

## COVID-19 Crisis Spawns Changes in Teacher of the Year Calendar

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of most of this year's in-person CEA state, regional and international events. One of the unfortunate results of these cancellations has been the loss of an opportunity to appropriately honor the educators who have been selected as Teacher of the Year by their CEA state chapters.

In March, the CEA-Wisconsin Board named Wisconsin Resource Center teacher Jen Bautz as its 2020 Teacher of the Year. The plan was to honor her at the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day scheduled for the Concourse Hotel in Madison on April 14-15. The CEA-Wisconsin Board intended to furnish expenses for Jen to attend the 2020 Region 3 & 4 Conference and Training Event in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 19-21 and compete against winners from five other Region III States. If Jen would have been selected as the Region III Teacher of the Year, she would have been furnished expenses to attend the 75th Correctional Education Association International Conference & Training Event in Austin, Texas on August 23-26, 2020.

To give Jen her well-deserved recognition, the CEA-Wisconsin Board has voted to have Jen continue as its Teacher of the Year into 2021. If the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day and Region 3 & 4 Conference and Training Event are able to be held in 2021, Jen will be honored at both events. If Jen is selected as the Region 3 Teacher of the Year, she will be furnished expenses to attend the 2021 CEA International Conference & Training Event.

To increase the opportunity to properly recognize future Teachers of the Year, the CEA-Wisconsin Board will be modifying the selection process calendar. The current selection process calls for the Wisconsin Teacher of the Year to be named in March and then be honored at the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day and Region 3 & 4 Conference and Training Event in April and May. This calendar squeezes all of the events relating to Teacher of the Year into a three month period of time.

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To allow the Teacher of the Year to represent Wisconsin correctional teachers for a full year and to give the winner more time to prepare for the Region 3 competition, the Teacher of the Year calendar will be changed to the following:

- The call for Teacher of the Year nominations will be published in the March/April CEA-Wisconsin newsletter
- The due date for nominations will be May 1
- The due date for the submission of application information will be July 1
- The Wisconsin Teacher of the Year will be selected at the July CEA-Wisconsin Board meeting
- The Teacher of the Year will be honored at the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day in the following April or May
- The Teacher of the Year will be honored and compete for the Region 3 Teacher of the Year Region 3 & 4 Conference and Training Event in April or May
- If selected as the Region 3 Teacher of the Year, the Teacher of the Year will be furnished expenses to attend the CEA International Conference & Training Event in July or August

The CEA-Wisconsin Board hopes that the new calendar will increase to the visibility of the Teacher of the Year and allow her/him to represent Wisconsin correctional educators at public and professional events during her/his full year of service.

Every year since 1986 when Wisconsin formed a state chapter of the Correctional Education Association, the CEA-Wisconsin Board has selected a teacher of the year to represent Wisconsin at the Region 3 CEA Conference. Nine of those Wisconsin Teachers of the Year went on to be selected Region 3 Teacher of the Year and represent Wisconsin and the region at the Annual CEA International Conference.

## Wisconsin Teachers of the Year who have been selected as Region 3 Teacher of the Year

- 1992 Phil Leader, Wisconsin Resource Center
- 1998 Anita Wilcox, Blackhawk Technical College/Rock County Jail
- 2004 Mel Free, Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution
- 2005 Mary (Stierna) Davies, Wisconsin Resource Center
- 2005 Sharon Abel, Lakeshore Technical College/Sheboygan County Detention Center
- 2006 Ken Van Mieghem, Wisconsin Resource Center
- 2009 DeNeal (Ericksen) Perez, Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center
- 2012 Laurie Crescio, Waupun Correctional Institution
- 2019 Laurie Jarvis, Fox Valley Technical College/Waushara County Jail.

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# Creativity Contest

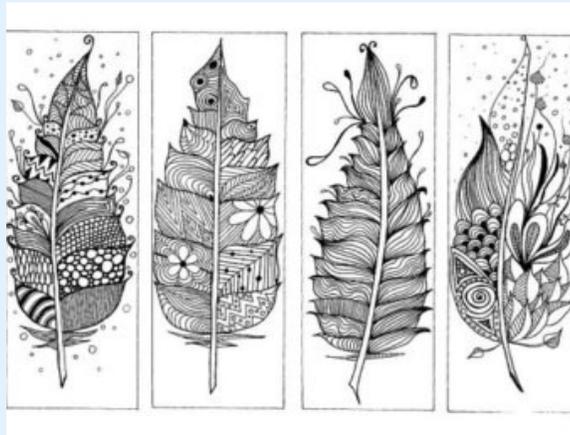
**Are you a Writer?**

**An Artist?**

**Your original artwork or creative writing piece may be submitted between September 1 and December 1.**

**Winning entries will be published.**

**Contact [Margaret Done](#) at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Center for more information**



**Visit <http://www.ceawisconsin.org> for the Creativity Contest Rules and Submission Release Form**

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## CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest Accepting Submissions

