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**Correctional Education Association**

**Region I Conference**

**"Discover Your Blue Mind"**

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**Please remember to wear your conference badge to all meals and have  
meal tickets for all guests!**

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NEIL YOUNG  
*Interim City Manager*  
PATRICIA HARBORA

Dear Correctional Educators:

Welcome to Cape May, New Jersey, the nation's oldest seashore resort and the ideal site for a professional conference and a relaxing visit.

We hope you have a productive conference filled with energetic and constructive learning experiences. We applaud your efforts to help people make transformative life changes through scholastic and vocational education programs.

While you are here, we are confident you will enjoy Cape May's many varied opportunities to calm down, kick back, and unwind.

We encourage you to enjoy our beaches and water sports, our restaurants and shops, and the historic Victorian architecture that make Cape May a special place to visit year-round.

Best regards,

Clarence "Chuck" Lear  
Mayor

**State of New Jersey**  
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Christopher S. Porrino  
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Executive Director

As the Executive Director of the New Jersey Justice Commission, I would like to welcome you to the 56th Annual Correctional Education Association Region 1 Conference. The Coordinators have gone to great lengths to organize this event, and we appreciate the hard work and effort that went into making this possible.

As we gather to partake in four days of innovative training, workshops, and activities, we can reflect on the many accomplishments in the education field and how we strive to overcome the challenges that we continue to face. With dwindling resources, international competition, higher expectations, and a more diverse student population, it becomes harder to meet the demands of this ever-changing realm. But this conference gives us all an opportunity to refocus, re-prioritize, and become re-energized. We are able to network with colleagues, gain new insight, enhance our knowledge, and return to our roles with a new vision.

Those of you who commit to attending this conference each year obtain valuable tools that will enable you to realize your vision. You have also committed yourselves to discovering new pathways for our students that encourage them to embrace their potential and benefit from your guidance. Thank you and enjoy this invaluable event.

Sincerely,  
*Kevin M. Brown*  
Kevin M. Brown  
Executive Director

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Gary M. Lanigan  
Commissioner

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Correctional Education Association Region 1 Conference.

The rehabilitation of those in the offender population is undeniably linked to the education they receive while incarcerated. The learning and training opportunities provided by dedicated correctional educators help offenders reach their potential so that they may successfully reenter the community and become contributing members of society.

While attending this conference, please take advantage of this time to learn from your peers and colleagues and to use the many invaluable resources available so that you can return to your work stronger and wiser.

The people of our communities are indebted to hard-working and devoted professionals, such as yourselves, who use their talents and abilities for the common good. Thank you all for your outstanding service, and best wishes for a successful and enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

*Gary M. Lanigan*

Gary M. Lanigan  
Commissioner  
New Jersey Department of Corrections

# CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Kevin J. Kavanaugh  
Region 1 Deputy Director  
NJCEA President



## To All Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the New Jersey Correctional Education Association and our Executive Board, I would like to welcome you to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Correctional Education Association Region 1 Conference: “Discover Your Blue Mind!”

Beginning with our Pre-Conference Enrichment Activities on Tuesday, May 30, we have put together excursions, keynote speakers, workshops, and evening receptions that we hope will enlighten, educate, and entertain you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the presenters, who will share their knowledge and expertise without any compensation.

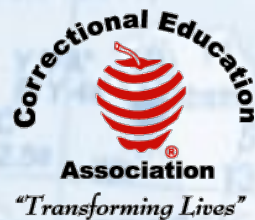
I encourage you to take the time to visit and talk with all of the conference vendors. I want to especially thank our conference sponsors: **Jonathan Blitt, Aztec/Kaplan Software Program** CEO & Chairman; **Jill Arnett, McGraw-Hill** Education Team Vice-President; and **Maxine McCormick, Data Recognition Corporation CTB** Assessment Solutions Representative, for sponsoring our evening receptions and Rita’s Water Ice Social.

Without the participation of our presenters, vendors, sponsors, and you, this conference would not be possible. On behalf of the New Jersey Chapter of the Correctional Education Association, I want to personally thank you for what you do each day to educate your students! Please take advantage of all this conference and its attendees have to offer. You all teach in very stressful environments, so please take time to relax and recharge!

Sincerely,

*Kevin J. Kavanaugh*

Kevin J. Kavanaugh  
Region 1 Deputy Director  
NJCEA President





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**CEA President**  
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As the President of CEA and on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, it is truly a pleasure to welcome everyone to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Region I conference. I am quite confident you will gain valuable information and ideas over the next several days, as well as some much-needed leisure time in the evenings.

This is my first time to Cape May, and I am so excited to be here and share this time with my daughter Taylor. Taylor has joined me at many CEA conferences over the years, and though she doesn't work in the field of corrections, she does understand the important work correctional educators do every day. She has heard many stories and has visited several correctional facilities to truly appreciate the hard work and dedication that take place on a daily basis. Correctional educators often think their work goes unnoticed; however, I know first-hand that folks in the community and definitely students and their families see the good work being done in correctional classrooms. It may not always be acknowledged, but the belief in what you do genuinely exists.

So over the next few days, enjoy, learn, and grow. Spend some quality time with friends and co-workers and never forget that the work you do transforms lives!

Have a great conference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Meyers". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Peggy Meyers, CEA President



# CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

**Morris Dews**  
Past President and Acting Director  
The Correctional Education Association

Welcome to the 56th Annual Conference of CEA Region I. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." As educators, we understand that education can change one's status in life, leading to changing the lives of those around them. Ordinary people see what is; correctional educators see the possibilities.

While you attend this year's conference, I hope you will take time to attend the workshops, visit the vendors, and network with your colleagues. When we take the time to communicate with other educators, we often discover that we all experience similar situations, no matter where we work. When time is taken to listen to others, we sometimes find answers to questions that have been troubling us for years.

I hope you came ready to learn, to network, and to enjoy the conference. I also hope that upon returning to your institutions, you will be reenergized, excited, and looking forward to another great year. Here's to a great conference!

Sincerely,  
*Morris Dews*  
Morris Dews  
Acting Executive Director  
The Correctional Education Association



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Ronald Bargiel  
CEA Region 1 - Director



Dear Conference Attendees,

**CEA REGION 1**

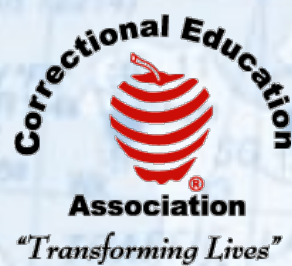
On behalf of CEA Region I, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the 56th Annual CEA Region One Conference. The Conference Committee has worked diligently over the past year to plan and prepare for what will be a tremendous professional development opportunity for all attendees. In addition to the fantastic workshops, exhibitor displays, guest speakers, and TOY celebration, please take time to renew with fellow educators and “Discover Your Blue Mind” in beautiful Cape May. Remember, if you’re not currently a member, CEA is the only organization designed for those specifically in the Corrections Education field, so please consider joining our organization.

Enjoy your conference!

Sincerely,

*Ronn Bargiel*

Ronald Bargiel  
CEA Region I Director



**Region 1 Conference Co-Chairs**

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**Art Miller**

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- ◆ Bob Hill

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- ◆ Constance Nealon
- ◆ Deb Parrow

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- ◆ Bob Hill

**Video Recording**

- ◆ Dr. Albert Alba

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- ◆ Terri Fazio, Chairperson

**Publication and Printing**

- ◆ Jill Bargiel



<b>Day 1 - Wednesday, May 31, 2017</b> <b>Schedule Overview</b> <b>Details on Pages 21 - 31</b>				
Room	Session 1 9 - 10:15 a.m.	Session 2 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Buffet Lunch and Welcome 12:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Session 3 2 - 3:15 p.m.
The Penthouse Ballroom			<b>Penthouse Ballroom</b>  <b>Buffet Lunch and Welcome</b>  *****  <b>Commissioner Gary M. Lanigan</b> <b>New Jersey Department of Corrections</b>  ***** <b>Keynote Speaker</b>  <b>Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols</b> <b>Author of</b> <i>Blue Mind</i>  <b>Book Signing with</b> <b>Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols</b> <b>From 1:45 - 2 p.m.</b>  <b>Workshop</b> <b>Go Deeper</b> <b>2 - 3:15p.m.</b>	<b>Go Deeper</b> <b>Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols</b>
Grand Ball Room A	<b>Free Educational Resources and Financial Saving for Life</b>	<b>Trends in Providing Meaningful Access to the Courts</b>		<b>The STREAM Factory</b>
Grand Ball Room B	<b>Reentry Literacy Education</b>	<b>Now What? An Inside Look at Education and the Returning Citizen</b>		<b>Reentry Literacy Education</b>
Grand Ball Room C	<b>Simulate, Replicate, Evaluate: Hands-on Training to Start a Welding Career</b>	<b>Recidivism Reduction Through the Use of CTE Training</b>		<b>Classroom Management in the Self-Contained and Transitioning Classroom</b>
Crystal Room	<b>What If Your Students Aren't High School Ready Yet?</b>	<b>NCCER Curriculum &amp; Credential, The Standard for Developing Craft Professionals</b>		<b>Teaching Strategies for the 10th / 11th Grade HS Assessment</b>
Wicker Room	<b>Resilience - The Capacity to Recover Quickly from Difficulties</b>	<b>Take a Walk on the Beach with a New Jersey Audubon Naturalist</b>		
Room 127		<b>Mathematical Reasoning Blocks</b>		<b>Cognitive Behavior Activities for the Classroom Teacher</b>

