

# Notable CEA-Wisconsin Events and Educator Achievements

*The following is a timeline of notable CEA-Wisconsin events that have occurred since the state chapter was founded and achievements of CEA-Wisconsin members and Wisconsin correctional educators in general.*

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- May 1984** Wisconsin hosts the Region III and IV CEA Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Madison. Division of Corrections Administrator Walter Dickey is the keynote speaker. Under the leadership of Division of Adult Institution Education Director Bob Hable, plans are made to form a Wisconsin State Chapter of the Correctional Education Association.
- Summer 1985** CEA-Wisconsin Constitution is approved by the International CEA Executive Board.
- May 1986** Wisconsin becomes second in the nation to form a state chapter of CEA. Annual Board elections are held for the first time. The first CEA-Wisconsin Board is sworn in. Ralph Clements, the Electronic Servicing teacher at FLCI, is elected the Chapter's first President. In his address to the first Wisconsin Correctional Education Association officer Installation Meeting, DOC Administrator Walter Dickey stated, "Our business is human growth and development" and "The object of corrections is to make those in our custody more complete people."
- May 1986** The first issue of the CEA-Wisconsin newsletter is published with Jerry Bednarowski as its Editor. Bi-monthly issues continue to date.
- July 1986** Taycheedah Correctional Institution teacher Mike Breszee is selected as CEA-Wisconsin's first Teacher of the Year. He represents Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Cincinnati. A Teacher of the Year is selected each year to date.
- September 1986** CEA-Wisconsin Board members assist in planning some workshop tracks for the Wisconsin Correctional Association Annual Conference. The partnership continues for next twenty years.
- July 1987** The CEA-Wisconsin newsletter enters the computer age. At the Wisconsin Resource Center, teacher Rick Irwin, program assistant Kaye

Arthurs and inmate clerk Mike Lykins do the computer entry on an Apple IIe and the newsletter is transferred to Ethan Allen School where Jeff Greene's printing students do the layout and design on a Macintosh Laser printer.

- October 1987** Ethan Allen School's "What's Poppin on the Grounds," a Chapter 1 program taught by Jeff Greene and Tim Fuller, wins CEA's Al Marench Memorial Award for outstanding computer-based program.
- December 1987** The Print Shop at Green Bay Correctional Institution supervised by Darryl Ruprecht walks away with two best in-class awards at the In-plant Printing Awards Night.
- October 1988** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Dr. Stan Stojkovic of UW-Milwaukee to offer a three-credit course, "Prisons and Prisoners: A Practical Approach." Thirty-eight students are enrolled.
- February 1989** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Dr. Stan Stojkovic of UW-Milwaukee to offer a second three-credit course, "Understanding and Motivating Correctional Clients." Thirty-eight students are enrolled.
- August 1989** CEA-Wisconsin presents its first Friends of Correctional Education Awards. These friends are volunteers who contribute time and effort to an education program, community agency employees who have presented special workshops, business persons who have donated funds or materials to make programs more effective, or advocates of correctional education in some way. Margaret Gindt, Howard Steinhilber and Mary Wiatrowski are the first recipients of the award. The awards are continued to date.
- August 1989** Lincoln Hills School is recognized by the CEA publication *Learning Behind Bars* as a highly effective education program in a correctional setting.
- September 1989** UW-Parkside and Racine Correctional Institution partner to initiate the Diversity Circles program.
- December 1989** CEA- Wisconsin assists in lobbying effort to maintain federal support for Correctional Education programs.
- April 1990** CEA-Wisconsin and UW-Oshkosh's Department of Continuing Education in cooperation with Corrections Concerns Committee plan and deliver the Corrections in the 1990s Conference, "How Should Society Deal with Offenders?" In his keynote address, DOC Secretary Stephen Bablitch declares, "The rehabilitation ideal is not dead"
- June 1990** Wisconsin Resource Center Education Director Jerry Bednarowski receives the Wisconsin Association of Adult and Continuing Education Association's Leadership in Education Award.

