Welcome students, faculty, and staff of the CCIE programs!

We are ecstatic to have everyone back! In some ways, this has been a rough year and half. It has also felt a bit hectic to get back into a routine on campus. Fortunately, there are many exciting things that are happening during the fall semester.

We have three new faculty joining our wildcat family as of the Spring semester. We are also celebrating teacher candidates who recently joined the CCIE (please send us your photos and bios if you would like to be featured in the next edition of CCIE). Not to mention the amazing Bio Blitz is back! Bio Blitz will take place at the lake with many different stations that will be set up. There is also the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society who will be welcoming new members as well as current members. Many members have risen to new roles, and we look forward to celebrating their leadership as our CAZ chapter of KDP reaches new heights!

Also featured within this CCIE newsletter edition are sections to recognize those who were awarded for their outstanding achievements within the CCIE program. In addition, as a CCIE team, we are excited to announce the next CCIE alumni event! This virtual chat will take place on September 30th at 4pm EST: To join the meeting, [click here](#). If you want to meet CCIE alumni and/or have any questions for CCIE alumni please feel welcome to jump on the call. It will be a great opportunity for the alumni to share their experiences with current teacher candidates, faculty, and staff. You can share your experiences, especially as we all navigate teaching and learning in times of COVID.

Please remember to submit an article if you are interested in contributing to this newsletter. Have you wondered about helping to bring this CCIE newsletter to life? Jump behind the scenes with the team. We are inviting associate editors, so please send your nominations to me by email. We would love to hear from you!

Please let us know what you think of this newsletter, anytime. We hope this year is spectacular and everyone stays safe and healthy! Best wishes for a brand new academic year from us all!

Sincerely,

Lillian Norrs
Teacher Candidate
CCIE Editor

* A special acknowledgement to Katie Collins, CCIE Newsletter Lead Photographer
RACHEL COPLAND
Program Manager, Center for Adult & Continuing Education

Rachel Ann Lopp Copland is the Education Program Manager of Adult and Continuing Education at Cazenovia College and also serves as an Associate Lecturer in the Humanities Division. Her work and teaching focus on solidarity, inclusion, accessibility of education, social justice, advocacy for students and the female precariat, and rewriting the patriarchally-controlled discourse of professionalism. She also holds a B.S. in Secondary English Education from Kutztown State University of Pennsylvania. Together with her co-authors Margie Burns and Tamara Ionkova Hammond, she birthed the book, *The Female Precariat: Gender and Contingency in the Professional Workforce* in February 2019. She has also written two textbooks, including an Open Education Resource Introduction to College Writing textbook with free access and an Africana Studies textbook. Rachel lives in Nelson, NY with her three children, Malachi (9), Selah (7), and Sonnet (3) with her husband, Campbell. Welcome, Rachel!

JOSEPH MARRO
Adjunct Faculty, Cazenovia College Inclusive Education (CCIE)

Joseph Marro is a distinguished educator and educational leader. Marro spent seven years as an educator both in the New York City Department of Education and the Lee and Collier County School Districts in Southwest Florida. Joe’s Master’s degree is in Curriculum and Instruction from Florida Gulf Coast University and Joe completed an Advanced Graduate Certificate program in School Building Leadership and School District Leadership in New York. Joe is currently teaching an online Community First Aid and Safety course. Marro has been a District Music Supervisor for the past six years in the Wyandanch Union Free School District. As an educator, his musical ensembles have performed at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Jazz at Lincoln Center, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center, and Symphony Space. Recently, Marro’s drive to meet personal goals made the news in *People magazine’s website*, Yahoo News, and more. Welcome, Joe!

ELISA McCARTHY
Adjunct Faculty, Cazenovia College Inclusive Education (CCIE)

Elisa has been teaching in the Fabius Pompey School in Fabius, NY district for 28 years in the primary school grades. She has also spent 12 years working for the YMCA of Greater Syracuse teaching swimming, social skills and teaching at the Power Scholar Academy at Burnet Park in Syracuse for the last 5 summers. She holds a Master Degree in Learning Disabilities from Syracuse University. She loves to incorporate technology into her lessons and believes whole heartily in the power of having a growth mindset for her and her students. Elisa began teaching in the CCIE during the Spring of 2021. Elisa’s course helps CCIE teacher candidates become familiar with strategies for supporting young learners and elementary students who have single or multiple profound technically identified needs. Welcome, Elisa!
AAQEP SITE VISIT

The Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP) is conducting a virtual site visit on November 16th and 17th. The visit is virtual. If you are interested in participating in a focus group session, please contact Imnorrs@cazenovia.edu and/or jnessay@cazenovia.edu.

CCIE completers and current teacher candidates are welcome to share their experiences at CAZ and in your professions. Learn more and share feedback about your experiences in CCIE here.

In regards to feedback complete this short survey for both returning students and those who have graduated. Click here to complete the form.

KDP ELECTION RESULTS

On behalf of CCIE, we would like to congratulate our 2021-2022 elected KDP chapter leaders.

