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A Letter From the President...

Wow! This year has flown by fast! It is hard to believe the holiday season is already upon us. This year has been a terrific one for the Florida CEC! First, I want to offer thanks to all who attended the 63rd annual state conference in Daytona Beach October 8-10. We had a fantastic conference beginning with stellar pre-conference workshops followed by an incredible line up of keynote speakers, session presentations, poster displays and outstanding exhibits. Not to mention the parties...

For me, the highlight of the weekend was our awards ceremony on Friday night. We awarded several chapter Presidents for their outstanding efforts in leading their chapters. We also had some of our best award recipients to date. Please join me in congratulating **Dr. Donald DeVito, the 2009 FCEC Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year**, **Alana Medlin, the 2009 CEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year**, and **Dr. Jonathan C. McIntire and Dr. Eleanor C. Guetzloe, the 2009 Prestigious Landis M. Stetler Award winners**.

I'd also like to provide a big thanks to the **Volusia and Flagler CEC Chapters** for hosting such a wonderful conference, and our fabulous exhibitors for their generous support. We look forward to seeing you next year (October 21-23, 2010) in beautiful **Clearwater Beach**. Start thinking now about whether you may be interested in putting together a presentation for the conference. The call for proposals will be coming out in a few months.

Finally, I want to encourage any interested people to take on more of leadership role within your local chapters or at the state level. Inside of this issue, you will find the call for nominations for secretary and vice president positions on the board. You will also find information on the 2010 leadership institute to be held June 25-26 at the beautiful Hawks Cay Resort in the Florida Keys. This is a great opportunity for you to develop leadership skills and learn great information to take back to enhance your local chapters.

Thanks again for all you do to help serve children with exceptionalities in the state of Florida. Have a peaceful and joyful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Liz

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2009 AWARDS UPDATE

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Set up a free email account for your chapter at gmail.com. This way contact will not be lost from year to year with the state board when your local board members change.

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Want to fundraise for your chapter??? Consider hosting a state conference!

2009 FCEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year Nominees

Alana Medlin-nominated by the Suncoast St. Petersburg Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. Medlin is an ESE teacher in a K/1 classroom specifically for children with Autism. Ms. Medlin teaches at Douglass L. Jamerson Elementary, St. Petersburg, Florida. Ms. Medlin has a BA in Elementary Education from the University of Florida as well as a Masters in Elementary Education with a specialization in Special Education from the University of Florida.

Carol J. Welch-nominated by the Orange County Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. Welch is an ESE teacher with Pre-K/K children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Ms. Welch teaches at Palm Lake Elementary in Orange County, Florida. Ms. Welch has a BA in Psychology from the University of Central Florida as well as an Ed.S. in School Psychology from the University of Central Florida. Ms. Welch has been teaching for two (2) years.

Elizabeth R. Clark- nominated by the Gatorland Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. Clark is an ESE teacher in a K-5 classroom specifically for children with varying exceptionalities. Ms. Clark teaches at Chester Shell Elementary School, Hawthorne, Florida. Ms. Clark has a BA in Communications from Farleigh Dickinson University. Ms. Clark has been teaching for three (3) years.

Andrea Walsh- nominated by the Seminole Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. Medlin is an ESE teacher in a K/1 classroom specifically for children with Autism. Ms. Medlin teaches at Douglass L. Jamerson Elementary, St. Petersburg, Florida. Ms. Medlin has a BA in Elementary Education from the University of Florida as well as a Masters in Elementary Education with a specialization in Special Education from the University of Florida. Ms. Walsh has been teaching for one (1) year.

2009 FCEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year Winner!

Alana Medlin- nominated by the Suncoast St. Petersburg Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Ms. Medlin's greatest accomplishment is teaching her students to be more independent and to interact appropriately. Her contributions to education include mentoring her struggling students, working cohesively with colleagues in an inclusion setting, attending extracurricular activities to support students, and starting an after-school program tailored specifically for students with disabilities. Ms. Medlin's philosophy of teaching was inspired by her brother who is disabled and has profoundly impacted who she is. Ms. Medlin's philosophy is that "all children are capable of learning and developing if we believe in them and provide the necessary support."

The 2009 Prestigious Landis M. Stetler Award Nominees

Dr. Jonathan C. McIntire-nominated by Janet Nunnally, Past President/ESE Program Specialist of the Orange County Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Dr. McIntire has a B.S. in Education and Psychology from the St. Lawrence University, M.Ed. in Blind and Deaf/Blind education from Boston College, a M.Ed. in Learning Disabilities from Teachers College, and a Ph.D. in Education Policy and Administration from The University of Michigan.

Dr. Eleanor C. Guetzloe- nominated by Carol Dinsdale, President of the CCBD Chapter of the Florida Council for Exceptional Children. Dr. Guetzloe has a B.S. in Music Education from the

University of Tampa, a Master's in Special Education from the University of South Florida, and an Ed.D. in Behavioral Disorders from The University of Florida.

The 2009 Prestigious Landis M. Stetler Award Winners!
Congratulations to Dr. McIntire and Dr. Guetzloe!

Dr. Jonathan C. McIntire-Dr. McIntire is known as a champion of children with autism and their families. Dr. McIntire's professional interest includes: educational leadership and administrations, program development and restructuring, program evaluation, system's change, research, policy development and training in education with a focus on blending special and regular education to create a unified education system. Dr. McIntire has provided consultation to National organizations, Universities, State Education Agencies, and Local School Districts across the Country.

