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Council for Exceptional Children Announces General Session Speakers: Speakers will focus on Social-Emotional Learning and Inclusion

Arlington, Va., September 11, 2018 – The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is excited to announce that Carla Tantillo Philibert and Dan Habib will be the [CEC 2019 Convention & Expo](#) General Session Speakers. [Carla Tantillo Philibert](#) is a recognized expert on social-emotional learning (SEL), mindfulness, and yoga practices in schools. Philibert will focus on SEL and building strong teacher-student relationships. [Dan Habib](#) is an award-winning filmmaker and presidential appointee. Habib will highlight current trends in education that point to a future in which people of all abilities are included.

CEC’s convention and expo is a professional development event for all educators. “When selecting general session speakers, we look for speakers who are engaging and motivational. We want to bring our convention attendees exciting content that makes them reflect on their profession,” shared Convention Co-Chair David Bateman. “Carla Tantillo Philibert is going to get our attendees on their feet and will share strategies that they can implement in their classrooms immediately,” continued Bateman.

Convention Co-Chair Cindy Perras added that she is excited that Dan Habib accepted CEC’s invitation to speak. “Dan Habib is inspirational and his work strongly aligns with CEC’s mission and core value of inclusiveness. Dan strongly believes in a future where people of all abilities, can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and authentic relationships,” added Perras.

The CEC 2019 Special Education Convention & Expo will be held in the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, from January 30 to February 2, 2019. This will be CEC’s 97th annual meeting.

CEC attracts more than 4,000 educators from around the world to its annual meeting. The 2019 conference will feature almost 700 sessions covering public policy, arts in special education, instructional strategies for students at risk or with learning disabilities, technology, cultural and/or linguistic diversity, and much more. Workshops run the gambit from “Do’s and Don’ts for the Effective Utilization of Paraprofessionals” to “Beyond Paper & Pencil: Simple Strategies to Activate Your Students’ Brains” to “Developing Legally Defensible IEPs” to “Early Intervention: What Every Teacher Must Know and Be Able to Do” and “Digital Learning: Tech Tools, Strategies, & Tips to Personalize Learning.”

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the educational success of children and youth with exceptionalities that accomplishes its mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development. Learn more about CEC at www.cec.sped.org.

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