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The Council for Exceptional Children Recognizes Pennsylvania State University Professor for Student Advisory Achievements

Arlington, Va., January 25, 2023 — Dr. Jonté “JT” Taylor, was selected as a recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Student Chapter Advisor Awards by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). This award recognizes a college/university CEC Student Chapter Advisor who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to engaging students in their CEC Chapter and guiding their educational, personal, and professional development in the field of special education.

Dr. Taylor has been helping shape the future of the profession, serving the Pennsylvania State University Student CEC Chapter Advisor, for the past 7 years. He embraces his advisory role, going above and beyond what is required to ensure his chapter members get the most out of their experience. He encourages his chapter members and advisees to think outside the box on how they can better support individuals in their school and community. His students have his impressive vitae and wealth of knowledge to lean on any time they need him. Dr. Taylor currently serves as co-chair of CEC’s Leadership Development Committee.

Each year, Dr. Taylor not only accompanies his chapter to the Pennsylvania CEC Conference, but he helps secure their funding usually through the generosity of the Penn State Special Education program and faculty, identify opportunities to present, and pursue leadership roles. He and his students have planned and executed remarkable fundraising events, such as sponsoring dancers in the annual THON dance competitions. They’ve also supported and volunteered for the annual State College Special Olympics 5K and fundraising opportunities for Down Syndrome Society and Spread the Word to End the Word campaign.

A current chapter member shared “Dr. Jonte C. Taylor is a remarkable role model and a great support system for future special education teachers. As a professor, he taught us about the importance of inclusiveness for all individuals. As Penn State CEC advisor, Dr. Taylor is constantly inspiring myself and the other members to advocate for exceptional individuals.”

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the largest international professional organization dedicated to high-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. Learn more about CEC at <https://exceptionalchildren.org/>.