- September 1990** CEA national staff lobbies for and Congress passes Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act that sets aside 1% of vocational education funds for correctional education and Excellence in Education Literacy Bill that sets aside 10% of basic adult education funds for correctional education.
- Feb-April 1991** CEA- Wisconsin partners with Dr. Marilyn Fender, Dr. Harold Thorpe and Dr. Richard Shiver of UW-Oshkosh to offer a series of three one-credit courses: "Teaching Problem-Solving and Decision-Making," "Behavior Management in the Classroom," and "Dealing with Difficult Students."
- April 1991** CEA-Wisconsin and UW-Oshkosh's Department of Continuing Education in cooperation with Corrections Concerns Committee plan and deliver Corrections in the 1990s Conference, "Family Issues." Author Jan Walker and psychologist Anthony Edwards are the featured speakers.
- November 1991** CEA mobilizes a successful letter writing campaign to maintain the eligibility of inmates to receive Pell Grants,
- Jan-March 1992** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Dr. Carlton Beck of UW-Milwaukee to offer a three-credit course, "Multicultural Education in Corrections."
- May 1992** Wisconsin Resource Center teacher Phil Leader becomes first Wisconsin teacher to be selected Region III Teacher of the Year. He represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Vancouver.
- Sept-Dec 1995** CEA- Wisconsin partners with Claudia Bricks of Marian College to offer a three-credit course, "Active Learning: Cooperation in the Adult Classroom."
- January 1996** Ethan Allen School Principal Richard Winz receives the Roland C. Hershman Award for leadership for change in youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
- Jan-March 1996** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Dr. Richard Shiver and Dr. Scherie Lampe of UW-Oshkosh to offer a three-credit course, "Development and Implementation of Cognitive Intervention Strategies for Correctional Educators."
- February 1996** Marion Olson, Oakhill Correctional Institution, celebrates 50 years as a correctional teacher.
- April 1996** Wisconsin hosts the Region III & IV CEA Conference, "Correctional Education: The Power of Change," at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Wisconsin. DOC Secretary Michael Sullivan, Federal Bureau of Prisons Education Administrator Darlene Veltri, CEA Executive Director Steve Steuer and Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske are the featured speakers.

- May 1996** Green Bay Correctional Institution teacher Sharyn Collins is named Wisconsin Association of Adult and Continuing Education's Educator of the Year.
- August 1996** *Corrections Today* magazine recognizes four Wisconsin programs as "Programs that Work." The programs are: Ethan Allen School's Serious Sex Offender Treatment Program, Rock County's Education and Criminal Addiction Program, Lincoln Hills School's Short Term Intensive Treatment Program, and DOC's Specialized Training and Employment Project.
- October 1996** Karen Brockhaus, Wisconsin Resource Center; Dan Holzman, Columbia Correctional Institution; and Judy Schelble, Columbia Correctional Institution; are invited to present a workshop about LVA-Wisconsin Institutions at the Literacy Liftoff conference in Houston.
- April 1997** CEA-Wisconsin presents Lincoln Hills School teachers Maggie Peterson and Sheri Woodall with the first Showcase Award and sponsors them to present a workshop at the Region III CEA Conference in Cleveland.
- June 1997** CEA- Wisconsin co-sponsors a Teacher In-Service at the Oshkosh Hilton with the Corrections Training Center and the Teacher Training Advisory Committee. Keynote Speaker is Jerry Mills. Other Teacher In-Services are held in 1998, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- June 1997** Wisconsin Resource Center teacher Sherry (Settle) Zwicky receives Virginia Hart Award in a ceremony at the State Capitol. The Virginia Hart Award is one of the highest honors given to women in state government.
- February 1998** Eight institutions form a Literacy Volunteers of America affiliate, LVA-Wisconsin Institutions.
- April 1998** Anita Wilcox, Blackhawk Technical College/Rock County Jail, is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. She represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Salt Lake City.
- October 1998** Karen Brockhaus, Wisconsin Resource Center; Dan Holzman, Columbia Correctional Institution; and Judy Schelbe, Columbia Correctional Institution; present a workshop, "Building Family and Community Ties through Literacy," at the Literacy Volunteers of America Conference, "Literacy Liftoff '98," in Houston.
- October 1998** Green Bay Correctional Institution teacher Harriet Schoenebeck is honored by NBC 26's Teachers are Tops recognition program.
- May 1999** Jerry Bednarowski receives the first CEA Region III President's Special Recognition Award.
- May 1999** CEA-Wisconsin holds its first Wisconsin State Correctional Education Conference as the sole sponsor of the event. The "Correctional Education: A Way Forward" conference is held on May 3-4 at the Pioneer