**Day 2 - Thursday, June 1, 2017**

**Day 3 - Friday, June 2, 2017**

**Schedule Overview**

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<b>Room</b>	<b>Session 4 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Session 5 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Teacher of the Year Awards Luncheon 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Session 6 2 - 3:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Friday June 2, 2017 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Grand Ball Room A</b>	<b>How to Make Reading Easier for Your Student and Promote Confidence and Fluency!</b>	<b>How to Make Reading Easier for Your Student and Promote Confidence and Fluency!</b>	<b>Penthouse Ballroom Teacher of the Year Awards Luncheon ***** Kevin M. Brown</b>	<b>Gangs: Today's Domestic Terrorist</b>	<b>Walk on the Promenade Meet at Front Lobby 7 - 8 a.m.</b>
<b>Grand Ball Room B</b>	<b>Reentry Excellence: 5 Simple Strategies</b>	<b>Competency Based Education Approach to Reentry</b>	<b>Executive Director New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission *****</b>	<b>NJ-STEP: Counseling College Students from Prison to Campus</b>	<b>Breakfast Buffet Penthouse Ballroom 8 - 9:15 a.m. Beachwear Fashion Show Presented by The Cotton Company Free Door Prizes Will be Awarded</b>
<b>Grand Ball Room C</b>	<b>Creating User Engagement Through Experiential Learning Tools</b>	<b>How to Effectively Utilize Volunteers in the Classroom!</b>	<b>Teacher of the Year Ceremony *****</b>	<b>When We Fail to Plan - We Plan to Fail!</b>	
<b>Crystal Room</b>	<b>Corrections Education- Effective Approaches to E - Learning Part 1</b>	<b>Corrections Education Technology That Promotes Effective E-Learning Part 2</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D. Director of Student Services and Workforce Development Community Learning Center</b>	<b>Reentry Excellence: 5 Simple Strategies</b>	<b>***** Penthouse Ballroom 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Wicker Room</b>	<b>Teaching Strategies for the TABE</b>	<b>Developing Critical Thinking Skills for the Incarcerated Student</b>		<b>Take a Walk on the Beach with a New Jersey Audubon Naturalist</b>	<b>Keynote Speakers Erin Curran and Mike Laidlaw</b>
<b>Room 127</b>	<b>Resilience - The Capacity to Recover Quickly from Difficulties</b>	<b>Lessons Learned from Thirty-Seven Years Working Behind Bars</b>		<b>Like a Tranquilizer Without Side Effects: Humor As Therapy in the Correctional Environment</b>	<b>Penthouse Ballroom Evaluation and Door Prizes 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.</b>

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**May 30 – June 2, 2017**

***Conference Enrichment Events***

<b>Pre - Conference Activities - Tuesday, May 30, 2017</b>			
10:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.	Guided Tour of the Cape May Zoo and Animal Encounter	Adult \$20 Child \$15	Meet at 10 a.m. in the Front Lobby.
1 - 4 p.m.	Registration and Vendor Set-Up		Twitty's Porch and the Atrium
1 - 4 p.m.	Paddleboard and/or Kayak Lesson	\$25 for Single Kayak \$35 for Double Kayak	Meet at 1 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cold Spring Village Brewery Tour and Trolley Ride	\$20 Plus Cash Bar	Meet at 4 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
5 - 8 p.m.	Vendor Set-Up		Twitty's Porch and the Atrium
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Cape May Guided Trolley Tour	\$15 per person	Meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
<b>Wednesday, May 31, 2017</b>			
7 - 8 a.m.	Walk on the Promenade	Free	Meet at 7 a.m. in the Front Lobby.
5 - 7:30 p.m.	Kayak Tour in the Cape May Harbor and Tidal Marsh	\$35 for Single \$60 for Double	Meet at 4:45 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
8 - 11 p.m.	Presidential Reception with Live Music - <b>Funkybone Horn Band</b> Cash Bar	Free Light Hors d'oeuvres	Penthouse Ballroom
<b>Thursday, June 1, 2017</b>			
7 - 8 a.m.	Morning Stroll on the Promenade	Free	Meet at 7 a.m. in the Front Lobby.
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Educational Materials Review / Rita's Water Ice Social	Free	Twitty's Porch and the Atrium
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Sunset Dolphin Cruise	\$25 per person	Meet in the Front Lobby at 6 p.m.
9 - 12 a.m.	Beach Party with Live Music by <b>Rhyme and Reason</b>	Cash Bar Light Hors d'oeuvres	Penthouse Ballroom
<b>Friday, June 2, 2017</b>			
7 - 8 a.m.	Morning Stroll on the Promenade	Free	Meet in the Front Lobby at 7 a.m.
8 - 9:15a.m.	Beachwear Fashion Show Presented by The Cotton Company Free Door Prizes Will be Awarded		Penthouse Ballroom
10:30 - 11:30a.m.	Conference Evaluation and Door Prizes	Free	Grand Ballroom

## 2017 CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION BOARD AWARD

### Tremaine Harrison



**Tremaine Harrison** was approved by the JJC Executive Board as Director for the Juvenile Justice Commission's (JJC) Office of Education in July 2013. Prior to his appointment, he held a number of supervisory education positions encompassing both JJC community residential programs and secure care facilities, including two occasions serving as the Acting Director.

As Director, Mr. Harrison works closely with the JJC administration to direct education policy and practice. Previously, he served as the educational manager for the JJC's largest secure facility, the NJ Training School in Monroe Township, NJ, for five years. During his tenure at NJTS, Mr. Harrison was responsible for managing a comprehensive educational program geared toward the students' attainment of a high school diploma while preparing them for continued learning and workforce development. The educational program consisted of a wide range of challenging academic and career-technical experiences that addressed the educational needs of both special education and regular education students.

Mr. Harrison holds a Bachelor's Degree in History and Education from Rutgers University, where he was also a graduate student in the Graduate School of Education. He earned his Master's Degree in Education Administration from Cheney University. Before joining the JJC, Mr. Harrison taught in public elementary schools in New Brunswick, Camden, and Newark. He also served as administrator of a charter school in Trenton.





## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**Jill R. Bargiel**



**Jill Bargiel** has been a correctional educator for the past five years at the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11/Youth Forestry Camp #3 in James Creek, Pennsylvania. Previously she taught in public junior and senior high schools for ten years. Mrs. Bargiel has been a positive role model for her students through her hard work--always trying new methods of instruction and constantly encouraging them to persevere in reaching academic goals. Jill's students are always taught to value education and to respect themselves and others with the end result of becoming productive members of society.

Jill brings a wealth of practical knowledge to the classroom, which she gained from her 30-year business career prior to teaching. She uses her real-life experiences to engage her students and enhance their learning. This experience includes retail, real estate, and business/property management, and she continues to sell real estate in her free time.

Accordingly, Jill strongly believes in the value of financial education, and she was instrumental in getting a Personal Finance program instituted in a public school where she taught. She has taught a wide variety of business-related subjects, including Computer Applications, Personal Finance, Entrepreneurship, and Keyboarding. Jill has also taught at the (Pennsylvania) Governor's Institute for Personal Finance and is a winner of the Governor's Award for Personal Finance.

Currently, Jill provides workforce preparation education to adjudicated youth with tremendously diverse educational needs, aptitudes, and career interests. Since many of her students lack computer skills, she helps develop their competencies in computer applications while teaching resumes, cover letters, and other job-search documents. She is also involved with career exploration graduation projects in which students develop and give PowerPoint presentations. In addition, Jill challenges and instructs her students to develop the skills necessary for acquiring an International Computer Driver's License (ICDL), and an impressive number succeed in achieving this recognized certificate because of her individual instruction and constant encouragement.

