



Happy Fall CASE Members!



Fall has just begun as summer ends. Every season has its special beauty, enjoy the changing of the leaves from green to a blast of yellow, red and gold:)



Please join me in welcoming our new members

Mary Paz- Florida CASE- Dade County School District
Jana Petersel Raskin-National CEC/CASE- Charter Schools USA
Edwina Oliver- National CEC/CASE- Sarasota School District



National CASE Board of Directors- Indianapolis, Indiana

I was very fortunate and honored to represent our State as President of Florida CASE at our Annual National CASE Board of Directors' meeting and conference. There were thirty one (31) and two (2) International Countries CASE Units represented and approximately 495 conference attendees, the largest attendance we have ever had! The Theme " **Lead Your Team To The Finish Line**" speaks to our organization commitment to provide leadership and support to members by shaping policies practices which impact the quality of education. The keynote speaker, Dr. Christy Chambers, CEC President, delivered a vigorating presentation and included anecdotes from the Best Seller "The Butterfly Effect" How Your Life Matters. It reminds me of the amazing work we do each and every day on behalf of our students and parents. How what we do really matters no matter how big or small; Let us never forget that our hard, steadfast work never goes unnoticed! Dr. Chambers presentation focused on Effective Leadership. She shared that **Being Smart Isn't Enough: Head+Hands+Heart= Effective Leadership!**

As you are aware ESEA is up for Reauthorization and our voices need to be heard! We spent an extensive amount of time during our Board of Directors meeting reviewing CASE's ESEA Reauthorization Recommendations and providing input on the current document, please find attached. The conversation was full of energy, philosophical opinions and passion for ALL students including but not limited to assessment and accountability measures of student growth, administrator and teacher effectiveness, funding and resources. Once the revisions are made to the existing document, I will forward to you.

In an effort to collaborate with all CASE Units across the country, our National CASE Executive Committee, Policy and Legislation Chair, Phyllis Wolfram will be reaching out to our Legislation Chair and/or designee seeking input and sharing of ideas as we work diligently to be a voice by initiating and providing input on pending legislation. Margot Palazesi, our legislation chair and Valerie Scott, Member at Large will keep us informed as things begin to move forward.

Coalition of Education of Exceptional Students (CEES)

The 2014 CEES Platform Development Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2013, in conjunction with the Florida CEC conference. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m., at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront.

CASE will have representation at this important meeting but we need your input on issues that you are facing that you think could be addressed in the platform. Please send your suggestions to either Valerie Scott at valerie.scott@browardschools.com or Catie McRae at mcrac@leonschools.net no later than Monday, October 7th. We look forward to hearing from you!



Dr. Landis M. Stetler Scholarship

Thank you for your donation at AMM towards the Landis Stetler Scholarship. We received a total of \$950.00! It is because of colleagues like you that this is possible. The two(2) winners of the 3 day/2 night stay at the Vinoy Renaissance were Judy Miller, ESE Director in Lake County School district and Sharon Thomas, ESE Director in Gasden County School district, congratulation ladies!

We received 16 applications from 6 universities and they were reviewed and scored by our scholarship committee, Diane Johnson, Ramona Patrick and Margot Palazesi. I will present the scholarships to the recipients at the Florida CEC Conference. Two (2) undergraduates will receive \$1,000.00 each and the graduate recipient will receive a \$2,000 award. In previous years we have awarded one (1) undergraduate scholarship and one (1) graduate. This year we had two (2) deserving undergraduate applicants and your Board unanimously voted in support of my proposal to award both applicants this distinguish scholarship.

A special thank you to Kathy Devlin, ESE Supervisor in Sarasota School District and former CASE treasurer will be retiring in October but has graciously volunteered to chair the silent auction next year to support such a great cause. Kathy you are appreciated:)



Florida CASE 2014 Seventeenth Annual Summer Leadership Institute

Please mark your calendar for June 10-12 at Embassy Suites Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.

As we plan for our CASE summer institute for 2014, we would like to have your input on topics you would like for us to consider. Please click on the link below and respond to a very brief survey. The survey will close on Friday, October 11th.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/22ZY7Y2>



Election

We currently have an open Board position for President-Elect. Due to the timing of this position and to allow for a smooth transition for the incoming President-Elect, the Board ask if I would be willing to serve another term, I graciously accepted. The Board and members who attended our CASE Business meeting voted unanimously for me to continue to serve as your President; Our Constitution and By-Laws allows for such action. The person elected as President-Elect will automatically move to the position of President July 2016. All members of the Board must be a National CEC/CASE member. If you are interested serving in this capacity, please send your letter of interest to Catie Mcrae, secretary at mcraec@leonschools.net We are looking to bring in new people with energy and a willingness to serve others. Once we received a list of interested colleagues, an election ballot will be sent. Don't Delay, send in your letter of interest today!

"There never was a great soul that did not have some divine inspiration." *Marcus T. Cicero*

Have a great month!

Best regards,

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