Inn in Oshkosh. Ned Rollo, Dr. Juliette Martin-Thomas and Robert Johnson are the featured speakers.

- May 2000** CEA-Wisconsin awards its first scholarships to assist CEA-Wisconsin members or their dependents who are pursuing a degree at an accredited university or technical college. The first scholarship recipients are Molly Irwin, daughter of Wisconsin Resource Center teacher Rick Irwin, and Ray Schlesinger, Waupun Correctional Institution teacher. Originally a \$500 scholarship, the award was increased to \$1000. The annual scholarship program continues to date.
- October 2000** CEA-Wisconsin website is created by Tom Kershner with administrative support from Mike Breszee.
- November 2000** CEA-Wisconsin's Creativity Contest Committee publishes its first inmate creative writing and art anthology, "Words of Conviction." A group of CEA-Wisconsin members invite incarcerated writers and artists to submit their works for the annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest booklet. Each year the committee reviews entries and selects original prose, poetry, and ink drawings from Wisconsin's jail, prison, and juvenile facility populations. Each author and artist whose works are selected receives two free copies of the booklet. Copies are also sent to each CEA-Wisconsin member and each correctional institution library. Creativity booklets are published each year to date. The Creativity Contest Committee members were: Dorothy Dent, Oakhill Correctional Institution; Linda Kozlowski, Jackson Correctional Institution; Libby Kraft, Wisconsin Resource Center; Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser, Office of Education; Janet Ohlemacher, Columbia Correctional Institution, Lisa Packard, Racine Correctional Institution; Georgia Rattan, Oakhill Correctional Institution; Ray Schlesinger, Waupun Correctional Institution; and Mary (Stierna) Davies, Wisconsin Resource Center.
- December 2000** LVA-Wisconsin Institutions receives a three-year Accreditation Award from the National LVA Board of Directors.
- January 2001** Racine Correctional Institution's Father's Fair for inmates receives CEA-Wisconsin's first Innovative Program Award.
- October 2001** LVA-Wisconsin Institutions receives LVA's national Exemplary Practice Award at the LVA National Conference in Albuquerque.
- August 2002** Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution teacher Sue Ciske, Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution Education Director Dave Picard, and Racine Correctional Institution Education Director Jean Thieme are awarded scholarships by the CEA International office to present workshops at the International CEA Conference in Portland, Oregon.
- December 2002** Green Bay Correctional Institution teacher Mary Dahl is recognized by the Green Bay Press-Gazette as a 2002 Everyday Hero in the education category.

