

# Greetings CASE Members



April Showers Brings May Flowers!

Every season has its special beauty and spring is the most stunning season of the year!



Please Join Me In Welcoming Our New And Returning CASE Members:

Vicki Cartwright- Senior Executive Director, Orange County Schools- National CEC/CASE

Wendy Cox Blair- National CEC/CASE

Elizabeth Bettini, National CEC/CASE

Sharleena Hines- Miami Dade Schools, National CEC/CASE

Sherry Kaufman- Policy and Procedures Administrator, Duval County Schools, Florida CASE

Kay Lang- Assistant Principal, Broward County Schools, Florida CASE

Michelle McGuire- Nova Southeastern University, National CEC/CASE

Heidi Metcalf- ESE/Student Services Director, FSU Lab School,  
Florida CASE

Iggy Monslave, Miami Dade College, National CEC/CASE

Angela Obregon, Miami Dade Schools, National CEC/CASE

Oma Pantridge, Retired, National CEC/CASE

Abdeel Perez, Miami Dade Schools, National CEC/CASE

Jennifer Roig, The Roig Academy, National CEC/CASE

Angela Stanley, ESE Director, School District of Desoto, National  
CEC/CASE

April Sumner, Jean O'Dell Learning Center, National CEC/CASE

Mary Beth Varner- ESE Specialist, Pinellas County Schools,  
Florida CASE

Lewis Weber- Behavior Care, Inc. National CEC/CASE

Martha Webster-National CASE/CEC

John Weida- Sarasota School District, National CEC/CASE

We are so delighted that you have joined your professional  
organization!

## Membership

Thanks to your efforts, we have increased our membership to 131 members! We have 24 Florida CASE members and 107 National Members. Our goal was to increase our membership by 10%. At the beginning of the school year we had 89 members, and were striving to recruit just 11 more colleagues. With your assistance and word of mouth, we have reached our goal! We continue to focus on strengthening our

membership and ask that you continue to encourage our colleagues to join national CEC and add CASE as a subdivision. Please refer them to the website [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org) where they can join CEC and become a part of CASE nationally and automatically be a part of Florida CASE. If they wish to join Florida CASE for only \$25.00, they are able to do so by logging onto [www.flocase.org](http://www.flocase.org). This is Our Organization and Our Voice! Let's make it count! For additional information, please contact Sandy Chambers-Collins, Membership Chair at [sandra.chambers-collins@ocps.net](mailto:sandra.chambers-collins@ocps.net)



## Florida CASE 2014 Seventeenth Annual Summer Leadership Institute

Your Board has worked diligently in planning a great conference for you! We hope that you are please ☐

Early Bird online registration is currently available through **May 1, 2014**, for the CASE Summer Leadership Institute.

This year's theme is "Leadership in the 21st Century: Results Driven Accountability" and will be held on June 9–11, 2014, at the Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach-Resort & Spa, 950 South Ocean Drive, in

Deerfield Beach, Florida. To register, go to <http://www.flocase.org> and click on "Events and News."

**Early Onsite Registration will be held on Sunday, June 9th from 5:00-6:30 pm.**

The block of hotel rooms are available until **May 18<sup>th</sup>** at a reduced rate or until they are sold out.

**Register for the conference and make your hotel reservations today!**  
Please see the attached draft agenda.

- o Early Registration (by May 1)  
National Member: \$275; Florida Member: \$300; Non-Member: \$325
- o After May 1  
National: \$300; Florida Member: \$325; Non-Member: \$350

## Coalition for Education of Exceptional Students (CEES) Legislative Days "On the Hill."

Thank you for your passionate responses to the proposed bill; it was quite helpful! Our two (2) days "On the Hill" was quite eventful! We sat in on the Education and K-12 Subcommittee sessions, which were very interesting and the testimonies from the public were passionately delivered. We had the opportunity to meet with several legislators to share our professional opinions and to also engage in conversation with regard to unintended consequences that perhaps have not been considered. I feel confident that our concerns were taken seriously and will be considered when deciding to support or not support the SB 1512 as it stands. The Coalition requested that the legislature approve an FEFP budget that meets or exceeds the Governor's recommendations for the Basic Student Allocation (BSA) in the amount of \$3,854 minimum

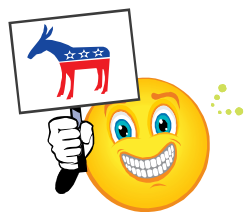
and the ESE Guaranteed Allocation in the amount of \$978,800,601 minimum. Funding for the ESE Guaranteed Allocation has NOT received the same rate as basic education in the last six (6) state budgets. We encourage our legislators to support Governor Scott's proposed budget.

It is important to remember that this is a revolving process and things will change through on-going communication among our legislators prior to the conclusion of the sessions. We must continue to reach out to them and share our concerns, possible solutions and tell our "stories."

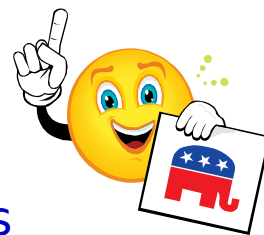
You can follow the bills by logging onto [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov) and to view the legislative sessions.



It is with great pleasure that I share with you that while "on the hill" The Coalition presented Senator Bill Montford the CEES Legislative Award for his unwavering support to Exceptional Student Education (ESE) and students who are gifted. Each year CEES recognizes a Florida Legislature for his/her efforts toward the goal of providing all students with the opportunities to reach their full potential. Senator Montford was quite surprise and very appreciative. Photos will be uploaded to our website.



CASE Board Positions



The Florida CASE Board of Directors is calling for nominations for the office of President-elect, By-Laws and Legislative Chair and Professional Development Chair. Please review the details below and consider nominating yourself or a colleague for the office:

**CASE President-elect (6-year commitment, commence on July 1, 2014; 2 year as president-elect, 2 years as president, 2 year as past-president.** Responsibilities: The President-elect will serve on committees assigned by the President. Serve in the President's place and with the president's authority in the case of the President's absence and shall be responsible for all committees.

**By-laws and Legislative Chair- (2-year commitment commence on July 1, 2014).** Responsibilities: Develop and recommend timely statements of CASE legislation and regulatory concerns. Collect legislative and regulatory information to disseminate to members related to issues and concerns to special education administrators.

**Professional Development Chair-(2-year commitment commence on July 1, 2014).** Responsibilities: Promote leadership skills within the organization and encourage the utilization of members' leadership potentials and advise on conference programs and professional development activities.

Candidate Qualifications: All officers of the Board must be National CEC/CASE members in good standing.

**\*Email nominations to Catie McRae, CASE Treasurer at**

**[mcraec@leonschools.net](mailto:mcraec@leonschools.net) no later than Friday, May 30, 2014\***

**We are looking to bring in new people with new energy and talents to serve on the Board. We asked**

that you please consider, we would love to have you join this energized hard working group :)



## Quote of the month

"Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great." - *Orison Swett Marden*

Best regards,

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