



**APRIL FLOWERS BRINGS BEAUTIFUL
FLOWERS!**



**PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING
OUR NEW NATIONAL CASE MEMBER:**

June Sellers- Orange County Public Schools

Justine Lee- Country Day School

Wendy Blair

Stephanie Gardner- Citrus County Schools

Jonathan Rasmusse- Osceola County School for the Arts

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

Please visit our website at www.flocase.org where you will find a wealth of information☺



FLORIDA CASE AWARD NOMINATIONS

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am proud to announce three new awards now available for ESE administrators in our state. This is your opportunity to recognize one of your colleagues for the exemplary job they are doing in the area of Exceptional Student Education.

Rookie ESE Administrator of the year; this individual should be an administrator of special education programs that has worked in this position for three years or less. This person should demonstrate vision and leadership skills that have supported children with disabilities and their families. The winner of this award will receive a plaque, paid registration for the 2016 CASE Summer Institute (Florida CEC registration would be an alternative option) as well as the recognition of their peers at the 2015 CASE Summer Institute. Individuals nominated for this award do not need to be a member of CASE but must be a member of CEC.

Outstanding ESE Administrator of the year; this individual should be an administrator of special education programs that has worked in this position for five to 20 years, demonstrate consistent and outstanding vision and leadership for children with disabilities and their families and be recognized for the contributions they have made not only to their district but to their community and state. Individuals nominated for this award must be a current member of National CASE. Winner of this award will also receive a plaque, paid registration for the 2016 CASE Summer Institute, a beautiful gift basket and recognition at the 2015 CASE Summer Institute. This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award.

Life Time Achievement Award; this individual should be an administrator of special education programs for twenty years or more and has demonstrated consistent and outstanding vision and leadership for children with disabilities and their families and be recognized for the contributions they have made not only to their district but to their community and state. The nominee for this award must be a current and longtime member of CASE. Winner of this award will receive a plaque, paid registration to the 2016 CASE Summer Institute, National CASE or National CEC Conference, and a 3 day/ 2 night stay at the Deerfield Embassy Suites Resort and Spa and recognition at the 2015 CASE

Summer Institute This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award.

The nomination form is included in this newsletter (see attachment) and must be submitted electronically to Sandra Collins- Chambers, Membership Chair at [Sandra.chambers-collins@ ocps.net](mailto:Sandra.chambers-collins@ocps.net) no later than Friday, May 15, 2015. Don't delay, nominate today!



COALITION FOR EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION STUDENTS (CEES) LEGISLATIVE DAYS "ON THE HILL."

News from our Legislation and Bylaws Chairperson, Valerie Scott

Dr. Hall, Sandra Chambers-Collins, Dr. Poinsetta Tillman and I traveled to Tallahassee in March, and joined Catie McRae, members of the Florida CASE Board of Directors, to represent all of you in supporting the CEES 2015 Legislative Platform. Our training session was excellent and our visits to meet with our legislators were highly successful.

We are now making plans to visit our Nation's Capital in Washington DC in July to continue the work started in

Tallahassee. One of our goals is to increase Florida CASE membership participation in visits to State Legislators during the **2015 CASE Special Education Legislative Summit, July 12-15.**

There is power in numbers and it would be wonderful to have a large group presence from the state of Florida at this Details about the **2015 CASE Legislative Leadership Summit** will be announced very soon. **Please consider joining us.**

Email questions or comments to: bjvalerie@att.net



**FLORIDA CASE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SUMMER
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! GO TO

www.flocase.org

**THEME: "RE-INVENTING SPECIAL EDUCATION:
SHARE THE VISION"**

June 8-10, 2015

**Embassy Suites Resort and Spa Deerfield, Florida.
Hotel Reservations:**

**Register and make your hotel reservations today while
there are rooms still available!**

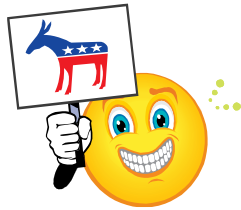
A block of rooms has been set aside for this conference at the rate of \$137.00/ Standard/Single or Double Room, \$152.00/Standard Triple, \$181.00/Ocean view, Single or Double, \$206.00 Ocean view Triple and \$231.00 Ocean View/Quad, plus tax (Tax exempt card will be honored) and a \$5.00 per day parking charge. When making reservations, please refer to "Florida CASE" AND ask for "Reservations." Otherwise the call may be transferred to the 1-800 desk and they are not managing our event.

Reservations at the group rate must be made by Friday, May 15, 2015 or until the room block has been reserved, whichever comes first.

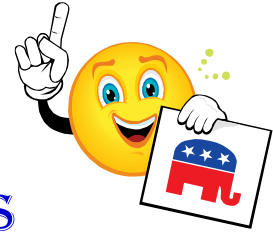
*** You may make reservations 3 days prior to the Institute and 3 days following at the discounted rate***

**Embassy Suites Resort and Spa
950 South Ocean Drive, Deerfield, Fl. (954) 426-0478 do not
call the 1-800 number
Embassysuites3.hilton.com**

***Please share our CASE Conference with your colleagues.**



CASE BOARD POSITIONS



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

Secretary- (2- year commitment commence on July 1, 2015).

Responsibilities: Keep accurate minutes of all meetings, conduct necessary correspondence and provide copies of the constitution and by-laws.

Treasurer- (2- year commitment commence on July 1, 2015).

Responsibilities: Be custodian of the funds of the organization, disburse money for expenses incurred and submit a treasurer's report at all Board meetings.

Membership Chair- (2 year commitment commence on July 1, 2015). Responsibilities: Maintain an active record of members and provide all Board members with such a list, maintain an active program for the recruitment of new members, and increase awareness for the organization and submit end of the year activity report to the President and fulfill the goals as stated within our Strategic Plan.

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, submit end of the year activity report to the President and fulfill the goals as stated within our Strategic Plan.

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

Email nominations to Catie McRae, CASE secretary at mcrac@leonschools.net **no later than Friday, May 15, 2015***

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

“MANAGEMENT IS DOING THINGS RIGHT; LEADERSHIP IS DOING THE RIGHT THING.” ~ PETER F. DRUCKER

Best regards,

Florida CASE Board of Directors

Dr. Rosalind Hall, President