- February 2003** The *Three-State Recidivism Study* commissioned and endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education in conjunction with the International CEA showing the impact of education on recidivism is published. The study, considered a seminal work in the field of Corrections, has proven that inmates who participate in educational services while incarcerated are 32% less likely to be re-incarcerated in the three years after release than those who did not participate in such services.
- May 2003** CEA-Wisconsin co-sponsors the DHFS/DOC Special Education Conference in Oshkosh.
- September 2003** Ray Schlesinger wins first place in a contest for brief teaching tips sponsored by Teaching for Success.
- October 2003** CEA-Wisconsin co-sponsors the Wisconsin GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conference with Wisconsin Technical College System and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. At each conference, workshops for correctional educators were included in the program. The partnership continues until 2012,
- November 2003** Diane Birch, Stanley Correctional Institution, receives Sunshine Award from WEAU-TV in Eau Claire.
- March 2004** The *CEA-Wisconsin Newsletter* celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> issue.
- Kent LaValle and Nancy Huttelmeier, Franklin Alternative School, are selected by the Center for Civic Education to participate in the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" training session in Manhattan Beach, California.
- April 2004** Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution teacher Mel Free is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. He represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Baltimore.
- May 2004** Joe O'Hearn's team from Waupun Correctional Institution wins the Stock Simulation Game sponsored by Economics Wisconsin.
- June 2004** Jerry Bednarowski, Wisconsin Resource Center; Diane Birch, Stanley Correctional Institution; and Mary Dahl, Green Bay Correctional Institution establish the Parenting Special Interest Group. The Parenting SIG seeks to create a professional network for the instructors of Parenting classes, supervisors of Parent Support Groups, coordinators of Parent/Child Reading Projects, and organizers of Children of Incarcerated Parents Services.
- August 2004** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Ken VanMieghem, Wisconsin Resource Center, to hold an inmate art exhibit and Silent Auction at the Flying Pig Gallery and Greenspace in Algoma. Other art exhibits and Silent Auctions are held at the Flying Pig in October 2005 and November 2006.

- November 2004** The first issue of the *Parenting Connection* newsletter is published with Jerry Bednarowski as Editor. Bi-monthly issues continue to be published to date.
- November 2004** The *Guide to Successful Parenting Programs in Corrections* is published. The *Guide* is updated in 2008.
- April 2005** Wisconsin Resource Center teacher Mary (Stierna) Davies is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. She represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Des Moines.
- May 2005** Francis Feltman, Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility, receives Excellence in Education Award from the Racine Manufacture and Commerce organization.
- July 2005** Parenting Special Interest Group is approved by the International CEA Board to expand to national group. Jerry Bednarowski is named the SIG Chair.
- January 2006** Barb Wulfers is named Chair of CEA's Literacy Special Interest Group.
- April 2006** Lori Koenig, Stanley Correctional Institution, receives Governor's Financial Literacy Award from the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy.
- May 2006** Wisconsin hosts the Region III & IV CEA Conference at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Ex-Green Bay Packer LeRoy Butler and motivational speaker Cay Villars are the featured speakers. The conference is preceded by a Special Education Pre-Conference with ex-Green Bay Packer and founder of My Brother's Keeper Harry Sydney as featured speaker.
- May 2006** Sharon Abel, Lakeshore Technical College/Sheboygan County Detention Center, is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. She represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Anaheim.
- May 2006** Columbia Correctional Institution inmate Jimmie Tawwater receives Wisconsin Literacy's Courage Award for Achievement in a Correctional Setting. Columbia Correctional Institution teachers Linda Kozlowski and Judy Schelble receive the award presented by First Lady Jessica Doyle in his honor.
- March 2007** Stanley Correctional Institution teacher Lori Koenig authors an article entitled "Financial Literacy Curriculum: The Effect on Offender Money Management Skills" in the *Journal of Correctional Education*.
- April 2007** Wisconsin Resource Center teacher Ken VanMieghem is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. He represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Atlanta.

