



Florida CASE Newsletter



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Greetings,

It is that time of year! As the school year begins to whine down, it is always a special time for schools and district administrators, faculty and staff, parents, students, and the community. It is a culmination of our students' years of hard work, perseverance, and success! Graduation day is an exciting day for all our graduates; from Preschool to Senior High School. I recall as a former high school teacher and Senior sponsor planning and participating in all the senior activities and feeling the excitement, while at the same time a bit anxious about what the future would hold for my students. What gave me comfort was the fact that I, along with my colleagues, administration and parents had worked diligently in preparing them for life after high school. Whether a student is completing Pre-K, elementary, middle, or high school, graduation is an important milestone in their learning journey.

Great admiration to all of you that have made this day possible for our students. Congratulations to all our graduates; they are our future, and we are so proud of them!

I salute each of you for your tireless efforts and unwavering support to your students!

Warm regards,

Dr. Rosalind Hall,
President Florida CASE



Quote of the Month

**“Education is the key to unlocking the world,
a passport to freedom.”**

~ Oprah Winfrey

Honoring our Retirees



*Thank you for everything you did.
Wishing you a life full of
success and happiness...*

**Happy
Retirement!**

Relaxation
Excitement
Travel
Intrigue
Rejoice
Endless vacations
Magical
Entertainment
New experiences
Tranquility



Dr. Kathryn Anderson

Administrator, Pre-School Diagnostic
Intervention Services

38 Years

Orange County Public Schools



Lynne Kirby

Director of ESE and Student Services

30 Years

Citrus County Schools

Shawn Larkin

ESE Director

30 Years

Jackson County Schools



District Highlights



*Bradford County School District
Believing...Achieving...Excelling...*

Bradford County is proud to introduce our transition program for students who have graduated and deferred their diploma. The program is known as the Bradford Transition Academy and has been in existence since the 2009/2010 school year. The students in the program learn life skills, employment skills, and self-advocacy skills. The program is housed on the North Florida Technical College campus. The students run a school store where staff and adult students may purchase snacks throughout the school day. The students participate in multiple community-based service projects such as the local food bank. Our employment specialists work closely with our students and local businesses to provide employment experiences for our students. We are so proud of these students and the successes they have achieved through hard work and dedication of the students and staff.





Awards & Recognition

CASE Awards Nomination Application

Rookie ESE Administrator of the year:

individual should be an administrator of education programs that has worked in for 3 years or less. This person should vision and leadership skills that have supported children with disabilities and their families. The winner of this award will receive a monetary gift, plaque, paid registration for the 2022 Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute as well as the recognition of their peers at the Florida CASE Summer Virtual Institute. Individuals nominated for this award are not required to be a member of CASE but must be a member of CEC.



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Outstanding ESE Administrator of the year:

individual should be an administrator of special programs that has worked in this position for 5 A person who demonstrates consistent, vision and leadership for children with and their families and be recognized for the 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 monetary gift, plaque, paid registration for the 2022 Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute. This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award.



This education to 20 years. outstanding disabilities contributions

Life Time Achievement Award:

should be an administrator of programs for 20 years or more demonstrated consistent and vision and leadership for children 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 monetary gift, plaque, paid registration to the 2022 Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute, National CASE or National CEC Conference and recognition at the Florida CASE Summer Virtual Institute. This individual may also be submitted as a nominee for the National CASE award. **SELECTED** by FLO-CASE Board of Directors



This individual special education and has outstanding with disabilities

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

The nomination form must be submitted to Kimberly Edwards at edwarkf@bay.k12.fl.us no later than **May 13, 2022** (extension has been given). Nomination form is attached.



Notice of Option to Accept or Defer Graduation and Receipt of Standard High School Diploma.

1. Under Florida law, a student with a disability who meets the standard high school diploma requirements may now defer receipt of the diploma and continue to receive services, where the student meets the following two requirements:
The student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that prescribes special education, transition planning, transition services or related services for the student through age 21; and
2. The student is enrolled in accelerated college credit instruction pursuant to Florida Statute 1007.27, industry certification courses that lead to college credit, a collegiate high school program, courses necessary to satisfy the Scholar Diploma designation requirements, or a structured work-study, internship, or pre-apprenticeship program.

Diplomas should be printed with the date the student met graduation requirements and maintained on file until the completion of their Deferral Program or they chose to terminate the Deferral option.

Deferral students are like all other students, print, date, and sign the diploma. The student is deferring “receipt” of the diploma that is printed and dated on the day of graduation. They are not deferring their graduation date, they are deferring receiving their diploma.

Florida Bureau of Exceptional Student Education

Notices of Proposed Rule

These rule revisions are scheduled for the State Board of Education meeting on May 11, 2022.

To

view the following final proposed rule and submit comments, go

to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules/>:

- Rule 6A-1.09414, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Course Requirements - Grades PK-12 Exceptional Student Education
- Rule 6A-6.03311, F.A.C., Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities.



The Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the **Special Education Summer Institute: B.E.S.T. Aligned Standards Instruction for Students with Disabilities**. The conference will take place on July 19-21, 2022, at the Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort in Orlando, Florida, and is intended to provide supports and to build capacity with the implementation of the new B.E.S.T. Aligned Standards for students with disabilities to include instruction in the new B.E.S.T. Aligned Access Points.



