Message from Steve Sellars, 2016-2017 CEIA President

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year!

I’m honored to serve as your CEIA President for the 2016-17 year. My involvement in CEIA over the years has not only helped me network in the field but also develop strong professional friendships. These friendships, along with CEIA professional development, are invaluable. My hope is that you will develop these types of relationships as well through your involvement in CEIA this year.

Can I offer a couple of ideas to help you make valuable connections?

First, get involved. The more involved you are the greater the chance of connecting. CEIA has committees, events, publications and professional development opportunities just waiting for volunteers. Your Regional Vice President can help you find a place to serve, plus they all would welcome help promoting CEIA events in their region, recruiting new members, etc. If you aren’t sure what region you are in, click here. You can then find your Regional VP here.

Make plans to attend the 2017 Annual Conference in Denver. Conferences are a fantastic way to connect with leaders in the field. Our Denver conference planning committee is working hard to put together a great event. Make sure you don’t miss it. If you’re interested in helping with the conference, contact me at ssellars@wtamu.edu and I’ll point you in the right direction.

Nominate a student or employer for an award. Each year, CEIA presents a variety of awards to outstanding students, employers and professionals in the field. Nominating someone brings recognition to your office plus is another way you can connect with leaders in the field.

Lastly, stay up-to-date and in the know. Don’t miss out on an event, resource or opportunity to connect. Stay in touch through the CEIA web site, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram.

Thanks again for your membership. I look forward to seeing you in Denver. Let me know how I can help you connect with CEIA and make the most of your membership.

Steve Sellars
2016-17 CEIA President
Experience Magazine

CEIA would like to thank members for submitting abstracts to the Experience Magazine: Practice and Theory. The editorial and production team are working hard on the relaunch of this CEIA publication, which will feature academic and practitioner submissions covering best practice highlights, field trends, how-to articles, and other relevant information and resources for scholars and practitioners in the field of experiential learning. In addition to covering cooperative education, internships, service learning, student teaching, undergraduate research, clinicals, performances, and more, the expanded publication will also include an Experiential Learning Research Spotlight section, a Student Voice Section, and articles dedicated to Innovations in the world of Experiential Learning. To date, there have been 48 abstract submissions from writers all over the nation, and the team is on-target for publishing the first issue in late November/early December 2016.

2016 Award Winners

At the annual conference in Dallas, CEIA was pleased to recognize the following individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field:

- **Dr. Philip Gardner, Michigan State University**, received the esteemed Dean Herman Schneider Award (Educator)
- **Dr. Sheri Dressler, University of Central Florida**, received the James W. Wilson Award (Advocacy of Research Activity)
- **The Florida State University Career Center**, Best Practices Award
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC**, Charles Kettering Award (Employer)
- **Nathan Streyle, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology**, Co-op Student Achievement Award
- **Laura Gayle, Florida State University**, Internship Student Achievement Award
- **John Michael Kawooya, Bunker Hill Community College**, Two Year Program Student Achievement Award

Visit our website to read the bios of the award recipients. Again, congratulations!

2016 CEIA Conference Photo Gallery

Please click [here](#) to see our fabulous photos from this year’s conference.

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