



**GREETINGS CASE MEMBERS,**



It is hard to believe that we are entering the “Back to School” season! Some districts have already started the new school year with a bang! The education of our children is a fundamental value of our great nation. This new school year is filled with promise and opportunities for our students with disabilities.

We wish you a successful school year!



PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING  
OUR NEW CASE MEMBERS:

Wendy Morles-Halloran- Florida Memorial University

Latonnja Key- Sr. Coordinator of Teen Parent Program,  
Polk County School Board

Tangela Lockhart- Florida Memorial University

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

Please visit our website at [www.flocase.org](http://www.flocase.org)



IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND  
COLLEAGUE  
MIKE MCHUGH

Mike was an educator in Florida for approximately 40 years who served as Director of Pupil Services in Sarasota school district for over sixteen (16) years prior to his retirement. Upon retirement, Mike served as an educational consultant in the area of special education and charter school authorization and operation. Mike served on the CASE Board as the membership chair, President-elect and President 2002-2004. He was an advocate for all children and will be missed immensely.

**Mike lives with us in memory and will for evermore. As he has touch so many lives and will stay in our hearts forever. Mike's light continues to shine.**

**With Deepest Sympathy**



## CASE AND CEC SPECIAL EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

News from our Legislation and Bylaws Chairperson,  
Valerie Scott

Members of Florida CASE and Florida CEC traveled to Washington DC and attended the 2015 Special Education Legislative Summit July 12-15. I would like to extend a special “Thank You” to all who joined me to include Dr. Rosalind Hall, Dr. Poinsetta Tillman, Cathy Dofka, Will Gordillo, June Sellers and LaSonya Moore from Florida CASE and ten (10) members of Florida CEC including our CAN representative Gayle Zavala and our Florida

Special Education Teacher of the Year Helen Pastore!

While on Capital Hill we were able to visit and speak to Education Aids for nine (9) of our Florida Legislators to include Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and Representatives Alcee Hastings, Ted Deutch, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Frederica Wilson, Mario Diaz-Balart, Vern Buchanan, and John Mica.

Our purpose was to educate and our main talking points were related to the need for increased funding to support state and federal mandates associated with educating our students and accountability for private schools who participate in the state's voucher program.

One of our goals for this 2015 National Summit was to increase participation from our state. We were certainly able to achieve our goal. We had a fabulous time and we hope YOU will consider joining us for this exciting event in July 2016.

## ESEA Reauthorization

On July 16, the U.S. Senate passed S.117, the Every Child Achieves Act, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The U.S. House of Representatives also has completed its work on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. H.R.5, the Student Success Act on July 8.

The two bills will now head to a conference committee, which will draft a compromise bill that both houses can accept and send to the President for his signature. It is anticipated that conference committee deliberations will be contentious as the House and Senate bills are significantly different, and there is also the potential threat of a veto from the President. Stay tuned.....



**FLORIDA CASE AWARD NOMINATIONS  
WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE NOW!**

On behalf of the Executive Board, I am proud to announce **three new awards** now available for ESE administrators in our state.

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER  
WE HAVE EXTENDED THE DEADLINE TO  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

This is your opportunity to recognize one of your colleagues for the exemplary job they are doing in the area of Exceptional Student Education. The winner will be recognized at our CASE Membership Meeting at AMM.

**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 CASE Meeting at DOE Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in September 2015. 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 CASE Meeting at DOE Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in September 2015. 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 CASE Meeting at DOE Administrators Management Meeting (AMM) in September 2015. 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, August 21, 2015. Don't delay, nominate a deserving colleague today!

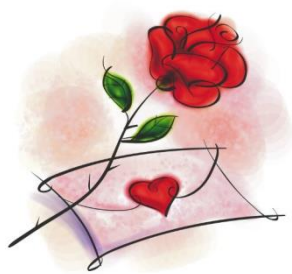


- **ADMINISTRATORS AND MANAGEMENT MEETING (AMM) SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2015, ST. PETERSBURG**
- **CASE BUSINESS MEETING AT AMM- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015- 5:00-6:00 P.M LOCATION TBD**
- **CASE AND FASSA RECEPTION AT AMM- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015, 5:30-7:00 P.M**
- **ANNUAL STATEWIDE FASSA CONFERENCE- SEPTEMBER 18, 2015, ST. PETERSBURG**

➤ **CASE, FASA, FOIL AND FASSA COLLABORATION  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2016, ORLANDO**

➤ **CASE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
JUNE 13-15, 2016- LOCATION: HYATT REGENCY  
COCONUT POINT RESORT AND SPA, BONITA SPRINGS,  
FL.**



**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,  
do more and become more, you are a leader.”**

*~John Quincy Adams*

*Best Regards,*

**DR. ROSALIND A. HALL, PRESIDENT FLORIDA CASE AND BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**