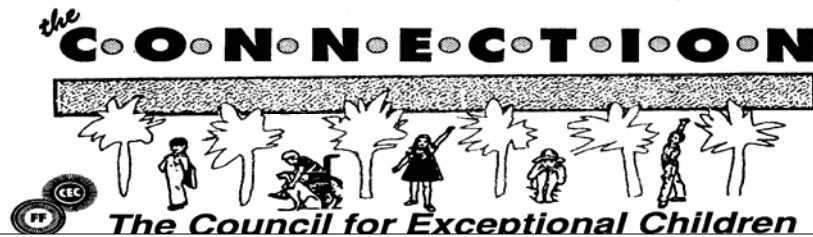


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A Message from the President

Spring is in the air—and many events are coming up over the next few months: CEC Annual Convention and Expo in April, the FCEC Leadership Institute in June, & the FCEC 61st Annual Conference in October. It is such a pleasure to know that our state organization is an integral part of the largest international organization in the field of exceptional education. I want to encourage each & every one of our FCEC members to consider becoming actively involved in our state's efforts to make a difference in exceptional education. What a difference we could all make by working together!

It's not too late to consider attending the CEC Annual Convention and Expo on April 18 - 21 in Louisville, Kentucky. You will have the opportunity to network with educators & discuss topics of interest. As always, there will be a wide-variety of topical sessions to

choose from with numerous opportunities to enhance your knowledge of working with individuals with exceptionalities. Mark your calendar for June 8 – 9th which is the date for our FCEC 2007 Leadership Institute. The Leadership Institute this year will be held at the Holiday Inn-West (7417 Newberry Road) in Gainesville. A registration fee of \$40 per individual (Student - \$20) will be collected. This fee includes a Friday night reception, Saturday afternoon luncheon, speakers, and materials. Join us for the latest information from the State DOE & receive important information about taking a leadership role in FCEC & receive unit dues rebate from CEC. The festivities will begin Friday night from 6:00 – 9:00 pm & will continue on Saturday from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please consider joining us this summer for this worthwhile event!

It's not too early to start making

plans to present at & register for the 2007 FCEC Conference to be held in Ft. Lauderdale at the Bahia Mar Beach Resort & Yachting Center (Oct. 11 – 13)... This year's theme is *Roll Out the Red Carpet: Spotlight on Success*. Pre-conference speakers scheduled for October 11th are Dr. Richard Villa, Jacqueline Thousand, and Ann Nevin. The invited keynote speakers are Dr. Tom E. C. Smith and Jeannette Klinger. You will be able to access the registration forms soon on our website: <http://www.ffcec.org/>

Don't forget to submit articles for our newsletter and share your chapter's events & projects. We encourage you to submit your successes & innovative ideas with others across the state.

Please feel free to share a copy of this newsletter with your colleagues & encourage them to get involved in FCEC! If you need to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to email me at dezell@mail.ucf.edu.

Thanks,
Dan Ezell

Board Contact

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Subdivision and Chapter News...

We invite you to share the all of the wonderful activities and wonderful news regarding your Subdivisions and Chapters. Email Denise at dgudwin@dadeschools.net and Magda at mssalazar@dadeschools.net for submission in the next newsletter.

Subdivision News:

Florida DDD: On February 17, 2007 Florida DDD held a Drive-In Conference: **Blasting Off to Success** at the UCF Teaching Academy in Orlando. We began the conference with keynote speaker Dr. Jonathon McIntire presenting "Inclusion: Why should we include students with increasingly complex disabilities in the general curriculum and classrooms?" Throughout the conference, 14 break-out sessions were delivered on topics from autism to the mentally handicapped population. Approximately 75 members/students attended. Our appreciation goes out to all our presenters and everyone who helped to make this day a success.

