



GREETINGS FLORIDA CASE MEMBERS,
**CELEBRATING FLORIDA DISABILITY HISTORY
AND AWARENESS WEEKS!**

October 1-15, 2014 has been designated as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" by the Florida State Legislature. The law encourages school districts to provide disability history and awareness instruction to expand students' knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, the history of disability education, and the disability rights movement. Here's wishing you a special celebration!

It was great seeing so many of our CASE members at our Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in St. Petersburg. This is always a special time to reconnect with colleagues and friends.

As leaders we establish the direction, build an inspiring vision and work diligently to accomplish the work of our organization. I am delighted to share with you that your CASE Board of Directors met all day on Sunday, September 7th prior to AMM to begin the ground work of developing a Strategic Plan. This plan will communicate our goals for the organization and the action steps needed to achieve the goals identified. Your Board continues to be energized and is honored to be able to serve you in this capacity. Stay tuned for more information with regard to our Strategic Plan, which we will unveil in our November newsletter.

COALITION OF EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS (CEES)

News from our Legislation and Bylaws Chairperson, Valerie Scott

On Thursday, October 16, 2014, Dr. Hall and I will participate in the annual meeting of the Coalition for Education of Exceptional Children (CEES) in Orlando. CEES is a coalition of parent and professional organizations who share a common concern for improving educational opportunities for exceptional students in the State of Florida. Florida CASE is a very active member of this coalition.

During this meeting in October, the CEES group will develop the 2015 Legislative Platform. This document will guide our presentations during meetings with State Legislators at the Capitol in Tallahassee during the spring 2015 Legislative session.

Some of the areas of focus for CEES 2014 were:

- Funding
- Safe Learning Environment
- Accountability
- Access and Equality
- Personnel

Please email me any concerns or issues with regard to ESE that you would like CEES to consider in the development of the 2015 Platform no later than Monday, October 13, 2014.

Email to: bjvalerie@att.net- Thank You

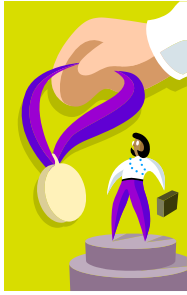


DR. LANDIS M. STETLER

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of Dr. Landis Stetler, Florida first ESE Bureau Chief, Florida CASE will recognize and award a deserving college student who is pursuing a graduate degree in the area of special education a \$3,000 educational scholarship as well as support last year's recipient as she continues her graduate studies in the field of special education and leadership.

We received 14 applications that were reviewed and scored by our scholarship committee, Valerie Scott, Dr. Poinsetta Tillman and Dr. Jeanne Prickett. A special thank you to Margot Palazesi, our former Board member for overseeing this process; great job Margot! I will present the scholarships to the recipients at the Florida CEC Conference. One (1) graduate student will receive \$3,000.00 and our renewing recipient for 2014 at the graduate level in the amount of \$3,000.00. We are so proud of our college students who are an inspiration to all of us as they continue to be a voice and advocate for our students with disabilities.



AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

At the conclusion of our Annual CASE Business meeting at AMM, we held several drawings. All National CEC/CASE members were eligible. The following CEC/CASE members were awarded the following prizes:

National/CEC and Florida CASE Membership reimbursement –
Jackie Egli

CASE Legislative Educational Summit held in Washington, DC
July 2015, all expenses will be paid- Teresa Padro- Morel

CEES Spring Session in Tallahassee- Cassandra Jean Sungster

Florida CASE looks forward to being able to continue this
service and opportunity to our members next year at AMM!

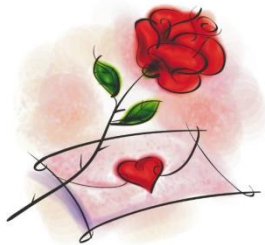
Congratulations to each of you!



FLORIDA CASE
2015 EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SUMMER
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Please mark your calendar for June 8-10 at Embassy Suites
Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.**

**As we plan for our CASE summer institute, a survey will be
sent to you within a week asking for your input on topics you
would like for us to consider as we move forward in
planning for 2015. Stay Tuned!**



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“IF YOU CANNOT DO GREAT THINGS, DO SMALL THINGS IN
A GREAT WAY”**

~ Napoleon Hill

Best Regards,

Dr. Rosalind Hall, President Florida CASE