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# TED LINES

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# Lines From The President...

## Georgia Kerns

Greetings to each of you as we begin a new year and a new semester!

As the incoming President, I am pleased to serve you, the membership, during this coming year. I would like to take this time to thank **Dr. Linda Patriarca** for her time, energy and professional expertise during 2006. There are many issues with which the president must cope that are not known to the general membership. The amount of time spent on telephone calls, email and snail mail can be enormous. Linda fulfilled her duties and positioned TED in a very strong place for which I am grateful. As she moves into the position of Past-President, we should all give her a rousing vote of thanks!

**Dr. Chriss Walther-Thomas** assumed the role of President-Elect and will be working with CEC in preparation for the conference in Louisville, as well as our TED conference in Milwaukee in November.

**Dr. Peggy Gallagher** was elected to the office of Vice-President. She is the Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta, where she has also coordinated their program in Early Childhood Special Education. We welcome her to the Board and look forward to working with her during the next four years.

**Dr. Stuart Schwartz** was re-elected to the Board as Secretary. Dr. Schwartz will continue to provide us with thorough and complete minutes as we meet on-line and in person.

**Dr. Judith Winn** joined the Board as Member-At-Large representing TED on the Knowledge and Skills subcommittee. Dr. Winn is an Associate Professor in the Department of Exceptional Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. **Dr. Karen Santos**, who represented TED's perspective in the development and refinement of the knowledge and skills statements many of us use in seeking either NCATE or CEC accreditation, held this important position. We recognize her hard work and welcome Dr. Winn as she assumes this new role.

**Dr. Marilyn Friend** was re-elected to the position of Representative to the Representative Assembly. Dr. Friend has been effective in bringing forward issues that specifically relate to TED and our membership and will continue to be one of our voices in that assembly.

Professional connectedness and professional development are some of the primary reasons many of us are members of TED. **Dr. Stu Schwartz** and his wonderful crew in San Diego provided us with both in abundance. Many thanks for the hard work that

went in to developing and producing such a wonderful conference. The keynote panel, the individual sessions, and social activities provided opportunities for professional growth and networking with colleagues. A special 'Thank You' goes to National University for the financial, personnel and moral support provided to make the 2006 conference such a success.

Our next opportunity to connect in person will be CEC in Louisville where **Dr. Walther-Thomas** has organized a well-rounded group of presentations. Be sure to check in for the TED Business meeting on Thursday afternoon to learn about our continued work on topics that relate to TED.

Our 2007 TED conference is shaping up well in Milwaukee. **Drs. Amy Otis-Wilborn** and **Judith Winn**, with their hard-working team, are developing a wonderful conference. Please consider submitting a proposal and joining us there.

Your Board continues to work hard to provide you with professional development opportunities. Please consider volunteering to serve on one of our committees, special interest groups, or caucuses. There is much work to be done and TED needs all of us to make sure the voice of special education faculty is heard locally and nationally. Please contact me if you have particular interests so that we can use your expertise in the best way possible.

I'm looking forward to a productive year. My foci for this year as president of TED will be three-fold: membership, student involvement and revisiting our strategic plan. I will provide you with more information as the year progresses.

Have a great semester and I look forward to seeing many of you in Louisville!

*Georgia Kerns*





## Update on the Higher Education Act: New Possibilities for Special Education



Jane E. West, Ph.D.  
TED Consultant

The 110<sup>th</sup> Congress came into session on January 4, 2007 with Democrats at the helm in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Washington is abuzz with excitement about the first female Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Democrats were eager to celebrate in the first few days of the Congress. The first week of the new Congress was filled with pageantry, jubilant receptions and even some business! The first official action of the House was to pass new rules addressing ethics reform and “pay-go” budget measures which require that any legislation with spending provisions would have to be “paid for” with offsets in budget cuts or tax increases.

The first education item on the agenda will be to cut the interest rate for federal student loans in half. This is part of Speaker Pelosi’s 100 hour agenda.