Jill is especially proud of her efforts to launch the Ricoh Digital Literacy Program, a cooperative effort between the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit #11, Cal Poly University, and the Pennsylvania Academic Career and Technical Training Alliance (PACTT). Beginning with a college-level curriculum, she designed a way to deliver these highly marketable computer graphics and color print production skills to high school and post-secondary students.

Jill graduated from SUNY at Buffalo with a Business Administration degree and a minor in Spanish in 1982. She continued her studies with an emphasis on school counseling at Shippensburg University and Penn State University, obtaining her teaching certificate in 2002. Jill serves as treasurer of her church, as well as participating in other church activities, and is active in the CEA and the Huntington County Real Estate organization. She has been the loving wife of Ronn for 27 years and loves her two stepchildren and three grandchildren.



**Keynote Speaker: Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

# DR. WALLACE J NICHOLS

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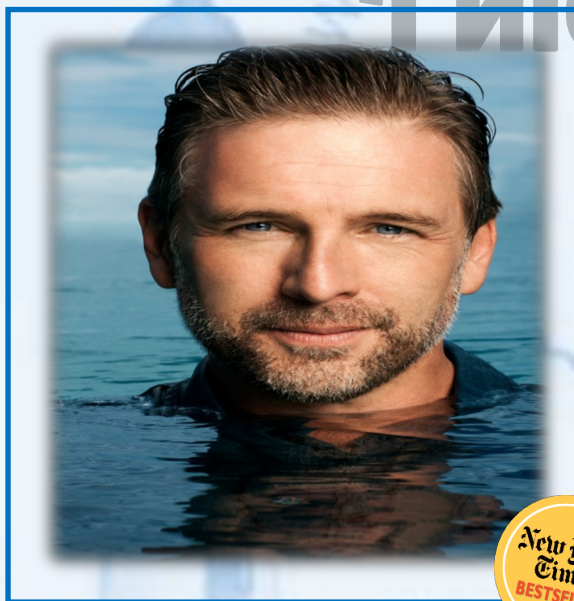
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**Renowned Scientist + New York Times Bestselling Author + World Waterman**

Dr. Wallace “J.” Nichols is a scientist, wild water advocate, movement-maker, New York Times bestselling author, and dad. His research and expeditions have taken him to coasts and waterways across North, Central and South America, to Asia, Africa, Australia, and Europe. This is what keeps his colleagues and collaborators working hard to understand and restore our blue planet. J. is a Research associate at California Academy of Sciences and co-founder of Ocean revolution, an international network of young ocean advocates, SEE the WILD, a conversation travel network, Grupo Tortuguero, an international sea turtle conversation network, and the Blue Mind Fund, reconnecting people to our water planet. He has authored over 200 scientific papers, articles and reports and his work has been broadcast on NPR, BBC, PBS, CBS This Morning, CNN, Discovery Channel, National Geographic and Animal Planet as well as being featured in Time, Newsweek, GQ, Outside Magazine, Fast Company, scientific American and New Scientist, among others.

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**Keynote Speaker - Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D. - Thursday, June 2, 2017**

**Director of Student Services and Workforce Development, Community Learning Center**



Jeffrey Abramowitz was a civil trial lawyer in Philadelphia for over twenty years and had reached the pinnacle of his professional career when several poor choices led to a federal indictment and a sentence of five years in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Jeff accepted a starting position teaching GED Math for Community Learning Center, a Title II adult literacy agency, in October 2015; and in January 2016 he was promoted to Director of Student Services and Workforce Development. Community Learning Center services many of the hardest to serve in Philadelphia: those adults who are unemployed, undereducated, and with significant barriers, including prior criminal histories.

Jeff has been instrumental in creating a blended adult education and workforce development program and developing an educational up-skilling clinic, partnering with PA CareerLink® Suburban Station. He created, developed, and nurtured partnerships with employers, placement agencies, post-secondary institutions, and trade organizations, all in an effort to more effectively place students, many with significant barriers, into the workforce.

Most recently Jeff has created a reentry workshop at PA CareerLink® Suburban Station, helping returning citizens with the transition home and helping them find their career pathway and employment. He has also provided staff reentry sensitivity training at PA CareerLink® and created a resource book for the Reentry Workshop.

Jeff is an active member of the Philadelphia Reentry Coalition, serving on the Education and Employment Committees. He sits on the Academic Advisory Board of Pierce College, co-facilitates the Temple University New Opportunities Workshop, and conducts a reentry boot camp at Temple University. He also lectures on adult education, business and career development, and criminal justice issues, as well as working with returning citizens and the unemployed on a daily basis.

Jeff is also a member of the Society for Human Resources and lectures at Mt. Airy Learning Tree, teaching a course titled "Orange is the New Black: An Inside Look into the Criminal Justice System." In addition, he lectures throughout Philadelphia on the issues of prison reform, reentry, and workforce development.

**Keynote Speakers - Friday, June 2, 2017**

**Erin Curran is Chief Activator and owner of Activate Academic Life Coaching LLC.**

**Mike Laidlaw is the President of SKL Associates LLC, a consulting company in Alexandria, VA.**



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**Erin Curran** is Chief Activator and owner of Activate Academic Life Coaching LLC, where she coaches teens and young adults to gain the clarity, confidence, and awareness needed to thrive--not simply survive. A former D1 Scholarship Student-Athlete, she graduated from the University of Richmond and has spent most her career helping educators and students increase achievement and develop the skills necessary for success in and out of the classroom. She currently serves as a mentor for at-risk student-athletes in Henrico County, VA, as a Team Leader with TEAM Excel, and she believes all students want to become their best version.

**Mike Laidlaw** is the President of SKL Associates LLC, a human resources (HR) and management consulting company in Alexandria, VA. He holds a Bachelor's in Human Resources from the University of South Carolina and a Master's in Management from Webster University. Mike has over 36 years of HR and consulting experience in diverse sectors, including education, import-export, transportation, non-profit, and government entities--federal, state, and municipalities. As a former Team Leader for Prince George's County Public Schools HR Department, he was responsible for advising 75 principals on all HR issues, hiring over 300 teachers each summer, and facilitating the selection and placement of principals throughout the school system. As an experienced HR professional, Mike is well versed on the skills--both hard and soft--necessary for success in most career fields and the competencies for advancement to the next level of development in many career fields. As the Head of Human Resources for several large and small companies, he has changed the department and/or organizational culture from transactional and bureaucratic to results-oriented problem solvers. He accomplished this through strategic clarity, creative solutions with practical applications, and a commitment to purposefully increase employee engagement. Mike is also an Executive Coach and Career Coach.

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<b>Pre - Conference Activities - Tuesday, May 30, 2017</b>			
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Guided Tour of the Cape May Zoo and Animal Encounter	Adult \$20 Child \$15	Meet at 10 a.m. in the Front Lobby.
1 - 4 p.m.	Registration and Vendor Set Up		Twitty's Porch and the Atrium
1 - 4 p.m.	Paddleboard and/or Kayak Lesson	\$25 for Single Kayak \$35 for Double Kayak	Meet at 1 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cold Spring Village Brewery Tour and Trolley Ride	\$20 Plus Cash Bar	Meet at 4 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Cape May Guided Trolley Tour	\$15 per person	Meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Front Lobby.
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7 - 8 a.m.	Walk on the Promenade		Meet at 7 a.m. in Front Lobby
8:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		Twitty's Porch
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Registration/Vendor Area Open		Twitty's Porch and the Atrium
9 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>Workshops Session 1</b>		<b>Grand Ballroom A, B, &amp; C, Wicker, Crystal Rooms and Room 127</b>
9 - 10:15 a.m.	<p><b><i>Free Educational Resources and Financial Savings for Life</i></b></p> <p><b>Presenter: Dr. Albert Alba</b>  <b>Rhode Island Department of Corrections</b></p> <p>This presentation will go over free online resources that provide valuable instructional materials, online instruction, and free online sharing websites. This workshop will also include the following: financial literacy strategies for one's journey through life from starting to invest young through middle age, safe guarding your assets throughout life, Social Security considerations, and elder care.</p>		<b>Grand Ballroom A</b>
<p><b>Dr. Albert Alba</b> holds a life certification in secondary mathematics and a Rhode Island certificate in school administration, as well as the title of Highly Qualified Correctional Educator. He has worked as a high school equivalency teacher for 17 years and previously worked for 10 years at the Rhode Island Juvenile Correctional Center. His doctoral work was in Curriculum and Instruction with minor concentrations in secondary mathematics, statistics, and technology. Dr. Alba has also been involved in contextualized instruction and the RI JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy daylong seminars.</p>			