Chapter News

Chapter #296/Sunset News for 2006-07 Chapter 296 in **Sarasota and Manatee Counties** is always quite busy trying to hold at least one event per month. We served a hearty breakfast to all the new teachers hired to teach in Sarasota County in August. We then held a Beach Walk at **Siesta Key** on Sept. 30 to raise funds for teacher mini-grants for members & to enjoy fellowship with our membership families. October saw us headed to **Panama City** for the wonderful FCEC conference and we celebrated our own president, MaryAlice Hratko, being interviewed as a finalist for FCEC teacher of the Year. November included a Membership holiday Social at our local **Salt Water Café**. MaryAlice then finished out the year by holding a very special dinner event at her meticulously decorated home for all the Sunset board members.

In 2007, we started off with a January 27th fundraiser held at **McCurdy's Comedy Club**, with funds going to support the attendance of members at state and national conferences. February included an author's book signing for two members who have authored a book. MaryBeth Ditmar shared her thoughts involving the experiences and finally death of her son from cancer in **Christopher's Journey**. Susan Hentz, (former 296 president and FCEC Teacher of the year in 2002) authored **Teach Smart- Practical strategies and tools for educators**. In March we already raised over \$1100 through a Tennis Tournament held at **Lakewood Ranch's Legacy Athletic Club**.

Ahead of us in April is the national CEC Conference to be held in Louisville April 18-21. In May is the annual Awards Banquet to be held at **Heritage Oaks County Club** and the 8th annual CEC Golf Tournament to be held at **Plantation Golf and Country Club**. The golf event is the best event for us as it is the largest fundraiser of the year and proceeds all go towards the funding of Summer Camp Scholarships for needy community family members who are students with disabilities. These scholarships are what our chapter is all about-service to individuals and families of those with disabilities. Our numbers total just under 100 dedicated people in the membership and we would love to have you belong if you have an interest and you live in our region. Please contact Paula Evans if you wish more information at pmcan@comcast.net

Chapter 75

CEC member Gloria Simmons was one of four finalists chosen for the EVE award in the field of education on June 2. Seven hundred attendees honored women of accomplishment in the areas of volunteerism, employment, and education at the awards luncheon at the Hyatt Riverfront Hotel in Jacksonville. Gloria is an Instructional Program Support Specialist in High School Organization for the Duval County Public Schools, and a member of Local CEC Chapter 75 Executive Committee.

Flagler Chapter * NEW * Members of the newly organized Flagler County CEC chapter celebrated their active membership status in the ESE Suite of the new Flagler County Government Building in Bunnell, Florida. Cassie Meyers, President of the new chapter, presented the celebration cake and Dr. Myra Middleton, Director of Flagler County ESE, congratulated the new chapter and gave her support as an active member.



Miami Chapter 121

In February, Chapter 121 celebrated the successes of our special education teachers, inclusion teachers, rookie teachers of the year, and administrators of the year. We had over 300 attendees join us at the Sheraton Mart Hotel, with support and representation from our district office. We would like to congratulate the following runner-ups/winners:

SPED Teacher of the Year Elementary
Runner Up: Julie Schaltenbrand; Winner: Ingrid Whallen

SPED Teacher of the Year Secondary
Runner Up: Clo Creevan,; Winner: Maria Mesa,

Inclusion Teacher of the Year Elementary
Runner Up: Susan Castillo; Winner: Lisa Robles

Inclusion Teacher of the Year Secondary
Runner Up: Luis Marrero; Winner: Mery Najera Dominguez,

SPED Rookie Teacher of the Year
Runner Up: Consuelo Alifinez; Winner: Rafael Mendiola

School-Based Administrator of the Year Elementary:
Runner Up: Dr. Alice Quarles; Winner: Rachael Autler

School-Based Administrator of the Year Secondary:
Runner-Up: Kimberly Davis; Winner: Orestes Mayo

Coming up in May: Our annual "send a student to summer camp" fun-filled Saturday. Last year we honored 26 SPED students with a check for a camp scholarship. Scholarship funds come from our ESE WEEK t-shirt/polo shirt sales, from which we raised approximately \$7,000 for our Scholarship Fund!

We are also working diligently on the October Conference – Be sure it's on your calendar – it will be an awesome conference!! See details in this newsletter!