Conventional wisdom holds that the greatest advantage of being in the Majority in Congress is the ability to set the agenda. But it appears that left over business from the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress – specifically completion of FY 2007 spending bills – will tarnish the Democratic effort at a fresh start. The new Congress may be faced with completing last year’s spending while at the same time receiving the President’s budget for FY 2008, which will undoubtedly be filled with new calls for eliminating some education programs and cutting others. The Democratic twin goals of responsible spending and increased funding for programs like NCLB and IDEA will come face to face with this double whammy budget showdown in the very beginning of the session. This is far from a scenario that new leadership would hope for.

Despite these circumstances, incoming speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has been quick to set a plan for the first 100 legislative hours of the new Congress. In the Senate, incoming Chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) quickly took to the Senate floor announcing his priorities for the Committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Making higher education affordable is on both lists, so action in that arena is likely.

Speaker-elect Pelosi’s 100 hour agenda includes cutting the interest rate in half for federally subsidized student loans. Responding to a reporter’s query as to whether or not the Senate would move on this proposal in the first 100 hours, Sen. Kennedy noted that the Senate moves more slowly. His priorities included wrapping college affordability provisions into a full blown reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which is scheduled to expire June 30, 2007.

The challenge that will dog the Democratic leadership every step of the way is a financial one. Many of the education proposals they have advanced are expensive, and the budget outlook remains bleak. The college affordability proposal, which includes making a permanent tax deduction for college costs and increasing the Pell Grants to a maximum of \$5800 over several years, is estimated to cost as much as \$100 billion over five years. Where the money would come from will be a challenge, particularly considering that the Democrats just adopted “pay-go” which is a budget mechanism requiring “pay fors” to be established for new spending. In other words, either taxes would have to be increased or other programs cut to pay for this new spending. The political appetite to do either will be hard to come by.

While Democrats on both sides of Congress have called for the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), that is likely to be challenging as well. Many newly elected Members of Congress heard lots of complaining from the voters during their campaign about the law – some even pledging to come

to Washington to “fix it.” They will bring a fresh set of challenges. Conservative Republicans, who have always felt that the law was an overstretch of the federal reach, will be more difficult to hold in check as they do not feel beholden to the law’s greatest champion, the lame duck President.

Simmering beneath the surface of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress will be the politics of the 2008 Presidential Election. With a goodly portion of Members of the Senate running for President (possible candidates include Sen. Clinton (D-NY), Sen. Obama (D-IL), Sen. Biden (D-DE), Sen. Dodd (D-CT), Sen. Kerry (D-MA) and Sen. McCain (R-AZ), maneuvering for advantage will not be far from the surface. The Democrats will want to have a solid track record leading the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress that they can take to the American people in time for the Presidential elections. The Republicans will have other goals. The possibility of continued stalemates is real, particularly considering the slim margin (51-49) in the Senate. Former President Clinton has perhaps summed up the situation best – he has urged Democrats to view their victory “not as a mandate, but as a chance.”

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Jane West

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# Meet Our New TED Board Members

**Peggy Gallagher** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta. She also coordinates the master’s program in Early Childhood Special Education. Peggy has been active in TED for over 20 years, and has served on the Finance Committee. She is also active in DEC and HECSE. She has a special interest in International issues, having served as the Director of International Programs for the College of Education at GSU, and is a member of the European Teacher Education Network. She looks forward to working with all the TED constituent groups.

**Judith Winn** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Exceptional Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She coordinates the UWM-MPS Internship Program, an alternative route certification partnership between the university and Milwaukee Public Schools to prepare special education teachers in a way that addresses the severe shortages in the district. At UW-M, Judy teaches courses in literacy, assessment and learning disabilities and coordinates the field component of the Middle Childhood Early Adolescence program. Judy has long been an active TED member, serving for several years as the Co-Chairman of the TED Forum. She currently is the Co-Chairperson for the 2007 TED Conference to be held in Milwaukee. Judy’s 14 years as a classroom teacher, her many years as a teacher educator, her work with beginning teachers, her participation in the development of UWM special education teacher certification standards, her membership on the CEC Subcommittee on Accreditation, and her varied roles in TED will help her to well represent TED on the Knowledge and Skills Committee.





