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# 2017 CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest

**Are your students writers or artists?**

**Submit their original artwork or creative writing piece by December 1, 2016**

**Winning entries will be published**

Once again, CEA-Wisconsin invites incarcerated writers and artists to submit their works for the sixteenth annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest. Each year CEA-W 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 until December 1, 2016. Please ask entrants to read the contest rules and legibly fill out the submission form. CEA-W Creativity Contest Rules and Submission Release Form are on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. Entries and completed release forms can be sent to Nancy Alderton at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution address on the submission form.

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This publication reflects the professional commitment of CEA-Wisconsin members to promote literacy. Members of the Creativity Contest Committee are Nancy Alderton (OSCI), Margaret Done (MSDF), Laura Gebhardt (OCI), Laurie Jarvis (FVTC), Linda Lentz (JBCC), Pandora Lobacz (LHS), Tim Mahoney (WRC), and Sharon Nesemann (WRC). If you would like to join the committee, contact Nancy Alderton at [nancy.alderton@wisconsin.gov](mailto:nancy.alderton@wisconsin.gov).

The creativity booklets are typeset by inmates at Oshkosh Correctional Institution and printed by inmates at Columbia Correctional Institution. Each CEA-Wisconsin member receives a free copy of the booklet.

## RACHEL Gives At-Risk Youth Another Learning Option

If you are looking for a way to erase the barriers to technology in prison education that is portable, affordable, and secure, you may be interested in checking out World Possible’s Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education (RACHEL) server.

World Possible created RACHEL for bringing educational web content to offline communities in Central America and Africa. The developers of RACHEL soon realized that their low cost technology solutions could be used in special circumstances in the U.S. – like prisons, juvenile facilities, jails, remote schools, community centers and reservations.

World Possible believes that technology in prison education, when used wisely, can lead to better outcomes for students and communities.

The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) is the first to deploy the RACHEL server to give at-risk youth more learning options. In a video available at <https://racheloffline.org/collections/rachel>, OYA Director Frank Martin explains how RACHEL works. Visit [www.worldpossible.org](http://www.worldpossible.org) for more information on RACHEL.

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# CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship Helps Student Pursue Her Goals

Again this year CEA-Wisconsin has awarded a \$1000 scholarship. The CEA-W Scholarship Award Program is designed to assist a CEA-W 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 nine CEA-W members and eleven children of CEA-W members.

The CEA-W Board is pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Carley Meyers. Carley is the daughter of Peggy Meyers, Adult Basic Education Director for the Wisconsin Technical College System.

This fall, Carley will be entering her sophomore year, studying Nutrition at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. In the future, she hopes to involve herself in solving one of the overlooked problems in America – food wastage. Her goal is to find innovative ways to use the 31% of the food supply that is wasted in the United States to alleviate food-insecurity.

Carley believes education is the key to success and she hopes to connect her passion for education with her desire to help others and solve world hunger. Carley has been involved in fighting hunger the entire four years she was in high school. She has helped prepare and serve meals at her church in Middleton and at homeless centers in Madison. As a member of the University's Food Recovery Network UWN Chapter, she helps to recover surplus food from dining halls which is then donated to local food pantries and other local charitable agencies. Recently, Carley began volunteering at Second Harvest Heartland, one of the nation's largest and most innovative food banks.

Carley's passions do not end at food wastage. She hopes someday to be able to do research on the connections of diet to cancer and other severe illnesses. Already, she has become involved with Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), serving as the Food and Entertainment Liaison. In this position, she speaks with community restaurants and other businesses to involve them in CAC's Relay for Life event.

Enrolling at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities has given Carley endless opportunities to reach her goals and aspirations, especially giving back to others. CEA-W is pleased to help Carley advance toward those goals.

The 2017 CEA-Wisconsin Scholarship will be announced in the May/June 2017 issue of this newsletter. CEA-W members or their spouses or dependents are encouraged to apply.

## Correction

In the *Wisconsin Prisoners Eligible for Second Chance Pell Grants* article in the July/August issue of this newsletter, FCC was listed as one of the sixteen Wisconsin institutions that were named as participants in the \$1.45 million Pell Grant to serve 250 inmates. The institution that should have been listed is FCCC. Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center will be participating in the grant, not Flambeau Correctional Center.

## Mark Your Calendar

**CEA-Wisconsin Training Day - May 1, 2017**  
**Fox Valley Technical College Public Safety Center**  
**Appleton, WI**

# OSCI Braille Program Transcribes Proclamation

The Blind Veterans Association, which was congressionally chartered on August 27, 1958 by President Eisenhower, recently held its 71<sup>st</sup> national convention in Milwaukee on August 22-26, 2016. In conjunction with the convention, a proclamation was signed by Governor Walker declaring August 24, 2016 Blind Veterans Association Day. The proclamation was transcribed by the inmates in the Braille Transcription Program at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution as a public service donation.