OFFICIAL BALLOT

FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

For the Period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

DIRECTIONS: Vote for one in each category. You must be a Florida CEC member in good standing to vote. Return this ballot by May 1, 2007 to:

Kathy Moeder-Christensen, Past President
280 19th Ave. South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250
Email: moederk@aol.com

Your Name: _____ CEC Number: _____

SECRETARY

Paula Schuler-Evans

Paula is first and foremost a mom to two daughters (18 and 23) and one stepson (14). She and her husband lives in n Nokomis, FL- just south of Sarasota. Paula is employed by Sarasota County Schools as an ESE Liaison - a Staffing Coordinator, and has held this position at Venice Middle School for 10 years. Her previous experiences include being a Behavior Specialist for 5 years and an EH classroom teacher for 13 years in North Carolina.

Paula's affiliation with CEC started as a student chapter member with Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC. and continued as a professional member. She was selected as the charter president for a new chapter in Rockingham County, NC. In Florida Paula has held the title of President twice for her local chapter, as well as Secretary and is currently the historian. Paula has been the current membership chair for FCEC for the past 2 years. She welcomes the opportunity to serve as secretary for FCEC. "It is a tedious duty but has to be done, and having been in this position for several organizations, I have learned how to do the job effectively and efficiently."

Other: _____

VICE PRESIDENT

Elizabeth Cramer, Ph.D.

Elizabeth is an Assistant Professor of Special Education at Florida International University. In that role, she teaches undergraduate, Master's, and doctoral level courses in inclusion, critical issues in special education, and advanced issues in the education of culturally and linguistically diverse students with exceptionalities. She also serves as the faculty advisor for FIU's SCEC Chapter 0822, as well as Project Director for several federal grants that fund programs for students to receive graduate degrees in special education. Prior to her work at FIU, Elizabeth taught high school special education in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. As a university student, she was also president of the University of Miami SCEC. She has published several articles related to the education of CLD students with exceptionalities and most recently is coauthor on a book about minority student placement in special education. She is the mother of two children and lives in Miami, FL.

Other: _____

FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
Invites Nomination for
THE 2007 PRESTIGIOUS LANDIS M. STETLER AWARD

Nominations for the Landis M. Stetler Award, honoring a professional who has made outstanding contributions to the education of exceptional children, will be accepted until August 18, 2007. The recipient must have made a significant contribution to the education of exceptional children in one or more of the following areas: publications; research; development of new concepts, approaches, programs; new techniques for diagnosis or rehabilitation; improved psychological or educational evaluation procedures; improved administrative procedures; practical application of improved teaching devices; dynamic leadership.

All CEC Members are eligible for the award, as are Floridians who are not CEC Members. Nominations should include all the information requested on the nomination form. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted. Supportive documentation should address the area(s) of contribution as listed on the nomination form. Send **five (5) copies** of your complete packet to:

Marcia Wiesel-Leary
640 NE 9th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601
(352) 955-7676 (office)
(352) 336-1665 (home)

Nomination form for
The 2007 Landis M. Stetler
Education of Exceptional Children Award

Date: _____

From: _____ Position: _____ CEC Unit No: _____
 (Name of Nominator -- Individual or CEC Unit President) (If Applicable)

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

RE: Nomination of: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: (Work) _____ (Home) _____

Email: _____

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS -- Written support must respond to the following:

1. Support that a significant contribution to the education of children and youth with exceptionalities has been implemented in the areas of publications; research; development of new concepts, approaches, programs; new techniques for diagnosis or rehabilitation; improved psychological or educational evaluation procedures; improved administrative procedures; practical application of improved teaching devices; dynamic leadership.

List the significant contributions of the nominee:

The Committee recommends that no more than five (5) be listed. Supporting data must be attached.

- 1) Letters of support from a minimum of three persons who have a significant interest in the education of children and youth with exceptionalities.
- 2) A letter of support from a Board Officer (President, President-Elect, Vice President) from a CEC unit.
- 3) The vita of the Nominee and all supportive documents must be included in the nomination packet.