President: Alexa Fluty
Vice President: Gina Baggetta
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To learn more about the KDP leadership, please view our website.
HUNTINGTON FAMILY CENTER AWARD

Kelly Owen

The Huntington Family Center Award goes to a student who demonstrated a passion for the field of education and a strong commitment to improving the lives of children through teaching. This year’s award recipient excelled at her educational coursework and then put her pedagogical knowledge into practice as a student teacher. To gain even more practical classroom experience, this student put her recently learned educational skills to the test by working as substitute teacher. Obviously making a big impression, she was soon offered and accepted a long-term aid position in an inclusive classroom which contains many children with severe and profound technically identified learning needs. This is the type of student the CCIE is proud to call one of our own. A student who desires to put into practice the finest ideals and the highest principles of teaching and learning.

EXCELLENCE IN INCLUSIVE EARLY EDUCATION

Indy Neidhart

The Excellence in Inclusive Early Childhood Education Award is for a teacher candidate who consistently demonstrated excellence in their academic coursework, fieldwork practice, and commitment to the profession of Inclusive Early Childhood Education. Our recipient this year has demonstrated these virtues and more. Not only did she exhibit patience, dedication, and perseverance while facing the challenges of teaching remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions, but she also took on the role of exploring creative ways to improve the all-important child, family-school relationship. As a teacher candidate, she has proven herself to be an exemplary role model and mentor and we are confident these qualities will make her a standout educator as she enters the teaching profession.
The Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education award is given to a student who has exhibited exceptional leadership and mentorship. The 2021 award went to a student who demonstrated leadership by taking on a variety of roles to help establish and organize our new chapter here at Cazenovia College. In addition to other initiatives, Madeline recruited members, suggested ideas during meetings, remained proactive between meetings, and drafted the chapter constitution. Madeline Godfrey’s dedication to progress will always be admired in the history of our KDP chapter.

CCIE'S KAPPA DELTA PI, INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

Madeline Godfrey-

Each year the Outstanding Senior Capstone Awards go to one teacher candidate majoring in inclusive elementary education and one majoring in inclusive early childhood education. These researchers collect primary data, describe their procedures, and conduct a detailed analysis of their findings. The winners were able to conclude their studies by providing recommendations to address a critical gap in the current literature of their chosen research topic.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR CAPSTONE AWARDS

Michaela Clark
Teacher Perspectives on Burnout in the Profession of Elementary Education; A Case Study in Marathon, NY.

Hannah Kimball
Teachers’ Perspectives on Inclusive Co-Teaching; A Multiple Case Study in a Central New York Elementary School
What I will miss most about Cazenovia are the teachers. The teachers I have had through Cazenovia have been the most flexible, helpful, fun, and caring teachers I’ve experienced in college! They offer their own experiences and advice to everyone. I will miss moving through the classes with my cohort. It was great knowing everyone that was going to be in your classes and growing together.

SARA SCHOMAKER
Cazenovia College @ SUNY Schenectady
Inclusive Early Childhood Education ’22

Even though we were supposed to be meeting on campus, our professor kept us informed and provided us with great lessons remotely. As an adult student, I appreciate the organized approach, and the classes that are available around my adult working schedule.

MINDY HEWITT
Cazenovia College @ SUNY Schenectady
Inclusive Elementary Education ’24

I love this program, it is super flexible! I am able to work full-time while taking my classes in the evenings (usually after 5:30). Another thing that I love about this program is the student teaching experiences! The field advisors know many well-known and experienced teachers and do an excellent job placing everyone! I also enjoyed having the opportunity to go to Cazenovia for two weekend classes during the summer. Again, this was super flexible with working full-time because instead of having to take a class during a whole semester, it was 2 weekends in June! It was really cool being able to go away for those weekends and visit Cazenovia and meet some professors on campus! I am graduating from this program in May of 2022, and I am very grateful for the amazing professors that I have been able to work with and the friends that I made in class!

EMILY WATERS
Cazenovia College @ SUNY Schenectady
Inclusive Early Childhood Education ’22
KDP INFORMATION SESSION

A new school year calls for many new opportunities and new experiences! We welcome a handful of new faces into the Kappa Delta Pi family! These students are as excited to join as the group is to have them! We look forward to initiation day! The newcomer information session for KDP will be held on Tuesday, September 23, at 4:30pm in the Education Lab or virtually.

THE ANNUAL BIO BLITZ

Join Caz College on September 25th as we have students participate in the annual Bio Blitz Spectacular! This fabulous event takes place at the Caz lake and has many enthusiastic students, stations, and so much more! Just a short walk from campus! Set-up starts at 11am. The event will run from 12pm-3pm. Learn More >>
SUBMIT A COLUMN IN UPCOMING CCIE NEWSLETTER

Are you interested in contributing a column for the newsletter? Share your thoughts or ideas on various topics in education, learning and development in our next issue. Feel free to send us a max 250-word draft for further consideration. Submit your draft column to lmnorrs@cazenovia.edu

Columns drafts are due on May 1st, 2022 to be shared in our Fall 2022 edition.

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