



June 2019

## PLI and Receptions Celebrate the Future of Career Counseling

*By NECA president, Lynn Downie*

March 28-29, 2019 was an exciting period for members and friends who were able to participate in our annual professional learning institute and two receptions in conjunction with the American Counseling Association annual conference.

Highlights included a well-received and inspirational keynote presentation by Major General Jeff Hammond, a 9-11 survivor of the Pentagon attack. He reminded us that our work in counseling takes into account not only our clients, but their expanded circle of influence. A life transformed is like a pebble which can send ripples of positive effects across the sea of human interaction. A big thank you to Dr. Grey Edwards for securing Major General Hammond for our program!

Speaking of positive human interaction, our PLI provided an opportunity to enjoy other wonderful presentations and recognize several NECA past and present leaders. Dr. Kay Brawley, NECA Director of Professional Development planned an outstanding group of speakers for our institute, and included time to recognize Dr. Sue Pressman for her election to become President-elect of ACA beginning July 2019. Also, Dr. Grey Edwards was on hand to pass the gavel to Ms. Seneka Arrington, as we thank her for taking on responsibility to represent NECA on the ACA Governing Council. Dr. Sujata Ives was recognized as an Emerging Leader, who will represent NECA at the ACA Institute for Leadership Development in July. And we recognized Dr. Cheryl West as a Trail-Blazer in her work in developing and leading the Youth Engagement Leadership Development (YELD) program for the next generation.

New Orleans is a great place for celebrations, so in true fashion, we took advantage of the location to celebrate and engage with other divisions and with academic partners. Both receptions were well-attended, and a membership drive resulted in over 20 new members joining our organization during this weekend. We look forward to partnering with ACCA again for future receptions, and perhaps expanding to include other divisions. A special thank you to Johns Hopkins University for securing a wonderful jazz ensemble for our entertainment Thursday evening.

Of course, we also held our annual general membership meeting, along with Executive Committee meetings between Thursday and Saturday. Next stop: San Diego!

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don't forget to renew  
your annual member-  
ship to NECA and ACA  
today!

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available! See details,  
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Photographs from New Orleans: Poster session, ACA Conference; Opening Night Reception with the University of Phoenix—Dr. Sujata Ives and Dr. Cheryl West were two of our recognized leaders during the professional learning institute; Welcome Reception with Johns Hopkins University and Maryland Counseling Association; Presenters during NECA's Educational Session at ACA Conference; NECA Participation Members with Our Float at ACA's Conference.

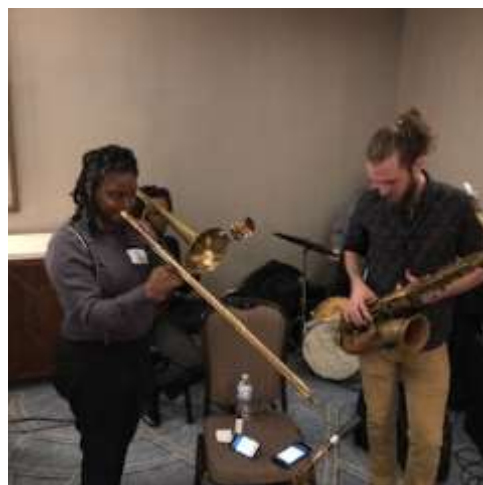






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Photographs from New Orleans: Professional Learning Institute Keynote Speaker Major General Hammond; Welcome Reception with Johns Hopkins University and Maryland Counseling Association; Presenters and award recipients during NECA's Professional Learning Institute; The NECA "shoebox float"





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*Many thanks to all who participated in NECA's PLI and receptions in New Orleans. We had wonderful engagement with a good group of our members and guests. There is not enough space to publish all the great photographs which were shared with us. We encourage all members to be engaged in opportunities for professional development and networking with other NECA members. If you get together with others in your city or region, share updates with Lynn Downie so that we can include your news in the next issue of NECA e-news. We also welcome news about upcoming events hosted or led by members. General articles will be taken for consideration to be shared with our members. Submit all e-news items to [lynn.c.downie@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.c.downie@gmail.com).*

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## RESOURCES, LINKS, AND JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

Introducing a new resource from the Department of Labor-funded Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN).

The [Mental Health Toolkit](#) helps employers learn more about mental health issues and cultivate a welcoming and supportive work environment for employees who have mental health conditions. The toolkit is a gateway to tools and resources for fostering a mental health-friendly workplace and presents an easy-to-follow employer framework, centered around four pillars referred to as the "4 A's"—awareness, accommodations, assistance and access.

In addition to the *Mental Health Toolkit*, EARN has also launched the *Dinah Cohen Training Center for Disability Employment and Inclusion*. The [EARN Training Center](#) offers one-stop access to tools and presentations employers can use to implement disability inclusion training in their workplaces. It's named in honor of Dinah Cohen, a former EARN trainer and long-time leader in the disability employment arena who passed away last year.

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## Announcements:

Stay up-to-date on important information from CACREP. The CACREP annual report is available online at <http://www.cacrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CACREP-2018-Annual-Report.pdf>

Current nominee for NECA trustee 2020-2023 is Dr. Melissa Wheeler. Current nominee for president-elect is Dr. Sujata Ives. Additional nominations are still being accepted. Submit name, qualifications, and verification of ACA membership to Dr. Kay Brawley at [kbrawley@mindspring.com](mailto:kbrawley@mindspring.com) by August 1, 2019. Biographies of all candidates will be shared in the fall NECA e-news before the ACA election begins.

Visit the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals for the latest listings of open positions <https://nawdp.careerwebsite.com/jobs/>

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*An Investigation of the Variables That Influence Female Counselors' Work–Family Conflict*  
Emeline C. Eckart and Jolie Ziomek-Daigle

*Using Direct Skills Teaching to Improve Job Skills for Persons With Disabilities*  
Janice Oursler, Weili Lu, Samantha Herrick, and Kevin Harris

*Burnout and Turnover Intentions Among Junior Counseling Faculty: Moderating Role of Mentoring*  
Hongryun Woo, Hyunhee Kim, and Sangmin Park



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