# 29th Annual TED Conference in San Diego

Zookeepers from the San Diego Zoo were delighted when our conference was over as they were worried that that huge Panda, which was sighted several times during the conference, would eat all of the hotel's food. According to San Diego newspapers, the escaped Panda is back at the Zoo so we can all relax.

Talking about relaxing.....all of the local arrangements folks in San Diego are now enjoying a llllooonnnngggg si-esta. But they are happy knowing that there were 572 people who attended the conference and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Special thanks go to our keynote panel organizer and presenter, **Paul Sindelar** and to panel members **Bonnie Billingsley, Ed Boe, Mary Brownell, Michael Rosenberg** and **Sean Smith**. The reviews on this program were excellent and the follow-up sessions with each of the presenters were very meaningful.

Our Saturday luncheon speakers, **Marsha Lupi, Stan Shaw** and **Chriss Walther-Thomas** also wowed the crowd with their excellent presentation. Many thanks to these individuals for stepping in at the last minute when it was learned that **Jane West** would be unable to attend the conference. Jane, we're happy that your husband has recovered!

It goes without saying that one of the highlights of the conference was the ice cream social which featured the music of our very own **Glenn Buck**. Glenn, the crowd loved your performance!

Another special thank you goes to **Melissa Miller** for organizing one of the best ever Kaleidoscope programs. And what a crowd at the social that followed!

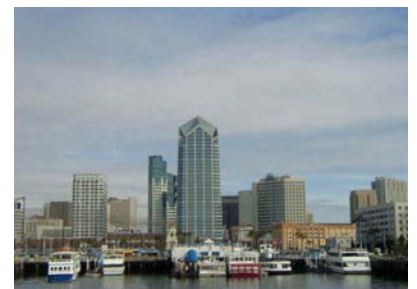
The President's reception, honoring the current Presidents of TED and TAM and all of the past TED Presidents was so much fun and so much food! The chef at the DoubleTree really set out a spread for all of us. Rumor has it that the San Diego shrimp were even better than the magnificent shrimp served several years ago by **Jim Siders** at our Biloxi conference!

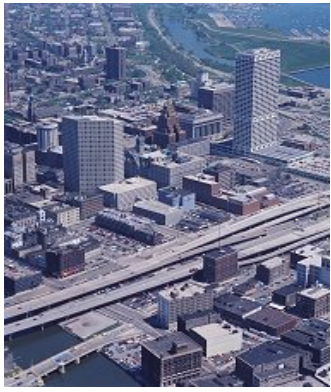
We heard that the SSEPC auction was very successful... And that group showed all of us that they know how to party!

We also had 14 exhibitors who expressed their satisfaction with our conference. Hopefully they will be back to meet with our TED members at future conferences. Our conference was fun, profitable and professionally rewarding. All of us in the Special Education Department at National University were grateful for our many volunteers, for the excellent DoubleTree Hotel staff, for our super nice members who attended the conference and for the weather person's cooperation. (Well actually for those who know San Diego....we know that the weather person always cooperates!)

My very special and sincere thanks go to the members of our local arrangements committee: **Jane Duckett, Joan Sebastian, Glee Shaddock, Joy Kutaka-Kennedy, Keith Kanzel, David Hokstad, David Neville** and **Kyle Knold**. And a very big thank you goes to our National University Chancellor, **Dr. Jerry Lee**, for his financial support and to our Dean, **Dr. Gloria Johnston**, and to her staff for their daily assistance during the months of planning! We now look forward to a great conference next year in Milwaukee. Thanks for coming to San Diego!

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Stuart Schwartz





# Upcoming...

## 30th Annual TED Conference

**TED 2007**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Reflecting on the Past, Envisioning the Future**

Help to celebrate 50 Years of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. There will be special activities to honor past presidents and the history of TED. Additionally, conference attendees will experience the art, food, music, and architecture that make Milwaukee famous!

Consider proposing a general presentation, round table conversation, poster presentation, or a symposium – a new format for TED 2007.

See the Call for Proposals posted on the TED website ([www.cepted.org](http://www.cepted.org)). Proposals are due May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. For those interested in reviewing proposals, see the TED website for information or contact Judy Winn at [jwinn@uwm.edu](mailto:jwinn@uwm.edu).

Watch for updates on conference highlights and hotel and airline information.