NOMINATION DEADLINE POSTMARKED: August 18, 2007

Nomination form

2007 FCEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year

Deadline for Nominations: Postmarked: August 18, 2007

Nominee: _____ Chapter No.: _____ Membership No.: _____
 Full Name of School: _____ School Phone No.: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Home Address: _____ City/ Zip: _____ Email: _____
 Grade/Level(s) Teaching: _____ Area of Exceptionality Teaching: _____
 Certified _____ Subject Areas _____
 Areas & Date: _____ Teaching: _____
 (Included Current year in the following information)
 Years Teaching: _____ Years Teaching in Florida: _____ Years Teaching in ESE: _____
 Nominated by Chapter No.: _____ President's Name: _____

To the Nominee for the 2007 FCEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year

Please attach your current Vita, which includes the following:

- Degrees, additional credits earned names of institutions, major subject, and years/dates.
- Previous positions (include school, location, and dates of service)
- Educational and civic service as appropriate (include membership, offices held, honors attained in educational, civic, community, philanthropic, religious organizations)
- Publications

Please answer each of the following questions in 100 words or less.

1. **What do you consider your greatest accomplishment and contribution to education?**
2. **What is your philosophy of teaching?**
3. **What do you consider your most innovative teaching techniques?**

NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. The recipient must be currently involved in the provision of direct services to students with exceptionalities.
2. The recipient should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher/provider of direct services, exhibiting such qualities as innovation, imagination, creativity and others knowledgeable of the candidate.
3. CEC members having **no more than three years teaching experience in exceptional education** are eligible for the award.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENT

1. Complete nomination form. Application must be typed/keyboarded.
2. Nominee should answer the questions succinctly, 100 words or less for each question.
3. Three letters of recommendation must be obtained and included.
4. When all information is completed **send five copies via registered mail, return receipt requested** to:

Marcia Wiesel-Leary
 640 NE 9th Avenue
 Gainesville, Florida 32601
 (352) 955-7676 (office)
 (352) 336-1665 (home)

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. Permission must be obtained from the nominee
2. Nominee must be a member of the nominating chapter

Only nominees meeting the above criteria will be considered for the 2007 FCEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year. A committee appointed by the President will review nominee's credentials anonymously. **Three finalists** will be selected from the eligible nominees and all nominees will be so notified by mail prior to the Fall Conference. All applicants will be the guest of the Organization at the conference award ceremony. The finalists will be interviewed during the conference. Applicants who are accepted will be notified as to the time and place for the interview.

Nomination Form

2007 FCEC Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year

Deadline for Nominations: Postmarked: August 18, 2007

Nominee: _____ Chapter No.: _____ Membership No.: _____
 Name of School: _____ School Phone No.: _____ Home Phone No.: _____
 Home Address: _____ City/Zip: _____ E-mail _____
 Grade/Level(s) Teaching: _____ Area of Exceptionality Teaching: _____
 Certified _____ Subject Areas _____
 Areas & Date: _____ Teaching: _____
 (Included Current year in the following information)
 Years Teaching: _____ Years Teaching in Florida: _____ Years Teaching in ESE: _____
 Nominated by Chapter No.: _____ President's Name: _____

To the Nominee for the 2007 FCEC Dr. Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year

Please attach your current Vita, which includes the following:

- Degrees, additional credits earned names of institutions, major subject, and years/dates.
- Previous positions (include school, location, and dates of service)
- Educational and civic service as appropriate (include membership, offices held, honors attained in educational, civic, community, philanthropic, religious organizations)
- Publications

Please answer each of the following questions in 100 words or less. Please sign.

- 1) **What do you consider your greatest accomplishment and contribution to education?**
- 2) **What is your philosophy of teaching?**
- 3) **What do you consider your most innovative teaching techniques?**

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- 1) The recipient must be currently involved in the provision of direct services to students with exceptionalities.
- 2) The recipient should have demonstrated exemplary performance over a period of time as a teacher/provider of direct services, exhibiting such qualities as innovation, imagination, creativity and others knowledgeable of the candidate.
- 3) CEC members **having five years or more of teaching experience in exceptional education** are eligible for the award.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENT

- 1) Complete nomination form. Application must be typed/keyboarded.
- 2) Nominee should answer the questions succinctly, 100 words or less for each question.
- 3) Three letters of recommendation must be obtained and included.
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NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- 1) Permission must be obtained from the nominee
- 2) Nominee must be a member of the nominating chapter

Only nominees meeting the above criteria will be considered for the 2007 FCEC Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year. A committee appointed by the President will review nominee's credentials anonymously. **Three finalists will be selected** from the eligible nominees and all nominees will be so notified by mail prior to the fall conference. All will be guests of the organization at the conference award ceremony. The finalists will be interviewed



LOGO CONTEST

To all of our creative and artistic members, we are currently in need of a design for official Florida Council for Exceptional Children stationary.

