

*From the Desk of the President Elect, Dr. Poinsetta Tillman*

## March 2017 Newsletter

This month, Florida CASE would like to reflect on those around us who work hard and tirelessly to meet the needs of ALL students. We would like to thank you for all that you do to help our students succeed.

### 2017 CASE/FASSA/FOIL Collaborative Meeting



On February 16-17, 2017, Florida CASE hosted the third annual CASE/FASSA/FOIL Collaborative Meeting. There were approximately 120 participants in attendance. The event was a huge success with keynote speaker **Tawana Williams** who challenged participants to put all excuses aside and say yes to their dreams. Her message was very inspirational, with a message of hope for all regardless of ability or disability. **Dr. Jacob Williams** spoke to participants about "Growth Mindset." His interactive presentation provided numerous resources for participants to take back and implement. **Dr. Monica Verra-Tirado** presented information on "Moving Your Numbers" and "What Matters Most." She discussed the six key principles that impact student learning. **Dr. Rebecca Hines** presented on "Growth Mindset" as it relates to inclusive practices. She provided many real life examples that made it easy for

participants to relate and understand. She provided a host of resources that participants could take back and implement. This event would not have been the success that it was without the sponsorships from our vendors. Participating vendors include: Destination Knowledge, National Professional Resources, Odysseyware, Yellow Folder, and Conover Company. Thank you to our vendors for your generous contributions. We appreciate your support.

## **Florida CASE Award Nominations**

This is your opportunity to recognize one of your colleagues for the excellent job they are doing. The Florida CASE Executive Board announces three awards now available for ESE administrators in our state.

**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 Florida CASE Summer Institute (Florida CEC registration would be an alternative option) as well as the recognition of their peers at the Florida 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 Florida CASE Summer Institute, a beautiful gift basket and recognition at the 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 long time member of CASE. Winner of this award will receive a plaque, paid registration to the Florida CASE Summer Institute, National CASE or National CEC Conference and recognition at the Florida CASE Summer Institute. This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award. **SELECTED by FLO-CASE Board of Directors**

The nomination form must be submitted to Florida CASE membership chair, **Sandra Chambers-Collins**, at [http://sandra.chambers-collins@fdlrsaction.org](mailto:sandra.chambers-collins@fdlrsaction.org), no later than **April 28, 2017**.

**Use link below to access nomination form:**

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/802aebed24d09cd06c1f9df7a/files/e85a7643-0e0b-4dae-83d0-66690cebf6da/Florida\\_CASE\\_Nomination\\_Award\\_2016\\_Updated\\_January2017.01.doc](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/802aebed24d09cd06c1f9df7a/files/e85a7643-0e0b-4dae-83d0-66690cebf6da/Florida_CASE_Nomination_Award_2016_Updated_January2017.01.doc)

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Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute

# SAVE THE DATE

"Cultivating a Climate of Diversity, Integration and Inclusion for All Students"



**Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>®**  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
Through  
**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>®**  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Coconut Pointe Resort & Spa  
5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34134

**Hotel Reservation:**  
<https://awa.passkey.com/go/FLCASESummer2017>

**Conference Registration:**  
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?ll=s4ub7psab&oeidk=a07edvg43@6787flee>

**Institute for Small and Rural Districts**  
(Information forthcoming from ISRD)

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
Through  
**Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Use link below to access flyer with live links to make hotel reservations or register for conference:**

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/802aebcd24d09cd06c1f9df7a/files/7cee06bd-b022-4ca0-a5b4-09b518a502b7/2017\\_CASE\\_Summer\\_Leadership\\_Institute.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/802aebcd24d09cd06c1f9df7a/files/7cee06bd-b022-4ca0-a5b4-09b518a502b7/2017_CASE_Summer_Leadership_Institute.pdf)



**Register now and save!**

We can't wait to see you April 19-22 in Boston for 4 days full of the best professional development around.

**Location:**

**Hynes Convention Center**

**900 Boylston Street**

**Boston, MA 02115**

**Registration Link:**

<http://www.ceconvention.org/registration-options-2/>