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<b>9 - 10:15 a.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Simulate, Replicate, Evaluate:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Hands-on Training To Start a Welding Career</i></b></p> <p><b>Presenter: Amy Underwood, Realityworks</b></p> <p>The RealCareer Welding Solutions feature several powerful and cost-effective welding education tools to help train future welders more efficiently while addressing classroom management and safety concerns. The line includes welding simulation, live in-helmet welding guidance, and visual inspection aids that create interactive lessons while preparing participants with knowledge and proper welding technique. Presentation attendees will learn methods to educate on welding careers, techniques for providing hands-on job skill development opportunities, and ways to reduce classroom management and safety concerns while saving money on costly consumables.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom C</b>
<p><b>Amy Underwood</b> is a Senior Account Manager for Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont. She has been with Realityworks for the past four years, traveling throughout her territory and presenting at organizations, agencies, and schools to help make a difference in people’s lives.</p>		

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<b>9 - 10:15 a.m.</b>	<p><i><b>What If Your Students Aren't High School Ready Yet?</b></i></p> <p><b>Presenter: Jayne Schultz</b></p> <p><b>HMH Publisher/Steck-Vaughn</b></p>	<b>Crystal Room</b>	
<p><b>Jayne Schultz</b> is presently the Adult Education Account Executive for HMH Publisher/Steck-Vaughn. Ms. Schultz is a former Adult Basic Education Program Coordinator. As an Adult Education Instructor, Jayne has taught GED Preparation, Workforce Development, Workplace Literacy, and ESL classes.</p>			
<b>9 - 10:15 a.m.</b>	<p><i><b>Resilience – The Capacity to Recover Quickly from Difficulties.</b></i></p> <p><b>Presenter: Michele Burns</b></p> <p><b>San Jose State University, Research Foundation</b></p>	<b>Wicker Room</b>	
<p>Michele Burns is the Director of the In-Custody Educational Services Project, which offers college credit-bearing courses in the Santa Clara County, CA, jail system. Michele has also been teaching the Personal, Academic and Career Exploration course at San Jose State University (SJSU) for six years, having also taught the curriculum to students on the “inside” for two years. Additionally, Michele is the Coordinator for the Lurie College of Education’s Student Success Center at SJSU. She speaks at education, business, and career counseling conferences on soft-skills, along with academic and career issues. In July 2016, Michele presented on <i>From Corrections to Careers</i> at the 71<sup>st</sup> International Conference for the Correctional Education Association.</p>			
<b>10:15 - 10:45 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Educational Materials Review and Coffee Break</b></p>		<b>Twitty’s Porch and the Atrium</b>

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<b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<b>Workshops Session 2</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom A, B, &amp; C, Wicker, Crystal Rooms and Room 127</b>
<b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Trends in Providing Meaningful Access to the Courts</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Jim Corbett</b>  <b>Casemaker</b></p> <p>This presentation will discuss the various court access strategies employed by state and federal correctional systems. It will examine how prisons implement effective strategies since <i>Lewis v. Casey</i> (1996) and the benefits that exist for the inmates and for the institution in providing such programs. This workshop will also present various solutions from around the country to demonstrate the variety of ways in which this issue is successfully being addressed.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom A</b>
<p><b>Jim Corbett</b> is currently the Vice President of Casemaker and has been in the online legal research business for over 30 years. After receiving a Masters in Library &amp; Information Science from SUNY Albany, Jim attended the evening program at Seattle University School of Law. Mr. Corbett has worked as a law librarian and in sales, management, and product development for various legal service companies, including Lexis Nexis, CourtTrax, and Casemaker. In the past, Jim worked with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to create the first program to allow electronic legal research (books had been required prior to that). At Casemaker Jim has led the way in developing the Casemaker corrections product and has worked with correction facilities to create and implement a plan to most effectively provide law library services in correctional facilities.</p>		
<b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Mathematical Reasoning Blocks</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Rodney Weems</b>  <b>Trinity Scholastic LLC</b></p> <p>What if the abstract patterns of mathematical reasoning could be made visible for all students? What if learning mathematics well became as easy, modular, and obvious as learning to build with Legos? What if math became just plain fun to learn and teach?</p>	<b>Room 127</b>
<p><b>Rodney Weems</b> is currently a computer programmer of math learning apps for Trinity Scholastic LLC and has been a public and private school mathematics and computer science teacher for over 25 years. He earned a B.S. in Physics from the United States Naval Academy and was a Dodge Foundation Alternate-Route Teaching Scholarship winner. Most recently, his students produced record-high state test passing rates for Somerville High School in New Jersey.</p>		



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<p align="center"><b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>Now What? An Inside Look at Education and the Returning Citizen</i>  <b>Presenter: Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D.</b></p> <p><b>Workforce Development Community Learning Center Philadelphia, PA</b></p> <p>This interactive lecture and discussion will provide an inside look into the educational and vocational transition of a returning citizen. The workshop will focus on the academic and vocational support that could be crucial to a returning citizen's reintegration. Educational and vocational training resources will be provided, and a frank discussion of both the practical barriers and potential solutions will be considered. As an educator, a returning citizen, and an administrator of a Title II literacy agency, I expect to provide valuable insight into how to begin the educational and vocational reentry process with the very first day of incarceration. Supporting material will be provided. * <b>Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D., will also be our keynote speaker on Thursday, June 1, at 12:45 p.m.</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Grand Ballroom B</b></p>
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**Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D.**, is the Director of Student Services and Workforce Development Community Learning Center. He was a civil trial lawyer in Philadelphia for over twenty years and had reached the pinnacle of his professional career when several poor choices led to a federal indictment and a sentence of five years in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Jeff accepted a starting position teaching GED Math for Community Learning Center, a Title II adult literacy agency, in October 2015; and in January 2016 he was promoted to Director of Student Services and Workforce Development. Community Learning Center services many of the hardest to serve in Philadelphia: those adults who are unemployed, undereducated, and with significant barriers, including prior criminal histories.

Dr. Abramowitz has been instrumental in creating a blended adult education and workforce development program and developing an educational up-skilling clinic, partnering with PA CareerLink<sup>®</sup> Suburban Station. He created, developed, and nurtured partnerships with employers, placement agencies, post-secondary institutions, and trade organizations, all in an effort to more effectively place students, many with significant barriers, into the workforce. Most recently Jeff has created a reentry workshop at PA CareerLink<sup>®</sup> Suburban Station, helping returning citizens with the transition home and helping them find their career pathway and employment. He has also provided staff reentry sensitivity training at PA CareerLink<sup>®</sup> and created a resource book for the Reentry Workshop.

Jeff is an active member of the Philadelphia Reentry Coalition, serving on the Education and Employment Committees. He sits on the Academic Advisory Board of Pierce College, co-facilitates the Temple University New Opportunities Workshop, and conducts a reentry boot camp at Temple University. He also lectures on adult education, business and career development, and criminal justice issues, as well as working with returning citizens and the unemployed on a daily basis. Jeff is also a member of the Society for Human Resources and lectures at Mt. Airy Learning Tree, teaching a course titled "Orange is the New Black: An Inside Look into the Criminal Justice System." He also lectures throughout Philadelphia on the issues of prison reform, reentry, and workforce development.