Please note that the bureau will provide reimbursement for the cost of the hotel stay and meals for 3 representatives from each district, as selected by the district ESE director. It is recommended that one school administrator, one general education teacher, and one special education teacher **per district** be selected to utilize the reimbursement due to the intent of the conference. Districts are welcome to register additional participants beyond those being reimbursed by the bureau.

To view the draft agenda, complete registration, and access the special hotel rate secured for the conference, please visit the following link: <https://www.fdlrs.org/2022-special-education-summer-institute>. Registration is required of all participants. **The deadline to complete registration and secure a room in the block is Friday, June 17, 2022.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at ESEParentServices@fldoe.org.



2nd Annual Virtual Special Education Advocacy Legislative Summit Legislative Update

This spring, we held the 2nd Annual Virtual Special Education Advocacy Legislative Summit. This is the second year Florida CASE and CEC have partnered to provide three days of exciting and engaging advocacy training. Over 70 participants registered for the three sessions that took place on February 15, 16, and 17. Between 40-60 people logged in over the three days. There was a session on the legislative process and bills up for consideration that was provided by Bob Cerra. In addition, the proposed advocacy topics and planning for meetings with senators and representatives were hot topics. Participants were encouraged to advocate through letter writing campaigns and phone calls to local legislators.

Now is the time to reach out and exercise your advocacy for the upcoming national legislative session. SELS – The Special Education Legislative Summit will take place in person this summer in Washington D.C., July 10-13. If there is one thing that I have learned, it is that you have to start early. Tell your story to your state senator and representative. Getting them to think about the needs of Florida educators now, gives them time to gather more information before heading off to Washington D.C this summer.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on how to advocate, please reach out to me, Lynne Mowatt, Legislative Chair at mowattlynne@gmail.com.

Membership Update

CASE membership is on the rise because of you! We were recognized at our National CASE Board of Directors Meeting in conjunction with National CEC conference in Orlando for increasing our membership by 16%! Our President, Dr. Rosalind Hall accepted the award on behalf of the Board. Our Florida CASE membership represents over 60 School Districts,

Universities, and Discretionary Projects. This network is vital to the development of inclusive special education programming. When seeking guidance for recruitment of teachers, development of special education programming, and of course educational law updates Florida CASE has your back. CASE membership includes access to webinars from national speakers, professional journals with innovative research and guidance, and discounts for CASE conferences. Look for CASE board members at all the upcoming state conferences, we love talking with you about ways to meet the growing needs in special education. Please take 2 minutes and provide us with feedback; Your voice matters!

<https://forms.office.com/r/RkzhGqYzGd>

Membership Chair, Kelly Downy





Florida CASE Board Positions

The Florida CASE Board of Directors is calling for nominations for the office of President-Elect, Legislative Chair, Professional Development and Member at- Large. Please review the details below and consider nominating yourself or a colleague. A two (2) year commitment commences on **July 1, 2022- June 30, 2024**. All officers of the Board must be a National CEC/CASE member in good standing.

President -Elect

- 1. Serve in the President's place and with the president's authority in the case of the President's absence.**
- 2. Work closely with the President**
- 3. Assume responsibilities as delegated by the President**
- 4. Keep current on all decisions and activities**
- 5. Coordinate and ensure that the Annual Unit Report and the Strategic Plan are complete in collaboration with the President**
- 6. Shall be responsible for all committees...**

Legislative Chair

- 1. Co-Chair of CEES Legislative Meeting**
- 2. Develop and recommend timely statements of CASE legislation and regulatory concerns**
- 3. Collect legislative and regulatory information to disseminate to members related to issues and concerns to special education administrators**

Professional Development

- 1. Promote member participation in professional development and other activities related to CASE. Coordinate professional development activities.**

Member-At- Large

- 1. Procurement of vendors/sponsors**
- 2. Assist with newsletter (reviewing, editing, content etc... a minimum of four (4) per fiscal year**
- 3. Landis Stetler Scholarship**
- 4. Provide other services as determined by the Board**

Please email nominations no later than **Monday, June 20, 2022** to Barbara Johns, CASE secretary at bjohnse27@gmail.com

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Recharge Your Emotional Batteries

- Take your vacation time
- Spend time outside
- Cultivate hobbies
- Practice meditation
- Take a break from technology and social media
- Go for a walk
- Give Yourself Some "Spa" Time
- Great time for a road trip
- Create some "me time." Take 10-15 minutes just for you!
- Take a nap each day. Sleep late. Stay up late.

The choice is yours. Do what's best for you this summer!

~ Patsy Ryan and Better Life



Your Board would like to recognize our members for their accomplishments throughout the year. If you receive an award, promotion, special recognition etc... Please send me the information along with a picture so that we can highlight you in the upcoming newsletter. We take great pleasure in honoring you!



Florida CASE Summer Leadership Institute, June 6-8, 2022
Institute of Small and Rural Districts (ISR), June 9, 2022
The Beautiful Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa Bonita
Springs, Fl.

Save the Date

The Family Cafe'

May 27-29, 2022

Hyatt Regency Orlando, Fl.

Special Education Summer Institute: B.E.S.T. Aligned Standards Instruction for Students with Disabilities.

July 19-21

Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista Resort
Orlando, Florida.

Florida Council for Exceptional Children (FCEC)

October 20-22, 2022

Hilton Daytona Beach