Get your members together to come up with a design and submit it by April 1st to our newsletter editors. A special THANK YOU to those of you who have sent in your ideas. The Chapter with the Winning Entry will be

announced at the Leadership Institute, June 8th and 9th, 2007, in Ocala, Florida. Prize is a surprise!

Membership Update by Paula Shuler-Evans

FCEC Membership News March, 2007

As I sit here and eat cake left over from my oldest daughter's wedding Saturday evening I find the pressures of work and responsibilities to be quite a bit less. It also gives me time to catch you all up on some exciting news in the membership of FCEC! We celebrate the addition of a newly formed chapter in Flagler County-the St. Augustine area. Much inspiration from charter members and support from current FCEC board members made it all happen. The Flagler chapter boasts a beginning membership of a solid 20 people, and they have already held their first membership celebration and look forward to many events to make them stronger. to their charter president, Cassie Meyers, and the entire # 1195 chapter.



In addition to that wonderful news you must know that our total membership is growing. From an all time low of 1702 of a year ago we now stand at 1840+. It takes active members, activities for all, and good levels of communication to make that happen.

That is what is going on all over the state. So many chapters do so many wonderful activities to support their community. As membership chair, I receive weekly communications from single members who wish to become a part of an active chapter. It has been fun serving in this position for the past 2 years. My life is enriched by my involvement with CEC at any level. If you should need an updated list of your chapter, please do not hesitate to email the request so that I can send it to you electronically.



Florida Council for Exceptional Children 2007 Leadership Institute

Friday, June 8, 2007 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Saturday, June 9, 2007 (8:00 am-2:00pm)
Holiday Inn – West
7417 Newberry Road
Gainesville, Florida 32605

For reservations call: (352) 332-1615

Room Rate: \$72.00 until May 25, 2007

***Join us for the latest information from the State Department of Education,
receive important information about leading a unit or chapter,
take a leading role in advocating for the youth we teach,
receive Unit dues rebate from International CEC***

Registration Form

Member Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

(Will confirm receipt of registration by e-mail)

Professional Position: _____

Chapter/Division Name or Number: _____

Would you consider a position on the state board? Yes No

Local Chapter Position/Office for 2007-2008 _____

Please bring any displays, material, or ideas that may be helpful to other unit leaders for small group discussions _____

Special Accommodations? Yes _____ Explain _____

No _____

Registration and Payment Information

A registration fee of \$40 per individual (student - \$20) will be collected. This fee includes a Friday night reception, Saturday afternoon luncheon, speakers and materials. You can mail the registration form and check, payable to FCEC by **May 25, 2007** to:

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October 11-13, 2007

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www.ffcec.org

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Conference Workshop Highlights

Nationally Known Key Note Speakers



Dr. Tom E.C. Smith is currently Professor and Chairperson, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Arkansas. Prior to coming to the university, Dr. Smith was on the faculties at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences campus, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and University of Arkansas at Little Rock. In 1994, President Clinton appointed Dr. Smith to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation; he was reappointed in 1998 and 2001. This national committee advises the President on issues affecting individuals with mental retardation. Since 1992, Dr. Smith has served as the Executive Director of the Division on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children. This national organization of 7,000 members, advocates for educational programs for this group of students.

Dr. Smith has authored or co-authored 22 college textbooks in special education and more than 40 articles in professional journals; he has made more than 200 presentations at national, regional, and state meetings, frequently emphasizing curriculum, legal issues and special education. During the past five years, Dr. Smith has consulted with schools and held workshops on Section 504 in 40 states. He teaches graduate classes in legal issues and disabilities, behavior management, and characteristics of individuals with disabilities.

