Happy New Year CAN Coordinators!

We are off and hitting the ground running in 2014 with this special CAN DO. In the New Year most, if not all of us, have personal resolutions to make from eating healthy and exercising more, to finally reading that book that has been collecting dust on the shelf, but what about in terms of advocacy? This CAN DO focuses on effective resolutions for CAN coordinators and the Policy and Advocacy Team to be mindful of over the course of the year. Who knows, maybe you'll think of more resolutions to add to the list!

**CAN Coordinator 2014 New Year's Resolutions**

*Become an even more effective CEC CAN Coordinator*

2013 was a great year for advocacy but 2014 is bound to be even better. This year, we want to see the CAN network expand and doing so involves actively building contacts within your state/division. To review some effective ways to develop your network, take a look back at *December's CAN Do* where we discuss expanding and engaging your network.

*Active Communication and Reaching out to CEC*

As the PAS plans to be active in the **CECommunity**, we want you to do the same. It is a great way to keep in touch and exchange information; we want to utilize this tool as often as possible. If there are specific resources, news, tools, or other information you need, let us know, we want you to be the best possible source for your network. Give CEC feedback; tell us how we can best serve your needs.

*Focus on What is Going on in My State/District*

The best way to help us understand the issues is by telling us. Be sure to alert CEC to any information that could be important for our policy work, even the littlest details can make a difference. Another effective way of obtaining information is by reaching out to your network connections; let them know you take a personal interest in learning about the issues going on in your state/district.

**CEC's Policy and Advocacy 2014 New Year's Resolutions**

*Be a Relevant, Timely Resource for CAN Coordinators*

Last October, we launched the **CECommunity**, created especially for CAN Coordinators, in hopes to spark conversation and the exchange of information and we realize in order to make this tool more useful, we need to be more active through it. This year, we want coordinators to feel welcome in sharing information not only with fellow coordinators, but the PAS team as well. We are going to be making a personal effort to play an active role...
regularly in the CECCommunity, posting discussion topics and information you might find useful. We hope this will encourage everyone to participate.

Promote CEC's Advocacy Initiatives Regularly and Consistently
As we take a more active role in the CECCommunity, we also want to make sure we are promoting the issues over our website and social media accounts. The CEC webpage is always being updated with new information; our goal is to make sure web resources are as up to date as possible. Utilizing our Twitter and Facebook pages will help get information out to you as well as the public. If you have not "liked us" on Facebook or "followed" us @CECAvocacy on Twitter, please do so to keep track of what we are doing regularly. We plan on sending out more updates and tweets, as we continue to grow our audience on both media pages.

Focus Feedback on the Future
Giving feedback and hearing what you, as coordinators, have as goals will help us to provide you with the necessary resources you need to achieve. Highlighting exemplary advocacy examples from the CAN coordinators will also be a tool of encouragement to continue strong advocacy efforts throughout the year and to provide ideas for boosting advocacy efforts.

Let's keep to these resolutions and work together to make this a great year for CAN!

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