

## Kentucky Professor Recognized with Chapter Advisor Award

Arlington, Va., February XX, 2026 – Dr. Jamie Mahoney, Associate Professor of Special Education, received the 2026 Outstanding Student Chapter Advisor Award from 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.

Jamie has served as the Faculty Advisor for Murray State University's student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children for several years. She is noted for her devotion to the organization, dedicating her time, energy, and personal resources into the chapter to ensure that all students feel engaged, supported, and welcomed. The chapter is recognized as one of the most active, service-oriented, and student-centered organizations on campus.

As the chapter advisor, Jamie works with students to provide mentorship, organize events and make a positive impact on the community as a whole. She has played a vital role in crafting items for the chapter's silent auction, which has helped to provide critical supplies to local high school educators supporting students with disabilities.

"Simply put, no other campus organization rivals the impact of Murray State's student CEC chapter, thanks in large part to Dr. Mahoney's unwavering dedication," says Dr. Donna K. Crouch, Assistant Professor and Director of Career and Technical Education at Murray State University.

Former student Kelley Sizemore shares, "Beyond her exceptional mentorship, Dr. Mahoney has become a close and trusted friend. Her impact on my professional and personal growth is immeasurable. Dr. Mahoney exemplifies the very best qualities at Murray State: compassion, dedication, and an unfailing commitment to the success of her students."

Mahoney will be recognized this March, along with other CEC Professional Award recipients, at the CEC Convention & Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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/>.