As the Executive Director of DDD, Dr. Smith has been extensively involved in the development of standards as they apply to children with mental retardation and autism. These standards have become a major component of the CEC standards used for NCATE program approval. Dr. Smith has also been involved in developing successful SPA reports for several universities.



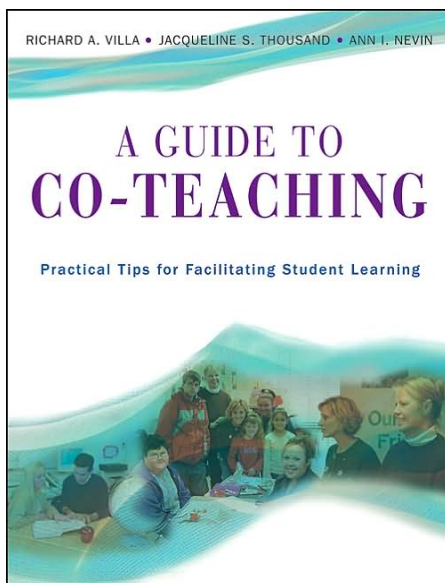
Janette K. Klingner, Ph.D.

Co-Principal Investigator, National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems

Dr. Klingner is an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, in Bilingual Special Education. She was a bilingual special education teacher for 10 years before earning a Ph.D. in Reading and Learning Disabilities from the University of Miami. She has been the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on federally funded grants totaling \$15,452,398. Currently, she is a co-Principal Investigator for The National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems, a technical assistance center on the disproportionate representation of culturally and linguistically diverse students in special education, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, with E. Kozleski, A. Artiles, and C. Utley. She is also an Investigator for the National Center on Personnel Studies in Special Education (COPSSE), a Personnel Preparation Grant to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, with Principal Investigators P. Sindelar & M. Brownell and a consultant on other federally funded projects. Recently she was the co-Principal Investigator on two research grants funded through the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs: In Search of an Exemplary Special Education Referral and Decision-Making Process for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students with Dr. Beth Harry, and The Sustainability of Effective Practices with Dr. Marie Hughes, as well as the Principal Investigator and Project Director of a Partnership Grant for Improving Teacher Education from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education. To date she has published 27 articles in refereed journals and 10 books and book chapters (some are "in press"). Additionally, she has presented over 50 times at national or international conferences. Research foci include the disproportionate representation of culturally and linguistically diverse students in special education, reading comprehension strategy instruction for English language learners and students with disabilities, and professional development programs. Teaching interests are in the areas of bilingual special education, learning disabilities, bilingual education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and multicultural education. She is a member of numerous professional organizations in special education, bilingual education/TESOL, and literacy. She is the Associate Editor for the Review of Educational Research, and on the editorial board of six professional journals. She is the Chairperson (and founder) of the Diversity Committee of CEC's Division for Research, an appointed member of the Multicultural Issues Committee of the National Reading Conference, and the Program Chairperson of the Special Education Research Special Interest Group of AERA. She has served as a mentor for the Center of Minority Research and Special Education (COMRISE), University of Virginia, and the Center for Minority Special Education, Hampton University. She is of mixed Hispanic and Anglo-American ethnicity and is bilingual. In addition, she is the mother of a child with an emotional disorder.

Contact Janet Raney, FCEC Program Chair, for further information (386) 822-6815 ext. 22383 cec.raney@gmail.com • Fax: (386) 822-7868

Pre-Conference Highlights



- Drs. Villa, Thousand, and Nevin will "highlight the benefits and challenges of co-teaching, and impart the **secrets to successful collaborations** that supercharge your craft with added productivity, intelligence, and creativity" through the implementation of **Differentiated Instruction**.
- Project Central will wow you with **Math Strategies** which Increase Rigor through Interaction.
- The Transition Center at UF will share **Transitional Tools** and How to Use Them.
- CARD will reveal **successful tips** for including children with **Autism Spectrum Disorders** in the classroom.