- May 2007** CEA-Wisconsin holds the first CEA-Wisconsin Training Day. Annual Training Days are held to date with the exception of years when the Region III or National CEA Conference is held in Wisconsin.
- May 2007** At the Celebration of Literacy event sponsored by Wisconsin Literacy, Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser receives Literacy Advocate of the Year Award, Green Bay Correctional Institution inmate Alphonso McCormick receives the Tutor of the Year Award, and Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility inmate Salvadore Sanchez receives the Courage Award for Achievement in a Correctional Setting.
- May 2007** Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser receives Virginia Hart Award in a ceremony at the State Capitol. The Virginia Hart Award, one of the highest honors given to women in state government.
- July 2007** CEA-Wisconsin chapter receives the Founder' Day Membership Award for gaining the most new members in the past year. Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser is honored as top recruiter.
- July 2007** Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser is the first CEA member from Wisconsin to be elected as Assistant Director for Region III of CEA.
- July 2007** CEA Executive Director Steve Steurer is invited to present as a representative of correctional education, juvenile justice and corrections at an Educational Summit held by co-chairs of the Congressional Black Caucus Education Task Force, Congressman Bobby Scott of Virginia and Congressman Danny Davis of Illinois.
- September 2007** Taycheedah Correctional Institution teachers Timothy and Patricia Lanari are among the graduates of the initial series of courses leading to the "Highly Qualified Correctional Educator Certificate." The program is a partnership between CEA and California State University, San Bernardino.
- October 2007** Sarah Quinn, a volunteer at Oakhill Correctional Institution, is named "Peacemaker of the Year" in the under-30 category by the Wisconsin Network of Peace and Justice.
- March 2008** CEA- Wisconsin and Parenting Special Interest Group sponsor the "Effective Black Parenting" seminar presented by Kimberly Porter of the UW-Extension System; Barbara White, Community Educator; Terri Birt, City of Milwaukee Health Department; and Kim Tolbert, Next Door Foundation.
- April 2008** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Wisconsin Technical College System to sponsor "Jail Break!: Jail Instructor Training Day" at the Pine Ridge Lodge in Wautoma.
- April 2008** CEA-Wisconsin begins an initiative to provide services for teachers, education coordinators, and volunteers working in county jails and detention centers. To help them network, CEA-Wisconsin creates the



*Directory of Education Programs in Wisconsin's County Jails and Juvenile Detention Centers.*

- May 2008** Jackson Correctional Institution teacher Randy Kowalsky becomes the CEA- Wisconsin website manager and designs a new format for the [www.ceawiscosnin.org](http://www.ceawiscosnin.org) website.
- May 2008** Lakeshore Technical College instructor Sharon Abel is named the American Jail Association Civilian Employee of the Year Award at the AJA's 27th Annual Training Conference & Jail Expo in Sacramento.
- September 2008** Carolyn Klema, Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution, is named Reading Is Fundamental Volunteer of the year at a ceremony in Washington DC.
- December 2008** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Ken VanMieghem, Wisconsin Resource center, to hold an inmate art exhibit and Silent Auction at the Appleton Art Center. Another art exhibit and Silent Auction is held at the Appleton Art Center in December 2009.
- April 2009** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Wisconsin Technical College System to sponsor "Jail Break Two!: Jail Instructor Training Day" at the Pine Ridge Lodge in Wautoma. The feature speaker Joseph J. Marchese, of J.J. Marchese & Associates, Inc., presents a workshop on "Surviving Crisis Situations."
- May 2009** DeNeal (Ericksen) Perez is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. She represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Madison.
- May 2009** At Wisconsin Literacy's 7th Annual Celebration of Literacy at the Edgewater Hotel in Madison, among the awards presented were: Outstanding English Language Learner of the Year - Javier Bautista-Sanchez, Stanley Correctional Institution inmate; Courage Award for Achievement in a Correctional Setting - Colin Fields, Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility inmate; and The First Lady Jessica Doyle Award for Family Literacy Award Winner - Fathers Sharing Books Program, Stanley Correctional Institution.
- May 2009** Lakeshore Technical College teacher Sharon Abel receives Governor's Financial Literacy Award from First Lady Jessica Doyle at a ceremony at the Executive Residence in Madison.
- July 2009** Wisconsin hosts the 64th Annual National CEA Conference at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club. DOC Secretary Rick Raemisch is the keynote speaker.
- July 2009** Jerry Bednarowski receives CEA's Lifetime Achievement Award.