**TED 2007**



*Reflecting on the Past  
Envisioning the Future*

## CEC Store

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## OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE ISSUES

### FOR THE 110th CONGRESS

#### EDUCATION



1) **Enacting a higher education reauthorization that makes college affordable.** Senator Kennedy's proposals to help students and families include the STAR Act, Debt Relief Act and the Contract for Educational Opportunity Grants in the Right TRACK Act. Senator Kennedy's top priorities for reauthorization are increasing student aid, making student loan debt more manageable and making sure our student loan programs work for students, not banks. He also will be looking to expand support for and improve teacher preparation programs.

2) **Funding and reauthorizing the No Child Left Behind Act.** Democrats will make education funding a priority so NCLB can fulfill its promise. As Chairman, Senator Kennedy will advance an NCLB reauthorization agenda that seeks to strengthen key reforms, ensure the law's effectiveness, and promote solutions and strategies for schools to improve. Senator Kennedy's priorities for reauthorization include ensuring that tests are used to improve instruction, not just labeling schools, and ensuring that students struggling to meet high standards have the best teachers and expanded learning opportunities. He also has a proposal to ensure that parents are given the information that they need to navigate the education system and help their children succeed.

3) **Ensuring that our students are competitive in the 21st-Century global economy.** Many of Senator Kennedy's proposals on this theme are in the Right Track Act. They include increasing college student aid, greater support for math and science education, and creating incentives for high quality teachers -- especially in high demand subjects such as math and science -- to teach in high poverty schools, as well as assistance to states to raise standards and ensure that schools are internationally competitive.

4) **Reauthorizing the Head Start federal preschool program** and enacting Senator Kennedy's Early Care and Education Act (ECEA), so that all children can have access to high quality early childhood programs. ECEA would provide support to states to create a more cohesive system of early childhood education programs and improve standards for programs and educators in the early childhood arena.

5) **Reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act** and provide additional funding for job training programs so workers can obtain the skills they need to succeed in today's global economy.

6) **Fully funding IDEA.**

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Jane West

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# Kaleidoscope

**Friday, April 20, 2:00-5:00 p.m.  
The Galt House Hotel and Suite**

The Kaleidoscope is a mini-conference within the CEC conference. Kaleidoscope is an exciting round table of presentations designed specifically for up to 30 graduate students to present their research and work-related activities. This is an unparalleled opportunity for future education professionals to showcase individual research projects, ongoing grant research, or dissertation research. Students will be both presenting posters and participating in roundtable discussions this year. The program includes: concurrent poster sessions and roundtable student presentations (highlighting student research), an early professional panel (focusing on the job search process based on the experiences of new education professionals), and a university raffle (win university paraphernalia from all the schools represented in the Kaleidoscope). Please plan on attending to support and encourage graduate student participation.

Respectfully submitted by: Ms. Maya Israel and Melissa A. Miller

# Caucus News

## Diversity Caucus

The TED Diversity Caucus met at the 2006 Annual Meeting of TED in San Diego. During that meeting, topics such as increasing the participation of doctoral students and faculty from underrepresented groups in TED, the dissemination of an online survey, elections, and upcoming Caucus activities were discussed. In addition to our meeting, the Diversity Caucus also facilitated a symposium discussing the AERA Report on Teacher Education which specifically addressed preparing teachers for cultural diversity. Symposium participants were provided with an overview of the report and an opportunity to work in small groups to develop specific recommendations for addressing diversity issues in the field of special education.

**Monika Williams Shealey** succeeded **Patricia (Patty) Alvarez McHatton** as the new Chair of the TED Diversity Caucus. Monika is an Assistant Professor at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. She received her Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in Exceptional Student Education at the University of Central Florida. Her research interests include examining the intersection of urban and special education as well as the experiences of African Americans in special education. The TED Diversity Caucus looks forward to seeing all members, and welcomes new members, at the following events scheduled at the 2007 CEC Convention and Expo in Louisville, Kentucky:

### Diversity Caucus Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-noon  
The Galt House Hotel & Suites

### Diversity Workgroup

(Joint Meeting of CEC Diversity Committee  
and TED Diversity Caucus)  
Friday, April 20, 8:30-9:30 p.m.  
The Galt House Hotel & Suites

