



**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
NOMINATION FOR ITS HIGHEST AWARD
IN MEMORY OF DANIEL RINGELHEIM**



Dan Ringelheim was one of those rare people who came along only once in a great while. His determination and insight tipped society's scales in favor of important human values. As one of the prime architects of the Education of all Handicapped Children Act, Dan played a key role in helping change, for the better, education for all of America's handicapped children.

Dan received his Ph.D. from Peabody College in 1958 and served as Director of Psychological and Pupil Services in a local school district, as well as Professor of Educational Psychology at NYU. He came to New Jersey in 1969 and joined the Department of Education as Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services. His remarkable leadership, open style, directness, forcefulness and honesty were always evident, and earned him many warm relationships throughout the state.

As Chairperson of the National Advisory committee on the Handicapped, Dan provided much of the early critique and professional input for the landmark legislation which guaranteed the rights of all handicapped children. This law became known as PL 94-142 and was signed by President Ford in 1975. Dan then moved to Washington DC and was instrumental in the development of the regulations implementing PL 94-142.

The efforts of Dan Ringelheim not only changed special education, but regular education as well. Special education has often led the way by demonstrating the virtues of prescriptive teaching, supportive services and instruction geared to individual differences. Dan's actions always reflected his philosophy; *"The handicapped child is entitled to an education at the same level of commitment that all other children are entitled to. This commitment to children, to the education of all children to their fullest potential at whatever the cost, is what the term 'education' should mean"*.

The New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children established the Daniel Ringelheim Memorial Award in 1978. Presented biennially, it is the highest award bestowed by the NJCEC to individuals who continue to emulate Dan's life through outstanding contributions to the field of special education in New Jersey.

Nominations are now being sought for candidates for this award. You may nominate an individual by completing and submitting the following nomination form and providing the requested information.

DAN RINGELHEIM MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION

Nominator Information

Submitted by: _____ Position: _____
 Address: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home phone: _____ Office phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Nominee Information

RE: Nomination of: _____ CEC ID #: _____
 Address: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Describe the Nominees contribution to children with exceptionalities: (May be in the areas of research, program development, community involvement or teaching). Please include vitae and 3 letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: February 14, 2022

**SUBMIT EMAIL NOMINATIONS
TO: bms17@verizon.net**

Mr. Barry Schwartz, Awards Chair, The New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children

This application and signature gives permission, if selected as a recipient of an award or scholarship, for NJCEC to include their name, picture and award on the NJCEC website, newsletter and other communications about their scholarship.