CEA-Wisconsin invites incarcerated writers and artists to submit their works for the annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest booklet. Each year CEA-Wisconsin publishes original prose, poetry, and ink drawings from Wisconsin's jail, prison, and juvenile facility populations. All levels of writers and artists are encouraged to offer submissions. Authors and artists whose works are selected will each receive two free copies of the booklet when it is published in May.

Encourage your learners to express themselves in drawings (black ink on 8½ by 11 white paper) and writings up to 1000 words including poems, letters, essays, and short stories. Winners are selected from all levels, so urge beginning writers to give it a try. Submissions are accepted from September 1, 2020 until December 1, 2020.

This year we are asking for written works to be submitted via email instead of on paper. If it is not possible for an author to submit his/her work via email, those works may still be submitted on paper. Artwork will continue to be submitted on paper.

Please ask entrants to read the contest rules and complete the submission release form on our [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) website. Entries can be sent to Margaret Done at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Center email or mailing address on the submission form.

The booklets are typeset by inmates at Oshkosh Correctional Institution and printed by inmates at Columbia Correctional Institution. This publication reflects the professional commitment of CEA-Wisconsin members to promote literacy. Each person who is a CEA-Wisconsin member as of January 1 gets a free copy of the booklet.

If you would like to join the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest committee, contact [Margaret Done](mailto:margaret.done@ceawisconsin.org).

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(Click their names to open an email!)

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## CEA-Wisconsin Awards Annual Scholarship to Member's Son

The CEA-Wisconsin Board is pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship is Reed Prochnow. Reed is the son of David Prochnow, Teacher Supervisor at Fox Lake Correctional Institution.



Each year, the [CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship Award Program](#) awards a \$1000 scholarship designed to assist a CEA-Wisconsin member who is furthering his/her education in the education or library services field or a member's spouse or dependent who is pursuing a university or technical college degree in any field. Since the scholarship was established in 2001, scholarships were awarded to ten CEA-Wisconsin members and fourteen children of CEA-Wisconsin members.

Reed graduated from Cambria-Friesland High School last May where he served on the student council and lettered in basketball, baseball and football. He will be enrolling in Madison College this fall in pursuit of a career in Construction and Remodeling. Reed hopes to earn his Madison College degree in two years and may consider transferring to a four year school afterwards.

The 2021 CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship will be announced in the May/June 2021 issue of this newsletter. CEA-Wisconsin members, their spouses, and dependents are encouraged to apply.

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## The History of Correctional Education Continues to Grow

On the [CEA—Wisconsin website](#), we are continuing to post documents that summarize the history of education in Wisconsin correctional facilities. In the past few months, two documents were posted:

- [A History of College Classes for Incarcerated Students in Wisconsin](#)
- [A History of the WTCS/DOC Partnership](#)

This month, two timelines were added to the posted collection:

- [Wisconsin Division of Adult Institutions Education Milestones](#)
- [Notable CEA-Wisconsin Events and Educator Achievements](#)

The Wisconsin Division of Adult Institutions Education Milestones Timeline started with information taken from the Wisconsin DOC website's Department History timeline that summarizes events that occurred from 1851-2002 and added information on events that have taken place until the present.

The Notable CEA-Wisconsin Events and Educator Achievements timeline was originally intended to summarize CEA-Wisconsin events and achievements of CEA-Wisconsin members. Because it was not possible to determine which teachers were CEA-Wisconsin members when they received their honors, it was decided to include the achievements of all Wisconsin correctional educators --- whether they were CEA-Wisconsin members or not.

If you have information or documents that relate to any of these histories, please send them to [Jerry Bednarowski](mailto:jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com) at [jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com](mailto:jerrybednarowski@new.rr.com) and your contributions may be added to the documents that are posted on [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org).

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## County Jail Directory Adjusts to COVID-19

Every September since 2008, we have surveyed all Wisconsin county jail and detention center teachers, education coordinators and volunteers to ask them to update the information for their counties that appears in the [Directory of Education Programs in Wisconsin's County Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers](#) and to email any revisions to [Jerry Bednarowski](#).

Because these are not normal times and many correctional facilities, technical colleges, public school systems and literacy organizations are forced to make frequent adjustments in their programs and staffing patterns, we will not be making a formal request for information until conditions stabilize.