Dr. Eleanor C. Guetzloe-Dr. Guetzloe has a reputation of being a dynamic leader during her almost half-century career in special education, music education, and advocacy for children and adolescents with behavioral disorders, their families, and the professionals who work with them. Professional educators across the country describe Dr. Guetzloe as one of the most distinguishable leaders in the field of emotional/behavioral disorders in North America. Dr. Guetzloe has worked tirelessly to ensure that children with Emotional Behavioral Disorders would become independent and successful members of our society.

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Sign up for
LEADERSHIP 2010
today!

Chapter Updates

Pasco #944

We have a facebook page now! Pasco 944. We'll have up to date meeting info as well as where we are with convention planning.

Pasco 944 is also recognized on the Pasco Schools Special Education webpage. We are still looking for members who are willing to step up for VP/Pres Elect and for new secretary. Email Holly Boyet cec.hollyb@gmail.com if interested.

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Nominations being accepted for FCEC board position elections

Two board positions are open for nomination. Elections will occur in May, 2010.

- 1) Secretary (two-year term)
- 2) Vice President (four-year commitment)

Send nominations to:

Dr. Janet K. Raney, Nomination Committee Chairperson
cec.raney@gmail.com

Want to get
involved in CEC

on the state level?... volunteer to help with the state conference.

CEC National Convention and Expo... Nashville April 21-24, 2010

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FCEC 2010 Leadership Institute



“Special Educators: Rising to the Challenge”

Purpose: Training for CEC Chapter leaders to discuss roles and responsibilities; increasing chapter membership and participation; and sharing ideas for the direction of our organization.

Target Audience: Incoming Chapter leaders (officers/board members...including students!) and anyone interested in becoming a future leader at the state and/or local level.

Hawks Cay Resort

61 Hawks Cay Boulevard Duck Key FL 33050

www.hawkscay.com

[Plan a family vacation at a 5-star resort while attending the Leadership Institute]

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 29-30, 2010

For more information contact:

Dr. Janet K. Raney, Past President

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www.floridacec.org

Chapters represented at the Leadership Institute will receive chapter reimbursement checks...DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

King: \$109 + \$20 Hotel fee=\$129

cut off for reservations is 5-28-10

Two Queen Beds: \$129 + \$20 Hotel fee=\$149

toll free reservations number is 888-313-5749

Duck Key Villa 2 bedroom: \$225 + \$20 Hotel fee=\$245

phone number is 305-743-7000

Rates are available 3 days prior and 1 day post

Quick Quote

**“A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.”
- Anonymous**

Florida Council for Exceptional Children's
2010 Leadership Institute
Rising to the Challenge

June 25, 26, 2010
Hawks Cay Resort
Duck Key, Florida

Participant Information (Please Print)

Name: _____ Current Email: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Professional Position: _____

Chapter Name/Number: _____ Chapter Role for 2009-2010: _____

Interested in a position on the Florida CEC board? _____

Special Accommodations? Yes _____ Please explain: _____

Registration Fees and Payment Information:

\$50 - Current CEC Professional Member

\$20 - Current CEC Student Member

Registration fee includes meal events, speakers and materials.

Mail your completed registration form and check, **payable to FCEC**, by **May 29, 2010** to:

Dr. Janet K. Raney, Past President
1953 Fatio Road
DeLand, FL 32720

Attending _____ (please complete a registration form for each attendee)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Registration confirmation will be sent via e-mail; *be sure the email address you provide is current!*



Please bring displays, materials, and/or ideas that may be helpful to other chapter leaders.

Multicultural Corner



By: Cheryl White-Lindsey, FCEC Multicultural Chair

Agencies Committed To Diversity Issues in Special Education



Federal legislation has significantly impacted children and youth with disabilities particularly from diverse backgrounds. Laws such as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) of 2004 which authorizes special education, and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 which provides higher standards and accountability for students' academic success play a pivotal role in the lives of these students.

As a result, several national and local educational agencies, as well as federal projects provide resources for teachers, parents, and students that relate to the issues of multicultural education, diversity and special education.

[The Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education \(CADRE\)](#)

This agency works with state and local education systems, parent centers, families and educators to improve programs and results for children with disabilities. The main focus of this agency is to make the process of mediation more accessible and responsive to families

from culturally, economically and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

www.directionservice.org/cadre

[The National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth \(NCWD/Youth\)](#)

This agency assists state and local workforce development systems to better serve all youth, including youth with disabilities and other vulnerable youth to include those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. NCWD works to ensure that transition age youth (ages 14 – 22) are provided full access to high quality services in integrated settings to gain education, employment and independent living. The agency works to strengthen the services provided by organizations responsible for delivery of workforce development services; and, Promoting the need for and further grow a professional development system for youth service professionals.

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

[The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities \(NICHY\)](#)

While addressing diversity NICHY provides information to the nation on: disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; IDEA, the nation's special education law; No Child Left Behind, the nation's general

education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

www.nichcy.org

[National Association for Gifted Children \(NAGC\)](#)

NAGC has worked to increase public awareness about issues affecting gifted children, especially addressing gifted and talented individuals with diverse cultural, linguistic, or exceptional learning needs. NAGC provides resources to train teachers, encourage parents and educate administrators and policymakers on how to develop and support gifted children and what's at stake if high-potential learners are not challenged and encouraged.

<http://www.nagc.org>

These agencies provide a wealth of information that is accessible to all. The information directly impacts students with disabilities and/or gifts and talents from diverse backgrounds.

“Our agency is dedicated to ensuring students with disabilities and/or gifts and talents from diverse cultures receive high quality educational services.”

- The Council of Exceptional Children (CEC)

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>