking Luncheon
- ◆ Poster Presentations/Presidents' Wine & Cheese Reception
- ◆ Silent Auction

Saturday, November 30, 2019

- ◆ Registration & Continental Breakfast
- ◆ Concurrent Breakout Sessions
- ◆ Exhibitor/Publisher Display
- ◆ Community Agency Display
- ◆ **Closing Session** includes the **Awards Luncheon - Adult and Yes I Can! Student Award Recipients**
- ◆ **Closing Motivational Address**

Ministry of Education Presentations:

Special Education in Ontario Update



Supporting Students with Disabilities in Reading



School Mental Health Ontario



Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

EQAO Presentation

Hot Topics and Featured Sessions:

*Ontario College of Teachers - Professional Advisory on Supporting Students' Mental Health, **Nicole van Woudenberg***

*Using Indigenous Education Philosophies to Support Struggling Readers, **Jennifer Maracle***

*Math for All: Promoting Well-Being & Reducing Anxiety, **Dr. Steven Reid & Dr. Mary Reid***

*Teaching and Assessing with the Learning Stages in Mind for Students with Autism, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, **Dr. Jordan Shurr***

*How to Build a Foundation of Executive Skills and Self-regulated Learning in the K - 3 years, **Laurie Faith and Paula Barrow***

*New Guidelines on the Assessment and Diagnoses of Learning Disabilities in Ontario, **Dr. Todd Cunningham***

*Redefining the Role of the Educational Assistant in Facilitating Inclusion and Independence, **Janell Hurlbut***

*An Update on the Progress and Findings of the LD Pilot Project in Ontario, **Dr. Rhonda Martinussen***

*Serving Students who are Impacted by Poverty in the Classroom and School, **Susie Lee-Fernandez and Kate Remiz***

*Gifted and Twice Exceptional, **NILD Canada***

*Universal Design for Learning: From Special Education to Learning for All, **Jennifer Murphy, Cheryl Snider, and Alison McDonnell***

*Building and Bridging Healthy Communities from Within: Supporting the Well-being of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students, **Rose Auciello, Andrea Coke and Rita Georgey***

*Mindfulness and Self-regulation, **Jennifer Orr and Kelly Elliott***

*The Reader Pen: Your Portable Digital Toolbox for Developing Literacy Skills, **Judi Sackville and Diana Lang***

Please click here to access the full listing of breakout sessions:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/syqq62/6X>

Conference Registration

Please note that online conference registration may be accessed as of September 13, through this link, <http://www.cvent.com/d/syqg62/6X> and through the Ontario CEC website, www.cecontario.ca

Registration Includes	Conference Participant Rate	CEC Member & Presenter Rate	Student & Pioneer Rate
2-day conference includes breakfast, lunch and reception on Friday, breakfast and the awards luncheon on Saturday	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$250.00
Additional awards luncheon tickets	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00

Interested in exhibiting at the conference? Contact Cindy Perras at cindy.perras@gmail.com

Conference Hotel/Room Bookings

Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre

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Ideally located in the heart of downtown Toronto, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre provides easy access to the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, shopping, dining, the CN Tower, sporting venues (the Scotiabank Arena and Rogers Centre), and the Entertainment District. Getting there is easy – whether travelling by car, subway, streetcar or train, as the hotel is just a few blocks from Union Station. For those travelling by air, the Union Pearson Express connects Toronto Pearson International Airport with Union Station and the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport is 10 minutes from the hotel.

A block of guest rooms is available at our conference hotel, the Marriott Downtown at CF Toronto Eaton Centre, for November 27 – December 1, 2019. Guest room rates, which include complimentary WiFi, are \$195.00 (single/double occupancy), \$215.00 (triple occupancy) and \$235.00 (quadruple occupancy) per night. Amenities include a roof top pool and hot tub, fitness centre, lobby bar and restaurant serving contemporary Canadian cuisine. **Reservations must be booked by November 5, 2019**, either by calling 416.597.9200, and referencing the booking code, “Ontario CEC”, or through this hyperlink (also located on the conference website):

Marriott Hotel Reservations. (<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1568042636314&key=GRP&app=resvlink>)