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Monika Williams Shealy, Chair

## Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)

Members of the Small Special Education Program Caucus (SSEPC) were very active at the 29th Annual TED Conference and the 2nd Annual TED/TAM Conference in San Diego. Under the leadership of the chair, **Diane Giannola**, SSEPC met all of its 2006 goals. It was evident from the number of attendees at the general business meeting and other activities that the electronic SSEPC newsletter "The Caucus News", edited by **Kelly O'Neal**, and the SSEPC website, developed and maintained by **Sylvia Dietrich**, improved communication among the membership.

SSEPC conference activities included the general business meeting, where the membership elected officers, heard reports from the various committees, and learned about publication opportunities from the TED Publications Committee Chair, **Lee Sherry**. Other activities included the Silent Auction and the Conversations Presentation. Many thanks to all of you who bought items to the auction!

As always, the highlight of the SSEPC conference activities was the SSEPC Reception. This year the membership honored two outstanding professionals. **Nasim Dil**, a founding member of SSEPC retired from her faculty position at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. The membership presented Nasim with a monetary gift and a quilt made of squares of good wishes written by the membership. **Georgia Kerns** pieced together this keepsake.

SSEPC annually presents an award named in honor of Nasim Dil. The 2006 Nasim Dil Award was presented to **Debi Gartland**, of Towson University. Debi has served the SSEPC board faithfully for many years and most recently as the editor of the latest SSEPC Monograph. Please join SSEPC in congratulating both Nasim and Debi.

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Laura Bowden Carpenter, Chair

*If you are in a small special education program, join us for CEC in Louisville, Kentucky. Information about our meeting times may be found in the conference program. For more information about SSEPC, contact SSEPC chair: Laura Carpenter, [lcarpent@mail.aum.edu](mailto:lcarpent@mail.aum.edu).*

# Paraeducator SIG

## Paraeducator Special Interest Group

Two major ideas arose from our discussions at the TED conference in November. First, to explore our special interest group (SIG) becoming a caucus. With the growing recognition of the vital contribution paraeducators make to the education of students with special needs, this could be a good time to enlarge our presence in TED and CED. And, second, to publish a newsletter for paraeducators. Various methods of distribution were discussed, including posting it on the TED and/or CEC websites. A draft of the newsletter will be presented to the TED Board at their next meeting in April, where the Board will be asked for input and support.

If you are interested in joining the Paraeducator Special Interest Group please contact **Carol Long** at [clong@winona.edu](mailto:clong@winona.edu). Our meeting at the national convention will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Friday morning, April 20th. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Carol Long, Chair



Announcing the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual ACRES National Conference  
*"The Changing Face of Rural"*

**Billings, Montana  
Crowne Plaza Hotel**

***March 14 - 17, 2007***

**This year's ACRES Conference will feature:**

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- Social events in Billings

**Additional details available at:**

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**Friday & Saturday, March 16-17, 2007  
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Registration Deadline: Friday, March 2, 2007**

**Important Note:** Call for Proposals deadline extended to **February 5, 2007**.  
Faculty and doctoral students are strongly encouraged to submit presentations. Of particular interest are proposals that deal with the following topics:

**Data and Technology  
Using Assessment to Improve Programs  
Measuring Impact on Diverse Learners**

For more information please go to:  
<http://www.kennesaw.edu/cetl/conference/impact/impactindex.htm>

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Susan Brown

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## International Special Education Forum

***July 8 - 12, 2007 Lima, Peru***

**Making the Impossible Possible:**

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The conference will serve as a Forum for bringing together researchers, practitioners, and families from Latin America and the world to provide opportunities to share ideas around critical issues of mutual interest and forge collaborations for future work in special education.



For more details and registration information, please go to  
<http://www-home.carlow.edu/~sorourke/ISEF/information.htm>

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Bob Henderson

# Audit Committee

## *Business Talent Needed*

Able to balance your checkbook? Understand the difference between debits and credits? Anxious to support the goals of TED?