- July 2009** Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser is elected CEA Region III Director and DeNeal (Ericksen) Perez is elected Assistant Director.
- September 2010** CEA-Wisconsin and the Parenting Special Interest Group sponsors “It Takes Attention to Change the Brain: Helping Offenders Become Better Parents” workshop presented by Deborah McNelis.
- May 2011** Wisconsin hosts the Region III & IV CEA Conference, “Forming Your Legacy by Transforming Lives,” at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake. Patrick Barlow, Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, is the keynote speaker.
- July 2011** Lisa Arneson, a counselor for Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Sheboygan and volunteer at the Sheboygan County Detention Center, receives CEA’s Advocate Award at the International CEA Conference in Charleston, West Virginia.
- March 2012** Holly Audley is hired as DOC’s Evidence-Based Program Manager within the Reentry Unit in the Office of the Secretary. Her duties include restructuring and centralizing the oversight of DOC’s correctional treatment programs.
- March 2012** Fair Shake Director Sue Kastensen receives Wisconsin Community Fund Grant to begin its work building the Areas of Study certification program.
- April 2012** Laurie Crescio is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. She represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in St. Paul.
- May 2012** With funding from Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin, CEA-Wisconsin publishes, *Reaching Out: A Handbook for Parents Incarcerated in Wisconsin* and *Reaching In: A Handbook for the Families of Parents Incarcerated in Wisconsin*. In 2016, the two handbooks were combined into one – *Reaching Beyond Bars: A Handbook for Parents Incarcerated in Wisconsin and their Families*.
- August 2012** Sue Kastensen, founder and director of Fair Shake partners with Heather Erwin, Prison Education Project Coordinator for the WiderNet Project to create a Corrections Offline Education Platform: “Internet in a Box” to bring Fair Shake resources into prisons.
- September 2012** Madison College instructor Rodney Bahr receives the Outstanding Support Award from the Columbia County Sheriff’s Department. This award was presented by Columbia County Sheriff Dennis Richards for Rodney’s efforts that resulted in many inmates achieving their GED or HSED credentials at the Columbia County Jail.
- February 2013** R.E. Ellsworth Correctional Center teacher Margaret Done is selected to become a GED 2014 trainer and attends a training session in Indianapolis with other National Institute of Corrections, CEA, and GED Testing Service representatives.

- March 2013** CEA-Wisconsin publishes *Prison Parenting Programs: Resources for Parenting Instructors in Prisons and Jails*. Copies of these handbooks were distributed to state and county correctional facilities, conferences and community agencies.
- March 2013** Western Technical College is awarded the Department of Education's Promoting Success through Continuity and Educational Opportunities Grant for programming in La Crosse County Jail.
- April 2013** At the Region III & IV CEA Conference in Mason City, Iowa, Margaret Done presents GED 2014 training to approximately 75 educators.
- April 2013** Margaret Done is elected CEA Region III Director.
- May 2013** Marty Kehe, GED Testing Service, and Margaret Done, R.E. Ellsworth Correctional Center teacher, launch the new computer-based GED 2014 in Wisconsin by training to over 300 participants at CEA-Wisconsin Training Days at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club.
- July 2013** Fox Lake Correctional Institution and Moraine Park Technical College mark 40 years of partnering to deliver accredited vocational programs.
- July 2013** Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser is elected national CEA Vice President.
- August 2013** RAND Corporation and CEA conduct a meta-analysis of research that demonstrates effectiveness of correctional education programs.
- March 2014** La Crosse County Detention Center teachers Kathryn Berger and Tammy McRoberts are named joint winners of the Wisconsin Juvenile Detention Educators Association's 2013 Educator of the Year Award. Kathryn and Tammy are employed by the La Crosse School District and teach youth at the county's juvenile corrections facility.
- May 2014** Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School are selected to participate in Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings' Blended Learning Initiative.
- July 2014** The Financial Literacy class taught by James McInnis at Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility celebrates a clean sweep in the Stock Market Simulation competition administered by Economics Wisconsin.
- August 2014** Taycheedah Correctional Institution teachers Pat Lanari and Tim Lanari are among first group of teachers to earn CEA's Highly Qualified Correctional Educator Certificate.
- November 2014** Wisconsin Resource Center Library is honored by the Wisconsin Library Association as Wisconsin Library of the Year. Library is supervised by librarian Sara Krouse and assistant librarian Libby Kraft.
- July 2015** At Wisconsin Literacy's Annual Celebration of Literacy, among the awards presented were: Adult Literacy Learner of the Year - Damien

Moss, Stanley Correctional Institution inmate; English Language Learner of the Year - Arian Guitierrez-Matias, Green Bay Correctional Institution inmate; Courage Award for Achievement in a Correctional Setting - Mia Yang, Taycheedah Correctional Institution inmate; and Tutor of the Year - Martez Green, Racine Correctional Institution inmate.