2007 FCEC Conference
"Roll Out the Red Carpet: Spotlight on Success"
October 11-13, 2007
Pre-registration: September 10, 2007 (Postmarked)

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 \$129.00 room rate (single/double), **effective until September 10, 2007**
 1-888-80-BAHIA · <http://www.bahiamarhotel.com>

Pre-Registration Form

Name _____ Presenter: Yes No
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 County _____ email _____
 Work Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____ Fax Number: () _____
 CEC Member: Yes No CEC member ID #: _____
 Teacher: Administrator: Parent: Student: Professor: Other:

	<u>Pre-registration Rate</u>	<u>On-Site Rate</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> CEC Member	\$80	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Non CEC Member	\$120	\$140
<input type="checkbox"/> Student CEC Member	\$40	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Paraprofessional/Retirees	\$55	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only (Circle) Fri. Sat.	\$55	\$70
<u>Special Rate:</u>		
Register with a General Educator (Pre-registration forms and payment must be included together for both attendees)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CEC Member & General Ed. Colleague	\$120	XXX

**Pre-Conference Workshops (Registration Check in: 8 AM – 9 AM)
 Thursday, October 11 (9 AM – 4 PM)**

Number in order of preference

Although there is no additional charge for the pre-conference workshops, the number of participants may be limited.

- Math Strategies-Increasing Rigor Through Interaction (Project Central; University of Central Florida)
- Transition Assessment: The Tools and How to Use Them (The Transition Center; University of Florida)
- Including Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in General Education Classrooms (CARD, Florida Atlantic University)
- Differentiated Instruction presented by Dr. Ann Nevin, Dr. Jacqueline Thousand, and Dr. Richard Villa

If you are a nominee for one of the following awards, your registration fee is compliments of FCEC:

- Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year
- Landis Stetler Award Unit President's Award
- Jack R. Lamb Rookie of the Year
- President's Award

Please circle the award for which you have been nominated.

To register:
 Make check or money order payable to:
2007 FCEC Conference
 Mail payment and registration form to:

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 7245 SW 138th Avenue
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61st Annual FCEC Conference Sponsored By: Miami CEC Chapter 121



CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Florida Council for Exceptional Children
Roll Out the Red Carpet: Spotlight on Success
2007 Annual Conference

POSTMARK DEADLINE: May 1, 2007

The Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC) would like to invite all interested persons to submit proposals for the 61st Annual FCEC Conference, hosted by Miami Chapter 121, to be held at the Bahia Mar Beach Resort & Yachting Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on October 11-13, 2007. The Conference will continue the collaborative efforts with school districts, universities, family organizations in Florida and the Florida Association Student CEC. Together we will celebrate our mutual commitment to children and youth with special needs. There will be five (5) strands highlighted this year. We encourage that all presentations submitted target the specified topics listed under each strand.

Presentations shall be in one of the following formats:

Demonstration/Lecture Session: consists of an individual or group presentation to increase the knowledge of the participants with the expectation that the presenter will provide informational packets with the presentation. Time limitation for this type session is 50 minutes each.

Panel Session: consists of an oral presentation by three or more speakers intended to increase the level of awareness for the participants in a particular interest area with the expectation that the presenters will provide informational packets with the presentation. Time limitation for this type session is 50 minutes each.

Interactive Session: consists of an individual or group presentation to increase the knowledge of the participants through interactive information dissemination and activities with the expectation that the presenter will provide materials and informational packets with the presentation. Time limitation for this type session is 100 minutes.

Poster Sessions: consist of a display of various innovative strategies. Multiple poster sessions will be available for viewing with presenter interaction throughout the overall poster session timeslot. Presenters of poster sessions are expected to be available during the time allotment. Time limitation for this type session is 60 minutes each.