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<b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>NCCER Curriculum &amp; Credential, The Standard for Developing Craft Professionals</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presenter: Susan Muggeo - Pearson Education</b></p> <p>NCCER sets the standard in construction education. NCCER's training process of accreditation, instructor certification, standardized curriculum, and national registry is a key element in developing a skilled workforce of construction professionals. NCCER is widely used in many federal and state corrections systems. This presentation provides an update on the construction industry, the NCCER curriculum, and NCCER credential.</p>	<b>Crystal Room</b>
<p><b>Susan Muggeo</b> is the NCCER Northeast Executive Director for Pearson Education. She works with industry, education, and corrections in expanding the NCCER curriculum and credential to the workforce and students. Ms. Muggeo is missioned with helping to build a safe, sustainable, and skilled workforce of craft professionals.</p>		
<b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Take a Walk on the Beach with a New Jersey Audubon Naturalist</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presenter: Erin Rawls - Cape May Nature Center</b></p> <p>Walk the Cape May Beach in front of The Grand Hotel, exploring the habitat and niches of the edge--where land, air, and sea come together-- the ocean, beach, and dunes of the Jersey Shore. Learn how life persists in this challenging environment as your guide identifies and explains the fascinating finds while you comb the shoreline for the sea's treasures and walk along the dune in search of their wildlife. <b>In case of inclement weather, this workshop will take place inside, and the presenter will bring in samples of live animals and animal signs for the participants to examine. This workshop will be repeated on Thursday, June 1, at 2 p.m.</b></p>	<b>Wicker Room</b>
<p><b>Erin Rawls</b> is the Teacher/Naturalist at the New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Nature Center.</p>		

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<b>10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Recidivism Reduction Through the Use of CTE Training</i></b>  <b>Presenters: <i>Chris Delozier and David Brady</i></b>  <b>C-Tech Associates</b></p> <p>Returning citizens have a difficult road ahead when it comes to finding career opportunities upon re-entry. Join us as we explore C-Tech Associates Highway to Success Model and demonstrate a pathway of Career Exploration with a strong emphasis on hands-on training. Research validates that there is a direct correlation between vocational training and recidivism reduction. Come take advantage of this opportunity to discuss how Career and Technical Education can set your students on the right path.</p>	<b>Ballroom C</b>	
<p><b>David Brady</b>, Vice President, is responsible for the direction of the C-Tech international training team. David is a former educator of career and technology educational programs, and he serves on numerous state and local educational advisory boards. He leads industry-partner meetings that define the current, near term, and future technical skills required in the technology workforce. David also works closely with the U.S. Department of Labor, Correctional Education Association, and Department of Education in providing work-ready training programs that provide real opportunities for in-demand occupations in a variety of careers.</p>			
<b>12:15 - 1:45 p.m.</b>	<p>Buffet Lunch and Welcome  *****</p> <p>Commissioner Gary M. Lanigan  New Jersey Department of Corrections</p>		Penthouse Ballroom
	<p><b><u>Keynote Speaker</u></b>  Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols  Author of <i>Blue Mind</i>  <a href="http://www.wallacejnichols.org">www.wallacejnichols.org</a></p>		Penthouse Ballroom
	<p>Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols is a scientist, wild water advocate, movement-maker, New York Times bestselling author, and dad. His research and expeditions have taken him to coasts and waterways across North, Central, and South America, to Asia, Africa, Australia, and Europe. This is what keeps his colleagues and collaborators working hard to understand and restore our blue planet. J. is a Research associate at California Academy of Sciences and co-founder of Ocean revolution, an international network of young ocean advocates; SEE the WILD, a conversation travel network; Grupo Tortuguero, an international sea turtle conversation network; and the Blue Mind Fund, reconnecting people to our water planet. He has authored over 200 scientific papers, articles, and reports, and his work has been broadcast on NPR, BBC, PBS, CBS This Morning, CNN, Discovery Channel, National Geographic and Animal Planet as well as being featured in <i>Time</i>, <i>Newsweek</i>, <i>GQ</i>, <i>Outside Magazine</i>, <i>Fast Company</i>, <i>Planet</i>, <i>Scientific American</i> and <i>New Scientist</i>, among others.</p>		
<b>1:45 - 2 p.m.</b>	<p>Book signing with  <b>Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols</b></p>		Penthouse Ballroom

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2 - 3:15 p.m.	<b>Workshops Session 3</b>		<b>Grand Ballroom A, B, &amp; C, Wicker, Crystal Rooms and Room 127</b>
2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Go Deeper</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Dr. Wallace "J." Nichols</b>  <b>Author of <i>Blue Mind</i></b></p> <p>In this workshop, Dr. Nichols will answer questions about his research for <i>Blue Mind</i>. He will also introduce the premise for his next book, <i>Go Deeper: The Seven Ages of Water</i>.</p>		<b>The Penthouse Ballroom</b>
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2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p align="center"><i><b>Classroom Management in the Self-Contained and Transitioning Classroom</b></i>  <b>Presenters:</b>  <b>Stephanie D'Augustine and Nicole Daly</b>  <b>New Jersey Department of Corrections</b>  <b>Southwoods State Prison</b></p> <p>Correctional educators know that proper classroom management can mean the difference between an effective learning situation and one that fails. This interactive workshop will examine methods for optimally managing both the self-contained and the transitional classroom and grouping students to maximize student proficiency. Participants will receive helpful materials, including sample lesson plans demonstrating effective time management in key subjects.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom C</b>
<p><b>Stephanie D'Augustine</b> is an educator at South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton, New Jersey, teaching the GED Advanced portion of the education program. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Childhood Education/American Studies from Rowan University. Her experience includes substituting in an elementary school grades K-5, teaching GED English at Cumberland County College, and teaching at Pineland Learning Center. Stephanie believes that correctional education is very important and that once inmate students start to believe in their ability to learn, success will follow!</p> <p><b>Nicole Daly</b> is a pre-GED (Adult Basic Education) teacher at South Woods State Prison in Bridgeton, NJ. Prior to that, Nicole taught 11th and 12 grade students in the Bridgeton Public School System in both inclusion and non-inclusion classrooms. She also helped to rewrite the 11th grade Language Arts curriculum. Nicole is an alumna of Rowan University, where she graduated magna cum laude with dual Bachelor's degrees in English and Secondary Education. Nicole tries to take as much as she can from outside the classroom and make it teachable. She believes that knowledge can be gained from every experience and that learning never stops!</p>		
2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p align="center"><i><b>Teaching Strategies for the 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> Grade HS Assessment</b></i>  <b>Presenter: Maxine McCormick</b>  <b>Data Recognition Corporation CTB</b></p> <p>In this workshop, the participants will learn various strategies to assist their students in being successful on the 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Assessment.</p>	<b>Crystal Room</b>
<p><b>Maxine McCormick</b> recently became the Assessment Solutions Representative for Data Recognition Corporation/CTB. Prior to this, she was an Education Specialist/Sales Rep at McGraw-Hill/Contemporary for over 16 years. Maxine is a lifelong learner! She began her vocation in adult education in 1971 and has enjoyed every minute to the present. Ms. McCormick has taught ABE, GED, and ESL, and she was a curriculum support administrator before moving to Contemporary/McGraw-Hill.</p>		

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<b>2 - 3:15 p.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Cognitive Behavior Activities for the Classroom Teacher</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Randy Shipe</b></p> <p>Good thinking skills, or “executive behavior management” functions, are often missing in correctional students. The best correctional educators teach these skills informally but can also teach them formally along with regular subject topics. Participants will be actively engaged in methods of teaching skills such as teamwork, problem solving, and communication.</p>	<b>Room 127</b>
<p><b>Randy Shipe</b> is a thirty-seven year veteran of correctional education, serving as teacher, field-based administrator, leadership supervisor/administrator, and consultant in Virginia, Oregon, Kentucky, and Maryland. Now retired, he has served on CEA state, regional, and international Executive Boards and has presented at the conferences of CEA, ACA, and other professional organizations.</p>		
<b>2 - 3:15 p.m.</b>	<p><b><i>The STREAM Factory</i></b>  <b>Presenters: Ray Richard Choley ("Rick")</b>  <b>Daniel Fisher</b>  <b>CLIU 21 Youth Forestry Camp 2</b></p> <p>The STREAM Factory is a strategic initiative to help students to (1) become aware of emerging technology in industry and (2) develop digital job skills through a work-to-learn program. Students engage multiple disciplines (Science-Technology-Robotics-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics) as applied knowledge. Students engage the basic process of product concept, product design/engineering, and product manufacturing. Students acquire digital work skills that are critical in the emerging digital manufacturing environment of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Students at YFC2 become conversant with using various types of CAD-CAM and graphic software, and they learn to operate a digital apparel printer, large format printer, CNC wood carver, various 3D printers, and a laser engraver. The STREAM Factory has developed an actual customer base for which students make products such as T-shirts, posters, brochures, graphic logos, wood plaques, and laser-engraved signage. Furthermore, students acquire basic soft skills such as teamwork while producing products, as well as basic communication skills needed to interface with customers.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom A</b>
<p><b>Ray Richard Choley ("Rick")</b>, a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Architecture Degree, worked many years as an architectural designer and construction manager. He later owned and operated two businesses before moving into education to inspire students to pursue careers in design, construction, and manufacturing. As an Instructional Assistant for over 11 years with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 in Pennsylvania, Rick developed a media technology course for students to acquire digital graphic design and digital print media skills. In January 2016 the Media Technology Program was expanded to include additional digital job skills emerging in the manufacturing sector and branded as "The STREAM Factory."</p> <p><b>Daniel Fisher</b> will assist Mr. Choley with this workshop.</p>		