- May 2015** Wisconsin hosts the Region III & IV CEA Training Conference, “R<sup>3</sup> = Revisit, Recharge, Renew” at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor’s Club. Alisa Smedley, Reentry Employment Coordinator at the Montgomery County (Maryland) Correctional Facility is the featured speaker.
- July 2015** Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser is elected national CEA President-Elect.
- September 2015** CEA-Wisconsin partners with Ken VanMieghem, Wisconsin Resource Center, to hold an inmate art exhibit at UW-Fox Valley and a Silent Auction at the ESTHER Annual Banquet. Annual involvement with the ESTHER Silent Auction continues to date
- April 2016** Sue Kastensen, Founder and Director of Fair Shake honored as a Champion of Change for Expanding Fair Chance Opportunities at White House. Speaking at the ceremony are Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett, Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, and Labor Deputy Secretary Chris Lu.
- May 2016** CEA-Wisconsin celebrates its 30th year as a state chapter
- July 2016** Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser assumes office of national CEA President.
- April 2017** Ray Schlesinger is elected CEA Region III Treasurer.
- October 2017** CEA President Peggy (Meyers) Kaiser participates in Australasian Corrections Educational Association Conference in Canberra, Australia.
- February 2018** Sue Kastensen, Founder and Director of Fair Shake participates in Education and Reentry Roundtable at Capitol in Washington DC.
- March 2018** Wisconsin hosts International CEA Leadership Forum at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor’s Club. Dr. Earl Suttle, Founder and Chairman of Leadership Success International, is the keynote speaker.
- May 2018** Peggy Kaiser is named DAI Education Director.
- July 2018** The CEA-Wisconsin Board establishes scholarships for members who wish to pursue professional development. At least two \$500 Professional Development Scholarships will be awarded to CEA-Wisconsin members per calendar year.
- October 2018** Wisconsin Technical College System brings together General Education, General College and Adult Basic Education faculty, staff and administrators into one common conference. Sessions relating to

correctional education are included in the program. The 2018 WTCS Common Ground Conference is held at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

- November 2018** Chisim Metternich is named new webmaster and begins a re-design of the [www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org) website.
- January 2019** CEA Past President Peggy Kaiser and current CEA President Susan Lockwood Roberts partner with Coalition on Adult Basic Education to establish three initiatives to help adult educators who are working with incarcerated and recently released students: 1) adding a Corrections Strand of workshops to its Annual Conference, 2) forming a Behind and Beyond the Walls (Prison Literacy) Advisory Board, and 3) publishing a special Prison Literacy Edition of the *COABE Journal*.
- April 2019** Laurie Jarvis is selected Region III Teacher of the Year. She represents Region III and Wisconsin at the International CEA Conference in Detroit.
- May 2019** Amanda Hillestad becomes co-editor and creates new format for CEA-Wisconsin and Parenting Connection newsletters.
- November 2019** Coalition of Adult Basic Education (COABE) grants dual membership and benefits to CEA members.
- April-Aug 2020** Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the CEA Leadership Forum, CEA-Wisconsin Training Day, Region 3 & 4 CEA Conference and International CEA Conference are cancelled.
- May 2020** The CEA-Wisconsin Board establishes the Innovation in Correctional Education Award to recognize unique educational practices, activities, and programs in Wisconsin prisons, juvenile facilities and jails.
- July 2020** The *CEA-Wisconsin Newsletter* celebrates its 200th issue.