

# NCACTE IMC Division

## Fall 2017 Newsletter

### 2017-2018 IMC Officers and Committee Chairs :

**President** - Rhonda Benfield (Cleveland County)  
**President-Elect** - Kim Sexton (Davidson County)  
**Immediate Past President** - Lisa Roberts (Buncombe County)  
**Secretary** - Linda Wiggins (Weldon City)  
**Treasurer** - Erica Jones (Duplin County)  
**Awards** - Helen Arnett (New Hanover)  
**Bylaws** - Kim Sexton (Davidson County)  
**Budget**—Lisa Roberts (Buncombe County)  
**Legislative** - Crystal Bailey (Carteret County)  
**Membership** - Lisa Roberts (Buncombe County)  
**Nominations** - Karen Boyles (Hickory City) and Louise Cape Stokes County)  
**Newsletter & Public Information** - Jeff Haake and Michelle Smith (Buncombe County)  
**Professional Development** - Megan Smith (Rowan-Salisbury)  
**Resolutions** - Lynn Beasley (Thomasville City)  
**Strategic Planning** - Kim Sexton (Davidson County)  
**Tellers** - Christy Weaver (Gaston County)  
**Ways & Means** - Erica Jones (Duplin County)

## IMC of the Year Luncheon



## IMC of the Year—Erica Jones Southeast Region



Erica Jones is devoted to helping people in all walks of life especially those at-risk. Currently, she is serving as CTE/Instructional Management Coordinator (IMC) for Duplin County Schools. She has served the students, teachers and parents of Duplin County for 15 years as a high-risk counselor, 504 coordinator, ESL coordinator, career development coordinator, special populations coordinator and IMC. Prior to joining the Duplin County Schools family, Erica worked in a teaching capacity for East Carolina University (ECU) and Pitt County Schools. Erica led a tutoring program for at-risk youth at Welcome Middle School sponsored by the ECU teaching fellows program in Pitt County. Other notable jobs Erica has had are assistant professor for Counselors Helping Skills class at ECU, teacher/substitute for Lenoir County Schools and private practice counselor.

Erica completed her bachelor's degree in Business Education in 2002 and a Master's degree in counseling in 2003 at East Carolina University. She was the recipient of the prestigious North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship. While at ECU, she received several awards in her program of study to include the 2002 National Business Education Association Award of Merit. Erica was a Summa Cum Laude graduate and a member of the Pi Omega Pi and Chi Sigma Iota honors societies.

Upon graduation, she went on to receive her Licensed Professional Counselor license, National Board Certified Counselor Certification and National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification.

Throughout her professional career, Erica has served career and technical education in many capacities. She was the Southeast Region Special Populations chair in 2008-2009, the Southeast Region IMC Chair in 2015-2016 and is currently the NCACTE IMC division treasurer. She has created and shared helpful tools for other educators and enjoys serving others in her community and church.

Erica always likes to leave others with a thought of inspiration and her favorite is: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference" by Reinhold Niebuhr.

## Southwest IMC —Rhonda Benfield



Our next Instructional Management Coordinator began a career in education 18 years ago. She has been the IMC in her county for 4 years and served as a Career Development Coordinator for 13 years. She is serving a second term as Chair for her region and she is President-Elect for the IMC Division of NCACTE. She is also an adjunct instructor at the community college in her county. What she enjoys most about being an IMC is working with teachers and building relationships that ultimately benefit students. She earned her teaching certification in Business and Marketing Education from NC State University and her undergraduate degree in Communications from UNC Chapel Hill. She spent 14 years in communications, public relations and marketing. Starting a family, working with education programs at the Chamber of Commerce, and working with young people at her church led her to a second career in education. She and her husband have been married for 30 years. Their daughter graduated in May from Guilford College, and their son is a sophomore in high school.

Please welcome our **Southwest** Region Instructional Management Coordinator of the Year from Cleveland County Schools...**Rhonda Benfield**

## Northeast Region IMC—Rebecca Leary



Representing the Northeast IMC's is Rebecca Leary. Rebecca has been in education for 23 years. She has taught business courses at the high school level for 11 years and has been an IMC for 12 years. Not only does she serve as IMC for Gates County Schools, she is also the Special Populations Coordinator. Rebecca has served as the School Improvement Team's chairperson for the past two years as well as the CTE department chair. In 2006 Rebecca served on the Career Management curriculum revision team and has also served in various leadership roles in the regions IMC group. She is a member of Meherrin Baptist Church where she teaches the 4 & 5 year old Sunday school class and sings in the choir. She lives in Murfreesboro, NC with her husband William. They have two children Christine Peduto and Will Leary. Christine was married on July 15<sup>th</sup> and is moving to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Will has been accepted to the North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham, NC where he will complete his junior and senior year of high school.

