Remembering Paul M. Pratt

Last week, several CEIA members shared tributes via email regarding the loss of an influential co-op leader. Paul M. Pratt, former Dean of the Co-op Department at Northeastern University, passed away on February 1, 2017 at the age of 87. A tribute to his life and legacy can be found in the Union Leader obituary.

CEIA lifetime member Sam Sovilla remembered Paul’s contributions and stated, “Paul was a giant in co-op and was highly respected by those in the field worldwide.” Christopher Pratt also shared heartfelt words including, “Paul was also one who saw the world clearly with a precision both in the way he printed with his left hand and mechanical pencil on graph paper, and in the way he ran the co-op dept., and as a leader in CED and CEA. He could be as caring and supportive as a lighthouse the rocky coast of Maine, and as strong minded and strident as a nor’easter on the same Maine Coast where he loved to fish from his island home in retirement.”

A memorial service is being held today (February 10) at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London, New Hampshire.

CEIA Academy Training

We are pleased to announce the dates for CEIA’s Academy Training, to be held June 21-23, 2017. Newcomers to the field with three or less years of experience are invited to attend this intensive
training program. Workshops will focus on building new leaders in the field of cooperative education. The Academy is held in a wonderful setting at the Vail Manor Lodge in Vail, CO. Please visit our [website](#) for registration information and program agenda.

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**Upcoming Webinar**

Kevin Preston, Manager-Global Diversity & Inclusion
Walt Disney Company, Veteran Programs

Please try to join us for an upcoming webinar presentation. Take 30 minutes out of your day to enhance your own professional development. Hear helpful topics for co-op/intern practitioners. CEIA webinars are free for members.

**TOPIC:** Disney's Heroes Work Here Program: Transitioning Veterans from Campus to the Workplace

**PRESENTER:** Kevin Preston, Manager-Global Diversity & Inclusion, Disney Veterans Programs, Colonel (Ret.) USA

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 28, 1:00 - 1:30 pm ET

**DESCRIPTION:** Our experienced speaker Kevin Preston will discuss successful partnerships between Disney's Veterans Program and campuses nationwide. Kevin will provide content around helping veterans prepare for entry into the workforce. He will also share the benefits of internships for veterans and present success stories for inspiration.

**TO REGISTER:** Please email dkoeltzow@bradley.edu with your interest to join the CEIA webinar. Limited spaces are available, so register early.

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**CEIA WEBINAR COMMITTEE**

Kelly Harper, Cincinnati State
David Snow, Drexel University
Hollis Zehnder, Walt Disney Company
Eric Price, Central Piedmont Community College
Dawn Koeltzow, Bradley University

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**Student Award Fund**
At the upcoming conference in Denver, CEIA will honor three students selected to receive the Student Achievement Awards. Pictured above are the outstanding students that were recognized at last year's conference in Dallas. Over the years, we have found that some students are unable to attend the award ceremony due to limited personal finances. With the generous support of members, CEIA established a fund to assist students with expenses related to travel.

If you would like to contribute, please visit CEIA Student Fund. Any support that you can provide this year, regardless of the amount, will again be appreciated and used to help our students. Your gift will be acknowledged at the conference on the list of Student Fund contributors.

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**Board Election Reminder**

On February 8th, all members received an email ballot for the 2017-18 CEIA Board of Directors. Please take a few moments, to find the email from CEIA and cast your ballot. This year, there are nine positions open for election. Nominations were solicited from the membership and recommended by your current Board. Results will be announced at our Annual Conference in Denver, CO, April 2-4, 2017.

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**Planned Activities**

**For the Denver Conference**

**April 2-4, 2017**

CEIA’s Local Arrangements Committee is working hard to plan some fun activities for conference attendees. These informal programs are great for networking and building lasting relationships with professional colleagues.

The following activities require advance registration:

- The LoDo Walking Tour (Advance Registration Required – Cost is $12)
- Banjo Billy's Ghost Tour (Advance Registration Required – Cost is $20)
- Show Your CEIA Pride – Buy an Official CEIA T-Shirt (Cost is $10)

Attendees will also have the chance to participate in these activities:

- Downtown Walking Tour of Cult-Following Bars (info will be available at check-in)
- Monday Night Dining Out in Denver (list of local restaurants offering good deals to attendees will be provided at check-in)

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**Conference Hotel**
If you are planning to attend the CEIA Conference in Denver, please make sure that you secure your hotel reservations now before the CEIA block is sold out. We received an excellent response to our conference registrations and anticipate a well-attended event. Use the information below to reserve a room:

- [Hotel Information Page](#)
- Reservations Toll Free: 866-716-8108
- [Book Online](#)
- $159 / night, plus tax (currently 14.75%)
- Group Code: Cooperative Education and Internship Association (CEIA)
- If you have any problems with your hotel reservation or room, please contact [Molly Thompson](#).

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