

Good Morning Florida CASE Members,

It is our hope that your school year is off to a great start and will continue to bring much excitement!



Please join me in welcoming our new National CASE Members:

Ursula McGuire-Florida Memorial University
Abdeel Perez- Miami Dade Schools
Jessica Concepcion- Hialeah Lakes Senior High
Danny Lavandeira-Florida Memorial University
Frantz Prospere- Dade County
Frederica King= Miami Dade Schools
Lizette Fernandez- Miami Dade Schools
Martha Fletcher- Leon County Schools

We are delighted to have you as a member of your professional organization!

Dr. Landis Stetler Scholarship:

The Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE), a Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) established a scholarship program many years ago to award financial scholarships in the name of Dr. Landis Stetler, a pioneer and great leader in exceptional student education (ESE) in the state of Florida and the nation. Dr. Stetler was a previous State of Florida Bureau Chief in the 1960's. His career spanned over 60 years in education. The award is presented annually at the Florida CEC conference.



A special thank you to Diane Johnson, our liaison, an active member of CASE and Florida CEC for ensuring that the applications are sent to the Universities, Colleges, FCEC, BEESS and other organizations; and is also the receiver of the completed applications. Members of our Board reviews the applications and make the selections.

Florida CASE awards one (1) undergraduate scholarship in the amount of \$1,000; One (1) Graduate scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 and this year will be the first year that we will provide additional support to a previous graduate recipient (if criteria is met) in the amount of \$1,000.

Criteria:

The successful applicant must meet all of the following criteria, as determined by the selection committee:

1. Be a Florida resident and currently enrolled in an under-graduate or graduate program leading to certification in ESE and or major in exceptional student education. (a focus on administration of exceptional student education will be given special consideration)
2. Sign an affidavit that the applicant intends to teach or work in a school district in ESE in the state of Florida.
3. Provide two letters of recommendation, one of which is from the university or college major professor.
4. Complete the application form provided. A major part of the application is the narrative including the reason the applicant believes he/she would be assisted by the scholarship.

Please see our website www.flocase.org for additional information. Applications are available online at the Florida Council for Exceptional Children's web page (www.floridacec.org) and the Florida CASE website (www.flocase.org).

Florida CASE and Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) Collaboration:

I am delighted to share that we are partnering once again with BEESS to offer an upcoming LRP Audio Conference on Tuesday, September 24th, titled "Manifestation Determinations: Preventing Errors in Your Review Process. We hope that you will join us for this informative presentation. BEESS will be disseminating information to the school districts in the near future. Stay Tuned!



Educational Blog! A word from our Professional Development Chair
Ramona Patrick

Please access our professional development blog at www.flocase.org and click on the link located at the top of the web page and participate in our discussion relating to current issues related to educating students with disabilities. This month's topic is "Results Driven Accountability." Through your active participation, we will learn and grow together professionally. We look forward to hearing from you!



A message from our Membership Chair- Sandra Chambers- Collins

It is my pleasure to serve as your new membership chair. You may have heard the saying, "there is strength in numbers;" well it is true. We currently have

approximately 94 active members in CASE across the state! This year we hope to increase our membership by at least ten percent; that is only 9 more members. We need your help and push to accomplish this. Please reach out to your colleagues and share with the wonderful things you have gained from your membership in CASE. If you have new ESE administrators, tell them about CASE and encourage them to log onto our website www.flocase.org/membership. We also encourage them to become a national member by logging onto www.casecec.org. We will have a table set up by the registration area at AMM from 5:00-6:30 PM for those who wish to pay to become a member. The fee for Florida membership is only \$25.00, but we encourage you to become a member on the national level, so that you can gain full access to all the information and resources available through this organization to support your districts and schools. If each-one reach-one, we will be well on our way to accomplishing our goals and being the voice that shapes policies and practices for the special needs population we serve.

Coalition of Education of Exceptional Students (CEES)

CEES (Coalition for the Education of Exceptional Students) is a coalition of statewide parent and professional organizations providing a voice on common issues impacting exceptional education during each Florida Legislative Session. Florida CASE is an active participant in CEES and will be joining other participants to develop a platform addressing concerns relating to exceptional students, both those with disabilities and those with gifts and talents. If you have items that you wish FLCASE to consider for presentation in October at the Florida Council for Exceptional Children Conference, please send them to Valerie Scott, our Member at Large at valerie.scott@browardschools.com no later than **Monday, October 14th**. CEES provides information on Bills pending before the legislature during the session and provides an annual report of items that were adopted. FLCASE will also participate in training in effective grassroots advocacy in the spring; Additional information on this opportunity will be sent out later in the year.



CASE Events at AMM

Monday, September 16th- CASE Membership Drive; 5:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 17th- CASE Business Meeting; 5:00-6:00 pm at the Vinoy, Marchand's
Restaurant

Wednesday, September 18th- CASE and FASSA Sponsored Reception; 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the
Vinoy

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend! We look forward to seeing
everyone at AMM! Safe travel.

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