



**GOOD MORNING CASE MEMBERS AND
COLLEAGUES,**

WELCOME TO OUR JULY NEWSLETTER!



PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Jackie Choo- Sr. Supervisor, Pasco County School District

Vicki Jenkins- Director of ESE and Student Services, Martin County
School District

Jennifer LathanWalters- VPK and ESE PreK Coordinator, bay District
Schools

Tangela Lockhart- Florida Memorial University

We are delighted that you have joined your professional organization!

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



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR...

Ms Sandra Chambers-Collins

Thank you for your vote of confidence, and the opportunity to serve you again for another two years. Please send me any ideas that you would like for us consider as your input is very valuable to us!

Please remember to nominate an ESE Director/Administrator from your district. Those honorees will be recognized at AMM and in our CASE newsletter. The categories are as follows:

1. Rookie ESE Director (3 years or less). National CASE membership not required, but CEC membership is required.
2. Outstanding ESE Director (5-20 years). Must be a National CASE Member
3. Life time Achievement Award (21+ years). Must be a national CASE Member

Please see attached nomination form

Lastly, any brand new members to National CASE May-September (prior to AMM), will be entered into for a drawing to have their national CEC/CASE membership fees reimbursed. Other drawings and prizes will take place at our general membership meeting at AMM. You will want to be present to win!

CASE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Our 18th Annual CASE Summer Leadership Institute held June 8-10th at Embassy Suites Resort and Spa at Deerfield Beach was a success! Dr. John Hodge, our Keynote Speaker was engaging and kept us energized as he delivered his message “The Miracle Starts Here.” Dr. Hodge is President and Co-Founder of the Urban Learning and Leadership Center, an organization focused on student achievement and reduction of the achievement gap. He has served as a reading teacher, English teacher, AVID teacher, Assistant Principal and Associate Director of AVID Center Eastern Division. He served as Director of An Achievable Dream Academy, an inner city school that piloted many of the interventions used by the Urban Learning and Leadership Center. An Achievable Dream Academy is a high performing, high poverty school that has received numerous national awards. At the end of his dynamic message there was not a dry eye in the ballroom. I was even at a loss for words (which never happens) as I attempted to bring closure and thank him for a spectacular presentation. And let us not forget the dynamite legal duo (we truly missed Melinda Baird, Esq. who could not be with us this year but plan to be with us next year) Julie Weatherly, Esq and Dave Richards, Esq. As always, they provided us the latest and greatest legal cases and advice that continues to assist us in our daily world of work. The finale was “You Be the Judge” whereby a scenario/case was provided and the winners of door prizes was randomly selected provide the group with the correct response. The winners for all three (3) episodes won their very own gavel! So now, they have returned

to their respective district, where they can carry on the title “I am the judge.” Our colleagues from Missouri CASE, Dr. Thurma DeLoach and Dr. Terry Allee shared the work that has been done in the area of “Re-inventing Special Education” in their home state which is an area that National CASE continues to foster utilizing “Leading by Convening” A Blueprint for Authentic Engagement. We participated in an array of questions and responses as it relates to Florida way of work and a result of the survey that was conducted by the attendees prior to the conference. I must tell you that Florida has and continues to lead the way in specially designed instruction, support and services to our students with disabilities when compared to many other states; we should feel so proud! More information on this topic will be forthcoming from our Professional Development Chair, Dr. Poinsetta Tillman.

To wrap up our amazing 2 ½ days of pure delight, no other than our very own Bureau Chief, Dr. Monica Verra-Tirado who brought it all home for us with legislative updates and meaningful and practical ways to ensure that we are in compliance and more importantly meeting the needs of our students with disabilities.

Please check our website for the speakers’ presentations



If you missed the Institute this year, you surely do not want to miss it next year! Please mark your calendar for June 13-15, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa, Bonita Springs, Fl.



**WELCOME OUR NEW AND RE-ELECTED CASE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**

Secretary- Catie McRae

Treasurer- Debra Giacolone

Membership Chair- Sandy Chambers- Collins

Legislation and By-Laws- Valerie Scott

Member-At- Large- Dr. Drew Andrews

I look forward to the continued collaboration and energy as we work diligently to support you and our great organization!

FLORIDA CASE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2013-2015

Florida CASE is committed to the mission and vision of our organization! Please find attached our documented accomplishments providing services in array of venues. We look forward to continuing to work diligently on behalf of our members and support to other educational organizations as we continue to grow and collaborate in support of our students with disabilities. Thank you for your continued support to our great organization!



**CASE OUTSTANDING
ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO FLORIDA
CASE**

It is with a humble heart that I thank my colleagues and Board for awarding me the CASE Outstanding Administrator of Special Education and Outstanding Service to Florida CASE Award at our CASE Summer Leadership Institute. As you can imagine, I was quite surprised. I work alongside some amazing colleagues across the state and beyond who are equally passionate about their work on behalf of students with disabilities as we support our students, school administrators, teachers and parents. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to you for recognizing and appreciating my service and commitment to my work and great organization. This award is a great honor and I will cherish it always. The exquisite crystal bowl that was presented will serve as a constant reminder that my job is never done, as there is still much to do! With warmest regards.



NEWS FROM OUR LEGISLATIVE AND BYLAWS CHAIR

Registration is still open for the CASE Special Education Legislative Summit, JULY 12-15, 2015 in Washington DC!

We are so excited to be partnering with CEC for this year's Legislative meeting and would love to have you join us for this event.

Those of us attending will proudly represent Florida CASE as we meet with our senators and representatives to discuss topics such as ESEA, HEA, Budget, Appropriations, Early Childhood, Gifted, Research, Mental Health and Vouches.

Registration will remain open until the day of the conference. We hope you will decide to join us as we move forward to try to make a difference for our students with disabilities.

If you have questions, please contact me at bjvalerie@att.net.



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Wishing you and your family a blessed and safe 4th of July! May we remember and celebrate the birth of American independence and the men and women that fought so diligently for our freedom.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily, even if you had no title or position~ *Brian Tracey*

Best regards,

Dr. Rosalind Hall, President of Florida CASE and Board of Directors.