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8 - 11 p.m.	Presidential Reception with Live Music by <b>The Funkybone Horn Band</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/funkybonehornband">https://www.facebook.com/funkybonehornband</a> Cash Bar Free Light Hors d' oeuvres		<b>Penthouse Ballroom</b>
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<b>8:30 - 9:45 a.m.</b>	<p><i><b>Creating User Engagement Through  Experiential Learning Tools</b></i>  <b>Presenter: Amy Underwood</b>  <b>Realityworks</b></p> <p>Enrich your classroom with hands-on agriculture, plant science learning aids, and employability skills that will further your students' understanding, create an interactive classroom, and further their career path exploration. In this presentation you will learn the best techniques to involve your students in lessons through hands-on activities and interact with new products from Realityworks.</p> <p>Attendees will learn methods for increasing classroom participation with interactive models, as well as ideas for incorporating career exploration into the classroom and techniques for providing hands-on job skill development. They will have information to take back to the classroom to incorporate immediately.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom C</b>
<p><b>Amy Underwood</b> is a Senior Account Manager for Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont. She has been with <b>Realityworks</b> for the past four years, traveling throughout her territory and presenting at organizations, agencies, and schools to help make a difference in people's lives.</p>		



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<b>8:30 - 9:45 a.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Teaching Strategies for the TABE</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Maxine McCormick</b>  <b>Data Recognition Corporation CTB</b></p> <p>In this workshop, the participants will learn various strategies to assist their students in being successful on the TABE.</p>	<b>Wicker Room</b>
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**Maxine McCormick** recently became the Assessment Solutions Representative for Data Recognition Corporation/CTB. Prior to this, she was an Education Specialist/Sales Rep at McGraw-Hill/Contemporary for over 16 years. Maxine is a lifelong learner! She began her vocation in adult education in 1971 and has enjoyed every minute to the present. Ms. McCormick has taught ABE, GED, and ESL, and she was a curriculum support administrator before moving to Contemporary/McGraw-Hill.

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<b>8:30 - 9:45 a.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Resilience – The Capacity to Recover Quickly from Difficulties.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presenter: Michele Burns</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>San Jose State University, Research Foundation</b></p> <p>Students on the “inside” face many difficulties. Therefore, helping students understand their innate personality, multiple intelligences, and differentiated learning styles can help them develop a growth mindset while deepening their character, increasing their confidence, and enhancing their self-concept. This workshop will guide you through each of these areas with practical activities that are easily replicated in your classroom.</p>	<b>Room 127</b>
<p><b>Michele Burns</b> is the Director of the In-Custody Educational Services Project, which offers college credit-bearing courses in the Santa Clara County, CA, jail system. Michele has also been teaching the Personal, Academic and Career Exploration course at San Jose State University (SJSU) for six years, having also taught the curriculum to students on the “inside” for two years. Additionally, Michele is the Coordinator for the Lurie College of Education’s Student Success Center at SJSU. She speaks at education, business, and career counseling conferences on soft-skills, along with academic and career issues. In July 2016, Michele presented on <i>From Corrections to Careers</i> at the 71<sup>st</sup> International Conference for the Correctional Education Association.</p>		
<b>9:45 - 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Educational Materials Review/Coffee Break</b>	<b>Twitty’s Porch and Atrium</b>
<b>10:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Workshops Session 5</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom A, B, &amp; C, Wicker, Crystal Rooms and Room 127</b>
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<b>10:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Competency Based Education Approach to Reentry</i></b></p> <p><b>Presenter: Jeff Keller</b></p> <p><b>Mercer County Community College Criminal Justice Department</b></p>	<b>Grand Ballroom B</b>
	<p>Education is the keystone to economic mobility. Competency-Based Education provides offenders a launching pad upon release. Offenders find themselves moving through the phases of reentry more quickly from survival through self-sufficiency as a result of completing a quality CBE. Lean Six Sigma certification is a cost-effective CBE choice to successful reentry.</p>	
<p><b>Jeff Keller</b> has worked in the Corrections industry since 1998. His varied experience includes working as Case Manager, Correctional Officer, Teacher, Education Specialist, and Volunteer Coordinator. In 2011 Jeff was selected to launch the Bureau of Prisons' first Reentry Affairs Department at FCI Fort Dix. He currently manages this newly formed department, responsible for providing approximately 4700 offenders with programs, services, and information in support of their release plans. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), and a Master in Jurisprudence (M.Jur.) degree from Widener University. He is presently finalizing his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Leadership and Innovation with Wilmington University. He also remains active in many industry-related organizations and has received numerous service awards.</p>		
<b>10:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b><i>How To Effectively Utilize Volunteers In The Correctional Classroom!</i></b></p> <p><b>Presenters: Jessica Weis, Sarah Jill Bashein, Jon Cortez</b></p> <p><b>Petey Greene Program</b></p>	<b>Grand Ballroom C</b>
	<p>This workshop will discuss how to utilize volunteers in correctional classrooms in a way that is beneficial to the teachers, incarcerated students, and volunteers. We hope to answer the following questions during our session: How can volunteers help my prison classroom(s)? What type of training do volunteers need? What are some of the obstacles that the volunteers face, and how can prisons address those obstacles?</p>	
<p><b>Jessica Weis</b> holds a Master's of Public Administration from New York University's Wagner School for Public Service. She began her career in direct service, first with AmeriCorps, where she traveled the country, completing community service projects, two of which aided in the recovery after Hurricane Katrina. Then with Brooklyn College she coordinated after-school programming and facilitated workshops for high school students. Jessica spent the next five years of her career with District 79, Alternative Schools and Programs, for the New York City Department of Education. In this position she was responsible for creating new programs, hiring non-pedagogues, establishing new partnerships, and improving communication both within the program and for prospective students.</p> <p>Shortly after leaving District 79, Jessica became Program Director for the Petey Greene Program. Together, the Petey Greene team of 23 works to prepare and coordinate volunteers to tutor and TA in correctional facilities from Massachusetts to Maryland. Our mission is twofold: First, we support the academic achievement of incarcerated people through volunteer tutoring and related programming. Second, we give college student volunteers an opportunity to learn more about the criminal justice system by stepping inside it.</p>		

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<b>10:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b><i>Lessons Learned from Thirty-Seven Years Working Behind Bars</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Randy Shipe</b></p> <p>The presenter will share the most important lessons he learned as a correctional educator who served in numerous positions in four state systems. He will utilize stories, anecdotes, and experiences, both serious and humorous, to provide a useful and interesting presentation.</p>	<b>Room 127</b>
<p><b>Randy Shipe</b> is a thirty-seven year veteran of correctional education, serving as teacher, field-based administrator, leadership supervisor/administrator, and consultant in Virginia, Oregon, Kentucky, and Maryland. Now retired, he has served on CEA state, regional, and international Executive Boards and has presented at the conferences of CEA, ACA, and other professional organizations.</p>		

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<b>10:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Developing Critical Thinking Skills for the Incarcerated Student</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presenters: Gail Huber and Linda Wolfson</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vita Education Services</b></p> <p>Cognitive skills instruction can benefit incarcerated adult students. These students tend to have low motivation, vague goals, poor problem-solving skills, a desire for immediate gratification, and little belief in their ability to change their circumstances. Many issues that put students at risk of withdrawing from class are beyond our control as educators. To help students persevere in class (and succeed outside the classroom), we can teach cognitive skills that will help them think more clearly, set realistic goals, and solve problems.</p> <p>This workshop will address teaching critical thinking skills by using real life and academic situations. Participants will experience activities that can be used in the classroom or in counseling settings. These activities are drawn from Vita Education Service's extensive experience teaching students in jail and in the community. Participants will leave with activities that they can use with students to help them persevere in their studies and succeed in life.</p>	<b>Wicker Room</b>
<p><b>Gail Huber</b> is Curriculum and Training Specialist for all Decisions programs at Vita Education Services. She teaches cognitive skills and jobs readiness at the Bucks County Correctional Facility and with the Bucks County Department of Probation and Parole. She has extensive experience in curriculum development, facilitation, and training of both professional staff and volunteers in the Decisions process. She holds a Masters of Arts in Psychology from American University and received advanced training in Group Process and Psychotherapy at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia.</p>		
<b>11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Teacher of the Year Awards Luncheon</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kevin M. Brown</b>  <b>Executive Director</b>  <b>New Jersey Juvenile</b>  <b>Justice Commission</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote Speaker: Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D.</b>  <b>Director of Student Services and Workshop Development</b>  <b>Community Learning Center</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>	<b>Penthouse Ballroom</b>
<p><b>Please see Dr. Abramowitz's biography on page 19.</b></p>		