FCEC 2007 Conference Strands

Strand 1: School Climate and Discipline

Important topics for sessions:

- **School-wide approaches**
- **Positive behavioral support**
- **Functional assessments of behavior**
- **Behavior intervention plans**
- **Research-validated practice**
- **Others**

Strand 2: Family/School/Agency/ Business Partnerships

Important topics for sessions:

- **Developing trust, collaboration and partnerships**
- **Involving families of students with disabilities**
- **Parent education, training and resources**
- **Families as faculty**
- **Others**

Strand 3: School, District and State Administrative and Personnel Issues

Important topics for sessions:

- **Legal issues regarding the implementation of IDEA 2004**
- **No Child Left Behind**
- **State, District and School-Based accountability**
- **Professional Development Partnerships**
- **Teacher preparation and out-of-field teachers**
- **Mentoring programs**
- **Critical teacher shortages**
- **Alternate certification**
- **Meeting “highly qualified” requirements**

Strand 4: Technology

Important topics for sessions:

- **Integration**
- **Assistive technologies**
- **Software**
- **Advanced technologies**
- **Professional development**
- **Evidence-based practices**
- **Web-based distance learning**
- **Para-educator training and support**
- **Others**

Strand 5: Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Exceptionalities

Important topics for sessions:

- **Access, participation and progress in the general curriculum**
- **Early intervention**
- **Effective instructional practices in CBC/Sunshine State Standards for learning**
- **Gifted and Talented curriculum**
- **Information related to disabilities (e.g., behavior disorders, Autism, Asperger’s, mentally handicapped etc.)**
- **School-to-work, career, vocational and transition services**
- **Appropriate accommodations for classroom and testing**
- **Alternate assessment**
- **Collaboration between special and general education**
- **Participation in statewide assessments (FCAT, SAT)**
- **Research-based practice**

SUBMISSION PROCESS

If more than two presenters will participate in this session, please attach the contact information for each additional person.

The submission packet must include the following:

1. A 100-300-word abstract describing the presentation.
2. A 75-100-word brief description which will be included in the program.
3. A cover sheet (outlined below)

*Please submit your proposal by **May 1, 2007** to:*

Janet Raney, Program Chair
Email: cec.raney@gmail.com

Presenter Guidelines and Requirements:

1. Individuals may submit proposals.
2. Please do not list individuals as presenters unless you have a definite commitment that they will present.
3. Sessions will be scheduled throughout the conference. Presenters are expected to be available at their scheduled time.
4. **Please note that all presenters are responsible for all registration fees and expenses.**

For the primary contact, please type or print:

Name: Dr. Ms. Mr.

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Fax: _____ **Email:** _____

Summer Contact Information, if different from above: _____

Please note: All presenters are required to pre-register for and pay for the conference. No expense or honorarium payments are available.

FCEC AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chapter Membership Awards: FCEC provides two chapter membership awards annually. One award is given for the unit that has the largest increase in membership by percentage. One award is given for the unit that has the largest increase by actual number.

President's Award for Units: FCEC presents Unit President's Awards as earned annually. The process for this award takes place during the fiscal year prior to the annual state FCEC Conference when the award is given.

Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year: FCEC selects a Jack R. Lamb Rookie Teacher of the Year annually who is named at the annual state conference. Information/Nomination forms can be found on the FCEC website

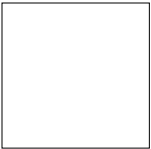
Landis M. Stetler Award: FCEC annually provides members with the nomination process for the Landis M. Stetler Award. This award is presented at the annual FCEC state conference. Award is designated for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the education of children and youth with exceptionalities

Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year Award: FCEC annually selects the Marjorie Crick Teacher of the Year. This award is presented at the annual FCEC state conference. Information/Nomination forms can be found on the FCEC website

Nancy Givens Instructional Grants: FCEC annually awards Nancy Givens Instructional Grants. FCEC annually budgets for the Nancy Givens Instructional Grants.

Landis M. Stetler ESE Leadership Scholarship: A scholarship program established by FL-CASE to award a financial scholarship in the name of Dr. Landis Stetler, a pioneer and great leader in exceptional student education in the state of Florida and the nation. The award will be made annually at the Florida CEC conference, and Florida CEC will maintain the fund for the scholarship. Applicant must be a Florida resident and currently enrolled in a graduate program leading to certification in ESE and/or major in exceptional student education (a focus on administration of exceptional student education will be given special consideration).

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