The *Directory of Education Programs in Wisconsin's County Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers* will continue to be posted on the [CEA Wisconsin](#) website so that teachers, education coordinators and volunteers working in jails and detention centers will be able to contact their colleagues working in other facilities to ask questions, share ideas, and pool resources.

If you have definite information about your county jail that you would like included in the *Directory*, you may still email the revisions to Jerry and he will update your county's listing in the *Directory* on our website. We will not be emailing the updated *Directory* to everyone listed in the directory until conditions stabilize.

If anyone has been added to the staff at your facility, please send us their names and email addresses. We will add them to our email list so they will receive our [CEA-Wisconsin](#) and [Parenting Connection](#) newsletters and other information relating to teaching in county jails and detention centers.

## In Memorium

Ann Louise Egan of Ripon, Wisconsin passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at home with her family by her side. Ann was born in Oshkosh on March 5, 1951, graduated from Omro High School and went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Oshkosh. Ann was a retired teacher from the Redgranite Correctional Institute and was always very proud of the progress her students made in their studies. Our sympathies are extended to her loved ones.

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## ESTHER's Banquet Goes Virtual

Each November, ESTHER holds its annual banquet. The banquet is ESTHER's largest fundraiser and supports its task forces that plan and implement activities and events to evoke positive change for the community in the areas of Environment, Immigration, Mental Health, Prison Reform and Transportation.

This year's crazy times have forced the banquet organizers to rethink what they usually do. ESTHER has decided to do a Virtual "Banquet." ESTHER's 17th Annual Banquet will be an all-day affair on Sunday, November 1, 2020.



**Fellowship - Silent Auction - Music - Awards**

# ESTHER 17th Annual "Banquet"

*Virtual* **Sunday - November 1, 2020 - 5:00PM**

## Voices for Justice

**"I speak for the lions. And we are many!"**

**REV. TRACI DEVON BLACKMON**



*Rev. Blackmon is the Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ.*

As a featured voice on many regional, national, and international platforms, Rev. Blackmon's life work focuses on communal resistance to systemic injustice. Her response in Ferguson to the killing of Michael Brown resulted in national and international recognition, gaining her audiences at the White House, the Carter Center, and the Vatican. She co-authored the White Privilege curriculum for the UCC and toured the nation with Rev. Dr. William Barber of Repairers of the Breach and Sister Simone Campbell of Nuns on the Bus, proclaiming the need for a Moral Revival in the nations.

**"Until the lion tells the story, the hunter will always be the hero."**  
—West African Proverb

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This year's celebration will feature Rev. Traci Blackmon as keynote speaker. Rev. Blackmon is the Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries for the United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ, three miles from Ferguson, Missouri. She was a registered nurse for 25 years prior to becoming an ordained minister. As a featured voice on many regional, national, and international platforms, Rev. Blackmon's life work focuses on communal resistance to systemic injustice. Her response in Ferguson to the killing of Michael Brown resulted in national and international recognition, gaining her audiences at the White House, the Carter Center, and the Vatican. She co-authored the White Privilege curriculum for the United Church of Christ and toured the nation with Rev. Dr. William Barber of Repairers of the Breach and Sister Simone Campbell of Nuns on the Bus, proclaiming the need for a moral revival in the nation.

One of the activities held at ESTHER Annual Banquet is a silent auction. For the past five years, teacher Ken VanMieghem and his students at the Wisconsin Resource Center have provided an exhibit of artwork for ESTHER's Annual Banquet. The artwork became part of a silent auction to support ESTHER's projects. The last two years, Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution teacher James Tietz and his students joined in the effort by donating handmade knitted and crocheted items.

Banquet organizers are hoping to virtually display the creative works of artists and craftsmen from the Wisconsin Resource Center and Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution and conduct bidding for the items online.

Banquet organizers are still working on the details of their virtual banquet. Information on the banquet program, registration and silent auction will be posted on [ESTHER's website](#) as it develops. You are welcome to register and become a participant in ESTHER's 17th Annual Banquet.

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It is our hope that this newsletter will be used to communicate information concerning activities, special events, new directions and policies of CEA-Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

# President's Message

I think it is safe to say that we are all experiencing a fair amount of COVID fatigue. Between personal and professional demands, I often feel my energy is drained by mid-afternoon. My mantra as of late has been, "this too shall pass." I suggest you keep this in mind and continue your good work. As the world experiences constant change and adversity, now is the perfect time to demonstrate the strength, necessity, and value of correctional education. Stay safe and healthy!

*Emily Propson*

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