The Braille transcription program at OSCI has been in existence since July 1997. The program uniquely melds inmate rehabilitation through specialized vocational training while meeting a rapidly escalating need for high quality educational Braille material for the blind and visually impaired. Braille transcription is very labor intensive and is therefore uniquely suited to be a prison centered program. The OSCI program has been recognized as one of the top prison Braille transcription programs in the country.

Inmates involved in the Braille transcription program learn highly specialized skills related to Braille including hands on experience with advanced software programs and graphics media. The program provides meaningful work for incarcerated inmates and fosters a genuine sense of purpose and accomplishment. There is potential for employment in the field upon release and it is an avenue for community service. It also provides high-quality Braille resources for students in Wisconsin and across the country at significantly discounted rates as well as income for blind or visually impaired proofreaders.

## Wisconsin Juvenile Detention Association 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells, WI October 11-13, 2016

2016 marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year of Wisconsin Juvenile Detention Association's annual conference. This organization is dedicated to providing "state of the art" training and education to assist and enhance service delivery for professionals in the field of Juvenile Justice as well as others who work with juveniles. In a joint effort between the Wisconsin Juvenile Detention Association and National Alliance on Mental Illness of Waukesha and Wisconsin, the conference will feature a Youth Crisis Intervention Partner (CIP) educational workshop. This workshop is targeted to meet the needs of people who might be in position of interacting with young people dealing with mental health issues.

The keynote is provided by Vistelar, a global consulting and training institute focused on addressing human conflict from interpersonal discord, verbal abuse and bullying to crisis communications, assault and physical violence. Vistelar will also provide four hours of Verbal Defense and Influence training. The training program is guaranteed to reduce complaints, liability and injuries, while improving performance, morale and overall safety.

This conference will count for 15 hours of certification credits for detention workers and law enforcement officers.

Registration materials for the Wisconsin Juvenile Detention Association 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Conference may be found at [www.wjda.org](http://www.wjda.org).

**To join CEA go to: [www.ceanational.org](http://www.ceanational.org)**

# Correctional Education Association – Wisconsin 2017 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## Purpose:

The Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin (CEA-W), in cooperation with the International Correctional Education Association, has established the TEACHER OF THE YEAR award to recognize outstanding educational contributions by a teacher in a correctional facility.

## Who Is Eligible:

To be eligible, the teacher must:

- spend at least 51% of his/her work time in classroom instruction
- have taught in correctional facilities a minimum of two years
- have demonstrated leadership qualities and be active in promoting improvements in correctional education
- have demonstrated devotion to the teaching profession as evidenced by a willingness to work beyond his/her job description
- have been an active member of CEA for the past one year

Teachers who were nominated previous years, but were not selected as the CEA-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR may be re-nominated. CEA-W Board members are not eligible for nomination.

## Nomination Process:

Anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be from a colleague or the teacher him or herself. The nomination deadline is **November 1, 2016**.

## Qualities To Be Considered:

- Teaching excellence
- Classroom and program innovation
- Professional development activities
- Ability to serve as a representative for correctional education in the state of Wisconsin

## Awards:

The CEA-Wisconsin TEACHER OF THE YEAR will receive a plaque attesting to his or her achievement. He/she will receive a \$250 stipend and will be furnished expenses to compete against winners from five other Region III States at the CEA International Leadership Forum in Cleveland, Ohio on April 9-11, 2017. If the Wisconsin Teacher of the Year is selected as the Region III Teacher of the Year, he/she will be furnished expenses to attend the 72st Correctional Education Association International Conference & Training Event to be held in San Antonio, Texas on July 30 - August 2, 2017.

**HURRY!!!** Mail or email your nomination letter by **November 1, 2016** to:

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# Welcome Home Kits Available in More Counties

The Demeter Foundation advocates statewide for women in the Wisconsin Women's Correctional System (WWCS) and provides transitional services and resources regarding health services and education. The Demeter Foundation has expanded its Welcome Home Kits program. Welcome home kits are available to formerly incarcerated women from WWCS within 60 days of re-entry. Kits are available in counties in Wisconsin DOC Regions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The Demeter Foundation does not provide the kits in Regions 2 and 3. These kits provide personal essentials for women reentering our communities. Kits are delivered in Dane County and mailed to the rest of the counties.

Alice F. Pauser, Founder and CEO of the Demeter Foundation is pleased that more Parole Agents from the regions are sending in the applications for the women so that the kits can be mailed or delivered as soon as possible upon release. Applications can be found on the Demeter Foundation website: [www.thedemeterfoundation.com](http://www.thedemeterfoundation.com).

If you know of a woman who would benefit from a kit or if you would like to contribute to the Welcome Home Kits program please contact the Demeter Foundation founder/CEO Alice F. Pauser via the website or by phone at 608-298-3653.

## CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest Rules

1. Entries are limited to writers who are incarcerated in prisons, juvenile facilities, and county jails located in Wisconsin. People in alternative correctional programs such as bracelet monitoring, probation, and parole are not eligible.
2. **All entries must be the original work of the entrant. Plagiarism, copying someone else's work and claiming it as your own, is against the law and is not acceptable!**
3. Artwork must be black ink/dark pencil on white paper and allow for at least a one-inch margin around a standard 8.5 x 11" page. Wider and darker lines allow for better reproduction. Photocopies are allowed, but the teacher or representative must see the original work at the time of submission.
4. Writing is judged on voice, organization, and creativity. Any form of writing is acceptable: poems, essays, short stories, letters, etc. Writing can be as short as one paragraph, but should not exceed 1,000 words. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, with a maximum of 2 pages.
5. Only one submission for each category, art and writing, will be accepted from each entrant.
6. CEA-W reserves the right to publish excerpts of submitted entries.
7. The enclosed release form must accompany the entry. The instructor is responsible for explaining that the work will undergo the usual editing process which any publication undergoes. All writing technicalities (punctuation, grammar) will be corrected. Instructors are advised not to correct students' work. Assistance in writing should include suggestions for expanding ideas, development of themes, and organization. Over-correcting by instructors interferes with the voice of the writer. Entries may be reviewed locally by the Education Director or by DOC Central Office for appropriateness and security consideration as needs and policies dictate.
8. Entries must be signed by the Education Department contact person and received at the address on the release form by December 1, 2016. Winners will receive publications by May, 2017. **No submissions will be returned.** Writers whose work is not accepted will not be notified.
9. The writer should include an address where he/she can be contacted in May 2017. Booklets will be sent to the institutional address in care of the Education Contact Person, as listed on the form, for distribution to the winners. Books will be distributed in May 2017.
10. Writers retain copyright to their work. CEA-W has first publication rights and rights to the collection of work. Winners will receive two (2) copies of the book. No payment for published work will be provided.



11. Students may have their essays published anonymously. The release form, however, must contain the student's real name and signature. This information will be used by contest coordinator only and kept confidential. Write "anonymous" or use initials (no pseudonyms, please) on the writing or drawing submitted, and staple the two together.

Illegible submission forms or entries may be disqualified.

## SUBMISSIONS RELEASE FORM Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin "Creativity Contest 2017"

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I hereby give the CEA-W permission to publish the following work(s), if selected for the contest publication. **These works are my original, unpublished writings and/or artwork.** I understand that the selections may be minimally edited. I further understand that after publication all rights will return to me, however, original works will not be returned. The titles of the works submitted (maximum two) are listed below:

**A. Title(s):** *May submit only one (1) in each category.*

**Writing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Art:** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. CEA-W will send each person whose work was selected two copies of the book. Please print clearly your full name and mailing address as of May 2017. Illegible submission forms may result in disqualified entries.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Inmate Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing address – Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Institution where currently residing)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing address -- City, State, Zip)

Check here if this is a juvenile facility.

**C. On the line below, please print the way you would like your name to appear in the book if selected. You may only use your institution name, first name with last initial, initials only, or anonymous. No aliases.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT your name, initials, or anonymous)

**D. Sign and date. By signing I verify that these works are my original, unpublished writings and/or artwork.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**E. Education Department Contact Person. (For correctional facilities and county jails, the contact person will be responsible for distributing booklets to winning authors.)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Facility)

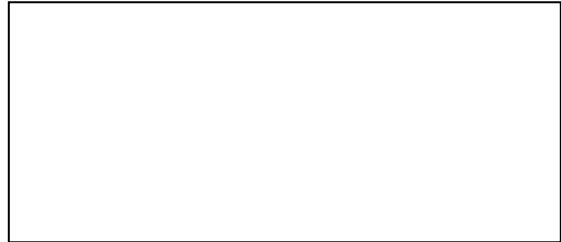
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Please circle one:    **Jr/Sr High School (DJC)**        **ABE**        **Intermediate**        **HSED**        **Post High School**

**NOTE:** This form must accompany all submissions. Incomplete or incorrect submissions forms may disqualify the entry. Submissions must be sent to Nancy Alderton, OSCI, by December 1, 2016.

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## President's Message

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual International CEA Conference and Training Event, *Correctional Education: Key to Successful Transitions and Promising Futures*, in Long Beach, California was a huge success. While attending the conference I once again realized why being a member of CEA is essential.

As mentioned in my last post, I teach at a very rural county jail. Often we who teach in a jail or a prison setting, teach in isolation, with little opportunity to network and gain support for the important work that we do. CEA provides outstanding opportunities interact with people who actually “get it”! People who know what it is like to go through security daily, adhere to a set of rules unlike any other, and interact with individuals who present many challenges and yet need to be valued as individuals and provided an education.

CEA is our link to other professionals just like us. I encourage each of you to talk to your colleagues about CEA and the benefits to being a member. In the meantime, make sure to enjoy the magnificent sights, sounds, and smells of fall. It is an awesome time of year.

*Laurie*

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