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President's Message

Welcome to all Association members from myself and the rest of the Executive Committee. I hope that this Summer Journal finds all of you and your families healthy and relaxed after this 4th of July weekend! After these past few weeks, I want to assure you all that the Executive Committee members have been working together on a regular basis to help support you and your DE programs under some dire circumstances that none of us thought we would ever be dealing with in our professional lifetimes.

What a new crazy world we now live in! Nobody back in mid-March thought that school districts, teachers and students would be shut down through the end of school. I, like most of you, never thought students and teachers would finish the school year through what I thought were only futuristic ideas such as distance and remote learning for DE classroom. Faced with 3-months of school closures, the IHSCDEA had the insurmountable task of negotiating with the Governor's Office on how DE instructors could safely complete the mandated BTW hours with our students in a timely fashion. Kicking the can down the virtual road was simply not an option. I want to tell everyone reading this Journal that these decisions to reinstate the BTW driving makeup hours "didn't just happen."

The strength of the IHSCDEA really comes down to each individual member that pays their annual membership dues and ultimately supports the leaders and direction of this Association. If not for the professional bond that we share with other traffic safety advocates within Illinois, it is doubtful that PHSDE driving would have started as early as it did.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full statement from President Brent Johnston

Goal

- ...improve the competencies of its members
- ...establish and maintain ethical standards
- ...promote group solidarity
- ...promote acceptance and public support for the profession

Purpose

- ...To improve and upgrade the teaching by high school and college instructors of traffic safety and driver education in the high schools and colleges of Illinois
- ...To promote research which attempts to solve problems associated with traffic safety and publish the
- ...To cooperate with other agencies which are concerned with traffic safety and driver education in the high schools and colleges in Illinois.

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OF A GOOD
TEACHER
CAN NEVER
BE BRASED**

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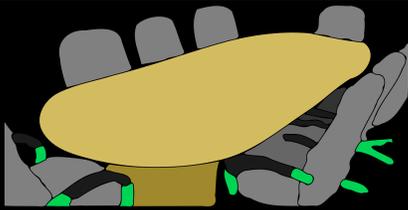


Dr. Tom Baba
Executive Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to Covid 19 all in-person fall conferences are cancelled.

The Association will be holding a Statewide Virtual Workshop this coming fall.



Board of Directors meeting:

TBA

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date!



We're online too! Check out the IHSCDEA web page for more information.

Be sure to also check out the newly created Remote Learning Support Group on Facebook!

Please make sure to check out the Legislative Updates section of the IHSCDEA web page. You will find important information on legislative matters that may impact Driver Education!

IHSCDEA 2020 ELECTION RESULTS

President Elect Jennifer Brown

The IHSCDEA would like to introduce Jennifer Brown as the President Elect. Jennifer is a driver education teacher at Gillespie High School. Her exceptional leadership skills and her passion for driver education make her an excellent addition to the IHSCDEA Executive Committee. Please read this short statement from Jennifer.



Treasurer Steve Scott

IHSCDEA members, I wish to thank you for your vote and confidence in me to take on the treasurer's position once again. The Association has expanded its business practices the past five years and I will be ready to take on those responsibilities. I look forward to serving the organization. Stay safe everyone!

-Steve Scott



Secretary Wayne Hartmann

Wayne Hartmann will continue to serve the IHSCDEA as Secretary.

Thank you Wayne for all you have done and will continue to do for the Association.



IHSCDEA Teacher of the Year

Jay Huffman- Centennial High School

Each year the IHSCDEA awards a teacher for his or her outstanding contributions to the driver education profession. The award for Teacher of the Year is typically handed out at the IHSCDEA State Convention. Please read this press release outlining Jay's accomplishments in Driver Education!



CONGRATULATIONS, JAY!!



Special Thanks to Dr. Dale Ritzel and the selection committee for reviewing, organizing, and honoring this year's award winners!! Your efforts do not go unnoticed!



Hedi Hauelsen
38 yrs of service
New Trier High School
Region 2

Chris Hughes
33 yrs of service
Tri City High School
Region 6

Donald Kinnunen
33 yrs of service
Proviso West High School
Region 2

Kevin Price
34 yrs of service
Milford High School
Region 7

Robert Simmers
20 yrs of service
Fairfield Community
High School
Region 10

Please contact [Mike Hionis](#) with information regarding Association retirees

IHSCDEA EARLY CAREER TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The IHSCDEA distributes this yearly award in order to honor early career driver education teachers who display a passion for their profession. These are teachers with no more than 5 years of experience teaching driver education. This year the IHSCDEA is pleased to award two deserving candidates with this honor.

