

ELEVATE NEWSLETTER

el·e·vate /'eləˌvāt /

to raise or lift up to a higher position or more important, impressive level

OUR PURPOSE:

- Recruiting & Retaining High Quality Special Educators
- Building Sustainable, Professional Learning Opportunities for Educators
- Improving Outcomes for Students with Disabilities
- Connecting Families & Educators to Create Powerful Partnerships



About Us

The Illinois Elevating Special Educators Network (IESE) project is a statewide system of professional learning funded by IDEA Part D State Personnel Development Grant dollars. In order to meet objectives, the IESE Network has divided the State into five areas that cover Northwest, Northeast, West Central, East Central and Southern Illinois. Program Advisors & Regional Specialists in each area collaborate to design and implement professional learning activities within four key areas of focus, which include: Mentoring, Coaching, Professional Learning & Parent/Family Education.



ILLINOIS ELEVATING
SPECIAL EDUCATORS
NETWORK

Monthly Sessions:

OCTOBER 12TH

Beginning of the Year:
Organization & Setting Up Roles

NOVEMBER 9TH

Co-teaching 101:
What They Teach You, and What They Don't

DECEMBER 14TH

Holidays Aren't
Happy for All:
SEL Lens

JANUARY 11TH

Writing the IEP:
A Look at Each
Section of the IEP

FEBRUARY 8TH

Partnering with
Parents

MARCH 8TH

Assessment,
Response to
Intervention (RTI) &
Progress
Monitoring

APRIL 12TH

Mediation:
How to Mediate
School Conflicts &
Keep Students
Learning

MAY 10TH

IEPs & the Law

Remote Mentoring Session

May 10th, 2022

"IEP's & the Law"

We will explore current legal issues involving the IEP and our special education students.

Visit our website at
www.iesenetwork.org for more
information and to [register](#).

All remote sessions will meet @ 3:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

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The College of Education invites you to the [New Teacher Conference \(NTCon\)](#). This professional development opportunity is specifically designed for teachers like you who are in their first to fifth years of teaching. This year, the event is open to alumni and friends, so please share this opportunity with your colleagues at your school who are also new teachers.

[New Teacher Conference](#)

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Bone Student Center and DeGarmo Hall

Registration is \$20 and includes lunch and PD credits



The College of Education is committed to supporting you and fellow new teachers while you are in the early phase of your careers in education. The conference will focus on the joys and challenges of early career teaching.

The featured speaker will be Lindsey Jensen, the Early Career Development and Student Director for the Illinois Education Association. She is a former 2018 Illinois Teacher of the Year, high school English Teacher, and Academic Dean. Lindsey is fiercely and unapologetically passionate about education, and she advocated for educational equity through writing and speaking at various educational conferences throughout the country.



[INTC 2022 Beginning Teacher Conference](#)

June 21-22, 2022 @ iHotel Champaign, IL

The Illinois New Teacher Collaborative Beginning Teacher Conference will be held on June 21-22, 2022, and centers around Building Community: Navigating with Resilience, Relationships, and Reflection.

Over the two days, participants will have opportunities to attend breakout sessions, featured speakers, roundtable discussions, and networking opportunities which will help them create more effective and supportive learning environments for students in PreK-12 settings. Participants include pre-service and beginning teachers from across the state.

All participants will receive free classroom materials!

For more information, visit:

<https://intc.education.illinois.edu/>



May is National Mental Health Month!

#Together4MH

TOGETHER
for Mental Health



Mental health is an incredibly important part of our overall health. We're strongest when we join

Together for Mental Health to advocate for resources, support and access to quality care.

nami.org/mentalhealthmonth



The Spotlight

Each month, we will feature members of the IESE Network team and/or our partners so you can continue to get to know us and the work we are doing across the State of Illinois. We look forward to continuing to grow and learn in the spotlight with you!



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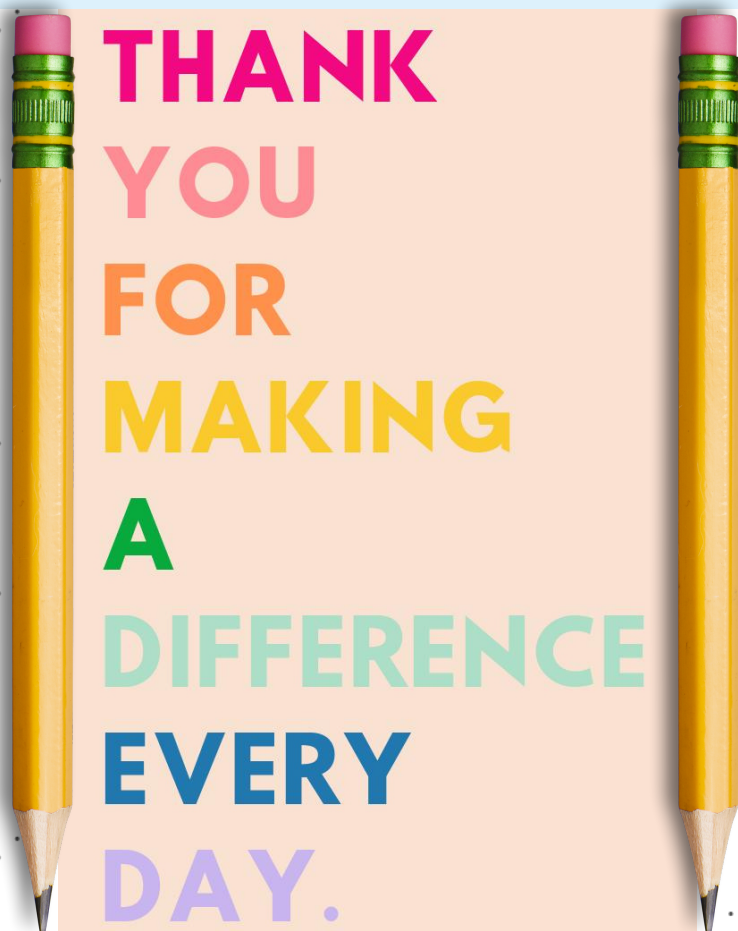
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In honor of teacher appreciation week, we would like to publicly thank the teachers that make up the IESE Network Team.

Although these amazing educators are not in classrooms of their own, they work tirelessly to encourage teachers across the state of Illinois to continue the hard work, to keep being passionate for supporting our youth, and to remember that it's ok to have fun and celebrate each other again! Thank a teacher today!



ROE #54 Special Educators PLC:

"Ideas & Wrap Up"

(Monday, May 16th / 3:00PM - 4:00PM)

Location: Hybrid Model (In-Person / Remote)

ROE #54

200 College Ave.

Danville, IL 61832

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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*Your Students,
My Students, Our Students*

Over 180 educators from across the State of Illinois came together between two days and locations for Dr. Lee Ann Jung's "Rethinking Equitable & Inclusive Classrooms". Thank you to all who attended with us!



Dr. Lee Ann Jung, UDL Training in Belleville, IL
Monday, April 25th, 2022



Dr. Lee Ann Jung, UDL Training in Marion, IL
Tuesday, April 26th, 2022

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