## Northwest Region IMC—Kim Sexton



Kim Sexton has been the IMC for Davidson County Schools for 4 years. Upon graduating from NC State University in 2005, she taught Agriculture for 8 years. She is married to her wonderful husband Dan and they have a 3-year old son named Davis. In her free time, she enjoys making cards and scrapbooking. Kim's main goal as IMC is to provide resources to teachers to help them reach their potential as teachers and to make a positive difference in the lives of their students. She takes time to listen and process the best solution when it comes to maximizing the potential in all facets of CTE. This opportunity has allowed her to grow as a person in the good times and the challenging times. One thing she has learned in this position is that not everyone approves of the information that is shared and the work that must be done, but always strives to make sure things are done correctly. As an advocate for children and CTE she knows that she is truly in the right place with CTE.



## **Central Region IMC—Emily Sue Temple**



Emily Sue Temple currently serves as the Instructional Management Coordinator for Career and Technical Education in Granville County Public Schools. Before becoming an IMC, she has classroom experience as a Middle Grades CTE Teacher in Agricultural Education. She has been an IMC for 6 years, serving recently as the co-chair for the Central Region and has accepted the position of chairperson. Emily Sue believes in CTE and the experiences and opportunities it affords students on a daily basis in our CTE Classrooms. As an IMC, she is now helping to make the difference in the life of a child, one teacher at a time. Emily Sue earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Agricultural and Extension Education and a minor in Animal Science from NC State University. She has also completed the CTE Director Internship course offered through NCDPI.

## **Western Region IMC—Tanya Tommey**



Tanya Tommey has been an educator since 1997 with a passion for helping students make the connection between knowledge and real-life experience. Her journey into education began as a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher in metro Atlanta, Georgia after graduating from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Family and Consumer Sciences.

Tanya currently serves as the Instructional Management Coordinator and Career Development Coordinator at TC Roberson High School in Asheville, North Carolina where she leads a team of fifteen teachers coordinating all CTE programming while collaborating with school and district leadership. She lives in Fairview, North Carolina with her husband of 20 years, Matt and their teenage son, Cameron.



**Save The Date!**

## **Fall CTE Director's and IMC Leadership Symposium**

**October 23-26, 2017**

**Experience the 300 year old charm of New Bern,  
the first capital of North Carolina, home to Tryon Palace,  
the NC History Center and birthplace of Pepsi**

**Symposium Hotel**

**Doubletree by Hilton on the New Bern Riverfront**

**100 Middle Street**

**New Bern, NC 28560**

**Room rates \$129.00 to \$149.00**

**Book your room at: <http://bit.ly/2pVcpJJ>**



**Registration is open for the 2017 Fall CTE Administrator's & IMC Leadership Symposium located in New Bern, NC at the Downtown Riverfront Convention Center**

**Register online at:**

[https://www.cognitofrms.com/CravenCountySchoolsCTE/\\_2017NCACTEAdminIMCFallLeadershipSymposium](https://www.cognitofrms.com/CravenCountySchoolsCTE/_2017NCACTEAdminIMCFallLeadershipSymposium)

**Symposium Fees:**

\$225 for one symposium (Admin **or** IMC)

\$300 for both symposiums (Admin **and** IMC)

*\$25 discount for NCACTE members*

**Symposium Hotel:**

Doubletree by Hilton on the New Bern Riverfront

100 Middle Street

New Bern, NC 28560

Room rates \$129.00 to \$149.00

Book your room before **Sept 22, 2017**

If the symposium hotel fills up, we will open an overflow hotel.

**Book your room at:**

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/E/EWNMSDT-CTE-20171022/index.jhtml>

This year administrators and IMC's have combined efforts to offer this fabulous symposium.

Please take note of the agenda below.

**Sunday, October 22**

- Director of the Year Interviews, NCACTE-Admin Executive Committee

**Monday, October 23**

- 10:00am-12:00pm - Admin sessions
- 12:00pm-1:00pm - Lunch
- 1:00pm-5:00pm - Admin sessions

**Tuesday, October 24**

- 7:00am - Breakfast
- 8:00am-11:30am - Admin and IMC joint sessions
- 11:30am-1:00pm - Admin Luncheon (NCACTE-Admin Luncheon and AOY Award)
- 11:30am-12:30pm - IMC Lunch
- 1:00pm-4:30pm - Admin Industry Tour
- 12:45pm-4:45pm - IMC Leadership Sessions- 5:30pm-7:30pm - President's Reception  
(all are invited for music, heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages)

**Wednesday, October 25**

- 7:00am - Breakfast
- 8:00am-12:00pm - State Update Sessions for Admin and IMC's (Admin Symposium Ends at 12:00pm)
- 12:00pm-1:00pm - IMC Luncheon
- 1:00pm-5:00pm - IMC sessions

**Thursday, October 26**

- 7:00am - Breakfast
- 8:00am-9:15pm - IMC Sessions
- 9:30am-12:30pm - IMC State Testing Updates
- 1:00pm - End of IMC Symposium