Alex Robertson- Mercer High School

[Click here](#) to read more about Alex and his accomplishments in driver education.



CONGRATULATIONS, ALEX!



Elizabeth Whitham

Freeport High School

Read more about Elizabeth and her contributions to driver education [here](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS,
ELIZABETH!**

We would like to take a moment to thank the Association leadership for their timely information and guidance throughout this unique situation we have all been facing. They have and will continue to provide our membership with the most current information available! We urge you all to check your email and the [IHSCDEA website](#) regularly in order to stay up-to-date with the ever evolving guidelines.



Click [here](#) to view the latest guidance from ISBE regarding procedures related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Visit [Cyber Drive Illinois](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding the policies and procedures at the Secretary of State's facilities.

IHSCDEA Teacher Endorsement Program

Dr Tom Baba has provided an **Executive Summary** of the 2019-2020 school year made available to the Board of Directors of the Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association at the meeting of May 3, 2020 via Zoom.



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Methods of Teaching Driver Education: Classroom (3)
Methods of Teaching Driver Education: Behind the Wheel (3)

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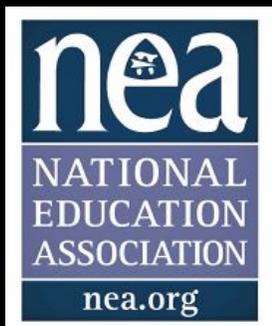
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If you know someone who may want to enroll in this program please direct them to the Association website to fill out the **interest form**



The Illinois Education Association has a section of its website dedicated to **Coronavirus updates**



Coming this fall.....

Professional race car driver and traffic safety advocate **Andy Pilgrim** will be presenting a new video series titled Driver Aid Vehicle Technology Today.



Click [here](#) to read a message from Andy about the upcoming event and release of the video series.

Check out his website [Traffic Safety Education Foundation](#) for more information and browse **other available videos**.



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Now more than ever, it is necessary for schools to create innovative education techniques to engage students learning remotely at home.

When things return to "normal", will all virtual learning cease?

Not for many Illinois state schools who have been using simulation-based driver education for years to complement traditional classroom and behind-the-wheel methods. Click [here](#) to read more about **modern simulators** and how they are being used in the classroom.



The 64th Annual ADTSEA Conference has gone digital!! This is a **GREAT** opportunity for the members of the IHSCDEA!

One of the highlights of this year's conference is that our very own Wayne Hartmann will be presenting! Wayne has been recognized by ADTSEA as a

Teacher of Excellence Award recipient. The **conference lineup** and **registration** details can be found on the **ADTSEA** website.





The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has consistently demonstrated its commitment to improve traffic safety through work such as the one presented in this report, the 12th annual Traffic Safety Culture Index. Results presented in this report are based on a nationally representative survey conducted in 2019 of more than 2,700 U.S. motorists.

[Click here](#) to read the full AAA Foundation report.



Looking for some professional development?? The [Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists](#) is holding a virtual conference July 26th-July 28th. If you're interested, visit the [ADED website](#) to [register](#).



Keeping students engaged is sometimes difficult even when the teachers and students are face to face in the same room. Since March, we've all jumped head first into distance learning and it's been HARD! This article entitled, "[6 Strategies for Successful Distance Learning](#)," provides some tips to help teachers navigate these uncharted waters.

If you are in need of any assistance navigating online learning resources please reach out to us! We know some really great teachers who are excellent at utilizing digital technology!

Also, if you are already using online learning in your classroom curriculum and would feel comfortable sharing ideas or mentoring another teacher please let us know! We would love to connect you with a teacher in need of assistance!

Contact [Elizabeth](#) for more information!



Once again, we know this has been a challenging time and we appreciate what each and every one of you has done to make the best out of this situation. Your dedication is a true reflection of your passion!

-Elizabeth Whitham, Editor
-Beth Tepen, Content Curator



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Candidates are encouraged to visit isbe.net for detailed information regarding current requirements for adding the Safety and Driver's Education endorsement to a valid Illinois Professional Educator License.

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