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2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Gangs: Today's Domestic Terrorist</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Edwin Torres</b>  <b>NJ State Commission of Investigation</b></p> <p>Gang membership is increasing at an alarming rate, and so are the violence and illegal activity associated with it. Gangs are no longer limited to urban areas. They are flourishing in neighborhoods all over New Jersey. Their activity - often criminal and extremely violent - also leaves a wake of innocent victims. Gangs are no longer just an inner-city phenomenon. They have become a major problem that must be recognized in the cities and suburbs alike. Gangs in a correctional setting can be more intense. How does the gang dynamic play out behind bars? What is the difference between prison- based gangs and street gangs? How have gangs changed corrections? Lieutenant Torres will provide an up-close and personal look at the gangs in jails and prisons that actively recruit our children. He will provide the tools necessary to identify the colors, symbols, etc., associated with gang membership and offer tips in dealing with this particular population.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom A</b>

**Edwin Torres** is a 29-year veteran of Law Enforcement in New Jersey. He started investigating gangs in 1993, which led to the creation of the Gang Management Unit for the Juvenile Justice Commission under the Attorney General's Office. Agent Torres commanded the unit until 2008, when he left Juvenile Justice to work for the State Commission of Investigation, where he is currently employed as a Special Agent assigned to the Organized Crime and Street Gang Unit. Agent Torres has been involved in intelligence gathering, suppression efforts, community outreach that includes gang training, and speaking to juveniles in schools all across the state. To date, Agent Torres has trained well over 30,000 people on Gangs and has spoken on the issue nationally as well. Agent Torres is an adjunct instructor for Rutgers University and has developed curriculum for the University. He has been recognized as a gang expert by the New Jersey court system and is a consultant for the National Gang Center.

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2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>NJ-STEP: Counseling College Students from Prison to Campus</i></b></p> <p>In this workshop, the presenters will share the story of the New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons, a comprehensive college degree completion program working statewide in the NJ prison system. The focus will be on the academic advisement component of STEP, which moves students from participating in college degree work while incarcerated to enrolling on campus for degree completion upon release.</p>	<b>Grand Ballroom B</b>
<p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <p><b>Ray Tebout, NJ-STEP, Assistant Dean of Student Services</b>  <b>Haja Kamara, NJ-STEP Counselor</b>  <b>Isaiah Fudge, NJ-STEP Completion Counselor</b>  <b>TBD, Community College Student</b>  <b>TBD, Rutgers student</b></p>		
2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>When We Fail to Plan – We Plan to Fail!</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chris Miller</b>  <b>McGraw-Hill Education</b></p> <p>Behavior management happens when we manage behaviors. Let's get together and explore how to build strategies that will successfully manage--and eliminate--difficult behaviors that prevent students from succeeding in an academic environment.</p>	<b>Grand Ball Room C</b>
<p><b>Chris Miller</b> worked for over 39 years as an instructor, counselor, and director of adult education in Alabama. Early on she recognized the important role that counseling plays in the classroom and earned her Master's degree in community-based counseling. In 2000 she became the regional director for the largest three-county adult education program in Alabama. She consolidated three small failing programs and led them to become the largest, most successful program in the state, serving over 2,000 learners each year. Coming from camps all over Alabama, these inmates received high school equivalency training, Ready-to-Work classes, and life skills programs.</p> <p>Chris served on the state level for a time by developing and implementing a statewide professional development program for the 2014 test and wrote the <i>Policy and Procedure Manual</i> for Alabama's Adult Education Program.</p> <p>After retiring from serving the citizens of Alabama, Chris has recently joined the McGraw-Hill team, bringing expertise in the field to presenting and training teachers and practitioners of adult education.</p>		

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2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p><b><i>'Like a Tranquilizer Without Side-Effects:'</i></b>  <b><i>Humor-as-Therapy in the Correctional Environment</i></b>  <b>Presenter: Bill Mongelli</b>  <b>Massachusetts Department of Corrections</b></p> <p>From observing the ways in which prisoners engage and share humor, the Presenter found that many nurture a <i>Destructive</i> humor style, as opposed to humor's countervailing <i>Constructive</i> style. The presumption of this workshop is that Destructive humor negatively affects the general outlook of prisoners, thus retarding their positive institutional adjustment. Humor-as-Therapy is a 10-week program that was developed by the presenter. Its main goal is to inculcate in prisoners the idea that a <i>balance</i> of Constructive and Destructive humor is vital for effective coping skills and good mental health.</p> <p>The course curriculum will be available to those interested in starting a humor-as-therapy program, and participants will receive a bibliography of further readings, current humor-as-therapy research, and humor-as-therapy organizations.</p>	<b>Room 127</b>
<p><b>Bill Mongelli</b> is a Librarian for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections. He presents to inmates several library-based programs, including LEXIS (legal research skills), the ABLE MINDS consequential thinking seminar, a humor-as-therapy program called <i>Skill-Building Techniques for Stress Reduction</i>, book discussions, and library orientation. For DOC personnel, Bill has given training workshops in legal research, prison library history, and constructive workplace humor, and he has taught both in-person and online courses in prison library management for San Jose State University. Bill has had a book and journal articles published on his prison work, and he authors the prison library blog <i>Jailfire.net</i>.</p>		



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2 - 3:15 p.m.	<p align="center"><i>Take a Walk on the Beach with a New Jersey Audubon Naturalist</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Presenter: Erin Rawls Cape May Nature Center</b></p> <p>Walk the Cape May Beach in front of The Grand Hotel, exploring the habitat and niches of the edge--where land, air, and sea come together-- the ocean, beach, and dunes of the Jersey Shore. Learn how life persists in this challenging environment as your guide identifies and explains the fascinating finds while you comb the shoreline for the sea's treasures and walk along the dune in search of their wildlife. <b>In case of inclement weather, this workshop will take place inside, and the presenter will bring in samples of live animals and animal signs for the participants to examine. This workshop will be repeated on Wednesday morning, May 31, at 10:45a.m.</b></p>	<b>Wicker Room</b>
<b>Erin Rawls</b> is the Teacher/Naturalist at the New Jersey Audubon's Cape May Nature Center.		
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9 p.m. - 12 a.m.	<p><b>Evening Reception - With Live Music by <i>Rhyme and Reason</i></b> <i>www.rhymeandreasonmusic.com</i></p> <p><b>Cash Bar Free Light Hors d' oeuvres</b></p>	<b>Penthouse Ballroom</b>