We are creating a new Audit Committee to perform an annual audit of the financial affairs of TED and we need your help. New procedures are being put into place to ensure continuity in the administration of the diverse responsibilities of this dynamic association, while allowing decisions to be made without bureaucratic restriction. **Volunteers are needed** to provide independent verification of the integrity of our financial activities. This is an opportunity to contribute your expertise for several hours each year.

Please contact TED President **Georgia Kerns** ([gmk@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:gmk@cisunix.unh.edu)) or Executive Director **Karen Voytecki** ([voyteckik@ecu.edu](mailto:voyteckik@ecu.edu)) to volunteer or for more information.

# Dissertation Award



## *TED Dissertaton Award*

TED was able to honor **Dr. Chris O'Brien** with the TED Dissertation Award, which was presented to Chris at the TED/TAM Conference in San Diego. His dissertation, titled "Investigation of the Impact of Video-based Anchored Instruction on the Implementation of Inclusive Practices by Students with Learning Disabilities", was completed at the University of Central Florida with **Drs. Lisa Dieker and Jennifer Plattas** as his Major Advisors. Chris is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education and Child Development at the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

# Service Awards

## Nasim Dil Service Award

The **Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)** was pleased to present the 2006 Nasim Dil Award for Outstanding Service to Teacher Education to **Dr. Debi Gartland** of Towson University in Maryland. The Nasim Dil Service Award is an annual award given to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary service to the development and advancement of quality teacher education in special education. Dr. Gartland has edited SSEPC's monograph on Mentoring, is a member of the TED Board as the Archivist, and has been a long-time dedicated SSEPC member. She is currently a Professor of Special Education at Towson University.

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Michele Kamens

## TED Distinguished Service Award

**Dr. Mark Goor** was honored as the recipient of the TED Distinguished Service Award at the annual TED conference in San Diego, California. Mark is truly dedicated to the TED organization and has served TED in the following capacities: Secretary, Vice President, President Elect, President and Past President (twice), Conference Host, and coordination of Summer Institutes. His commitments to CEC include: CEC's Representative to the Board of Examiners and currently a BOE Chair for NCATE, and CEC's Representative at Azerbaijan and France – as a People to People Ambassador to China. Comments heard regarding Mark's dedication to TED and the special education profession include: "Mark has been a tireless supporter of TED, of CEC, and of high quality special education teacher preparation" (**Margie Crutchfield**). "Mark Goor is a world class teacher educator and an important national leader in special education" (**Jane West**). "The syllabus swap at the TED conference has been invaluable...without Dr Goor's leadership in this activity, we would not have this forum to share our ideas" (Craig Rice). "His sense of humor, strong work ethic, and dedication to the field of special education are characteristics to be admired by one and all" (**Diana Hammitte**). "His tireless support of TED, along with his active promotion and participation in a variety of activities to promote teacher education in the field of special education, is remarkable" (**Elizabeth Kozleski**). "His diplomacy worked to bring varied opinions together on behalf of TED and move the organization forward... He has a way of listening carefully, probing for clarification, and then offering sage advice. His opinions are valued and ideas sought out" (**Karen Santos**).

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. Betty Epanchin

# Excellence in Teacher Education

## TED/Merrill Award

**Nominations for the Excellence in Teacher Education TED/Merrill Award are due February 16, 2007.**

The TED/Merrill Excellence in Teacher Education Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to one of the following: (a) teacher education in special education, (b) preparation of future leaders and/or quality educators, and (c) research supporting the preparation of teachers and/or delivery of services to children with disabilities, legislative leadership, and scholarly works.

**Nominees must meet the following criteria:**

- a. They must be currently active in training educators in special education;
- b. They must be nominated by a member of CEC; and
- c. They cannot be current members of the TED Executive Committee or members of the Selection Committee.

Letters of nomination should document the nominee's eligibility for the award, and should be accompanied by a current vita.

Consideration will be given to:

- a. Commitment to teacher education in special education.
- b. Preparation of future leaders and/or quality educators.
- c. Research supporting the preparation of teachers and/or delivery of services to children with disabilities, legislative leadership, and scholarly works.

All nomination materials should be sent by **February 16, 2007** to:

Dr. Karen Voytecki, Executive Director  
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