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8 - 9:15 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast		Penthouse Ballroom
	<i>Beachwear Fashion Show</i> Presented by: The Cotton Company 517 Washington Street Mall Cape May, NJ Free Door Prizes Will Be Awarded!!!		
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Keynote Speakers</u></b></p> <p><b>Erin Curran is Chief Activator and owner of Activate Academic Life Coaching LLC.</b></p> <p><b>Mike Laidlaw is the President of SKL Associates LLC, a human resources (HR) and management consulting company in Alexandria, VA.</b></p> <p><b>See biographies of Ms. Curran and Mr. Laidlaw on page 20.</b></p>		Penthouse Ballroom
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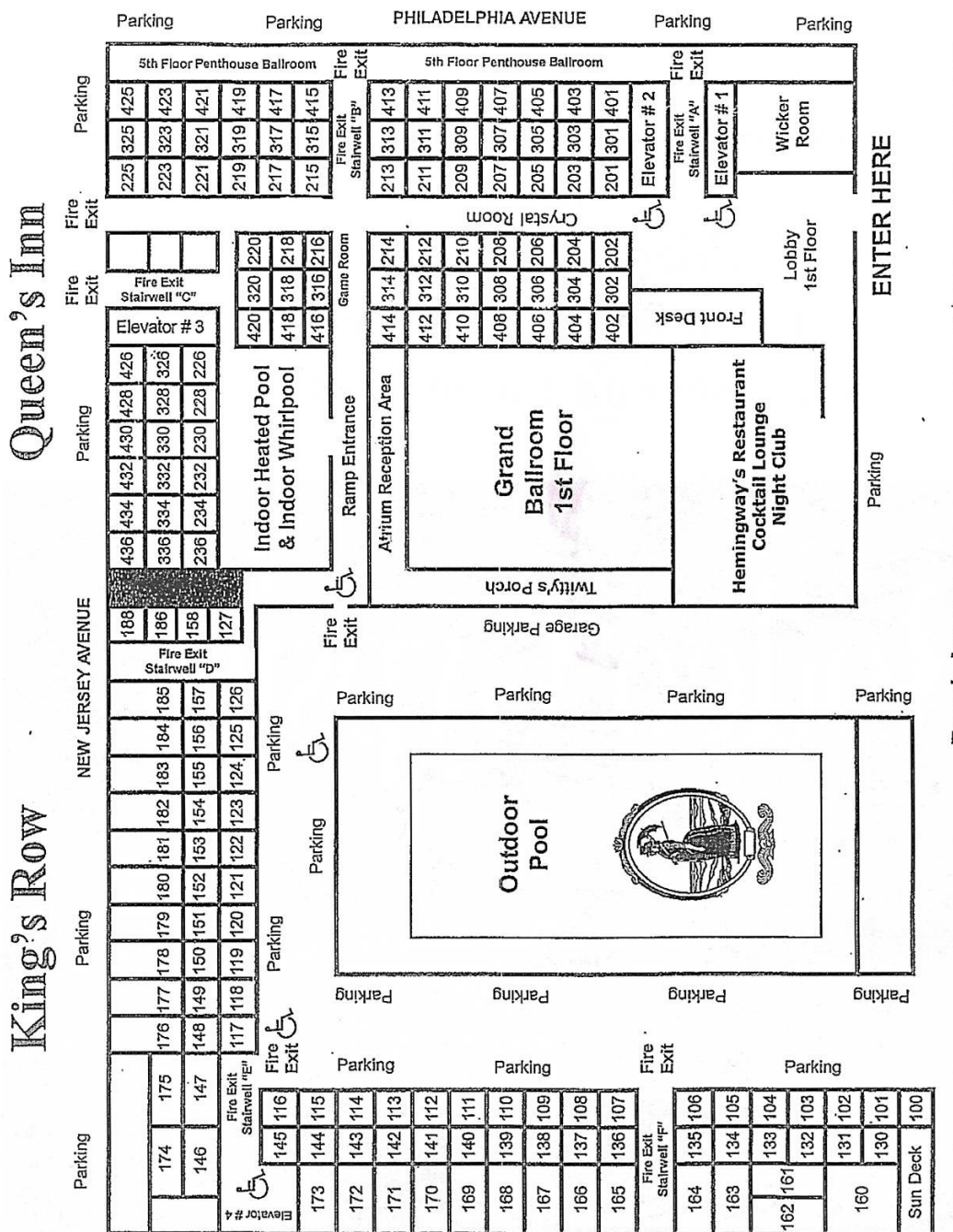
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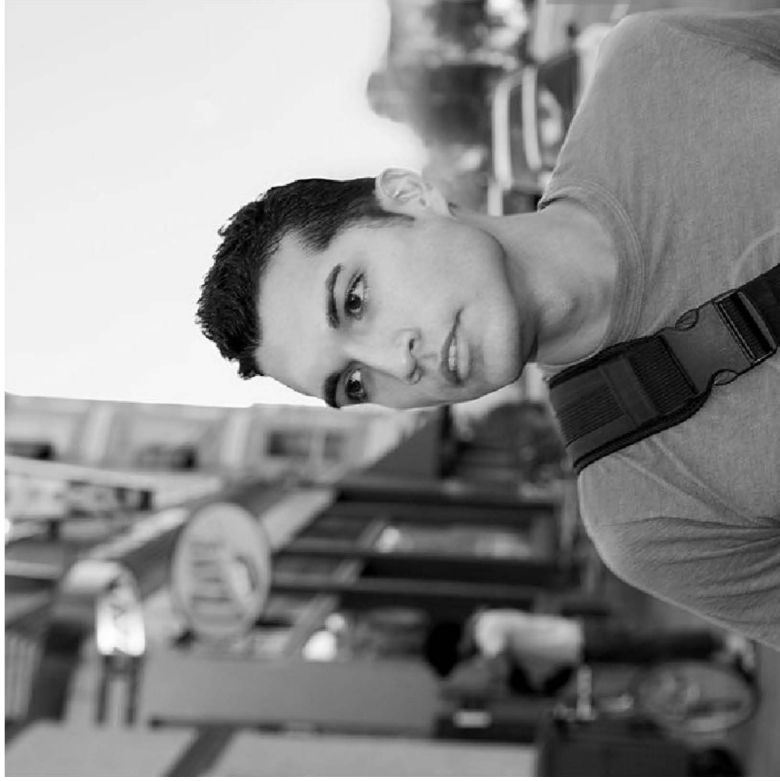
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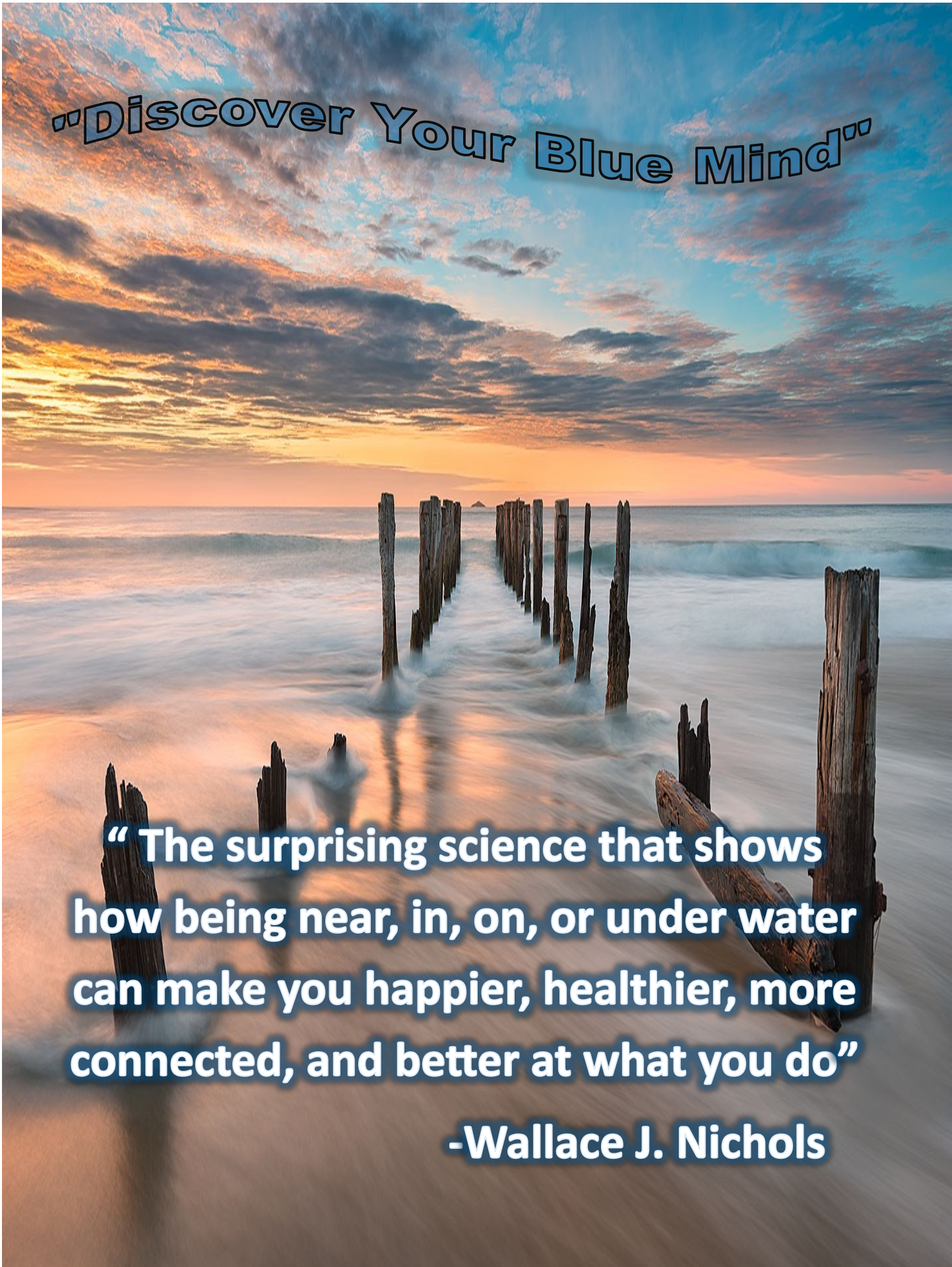
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