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## *The President's Message ...*

### Developing Connections Through Leadership

The call for Florida's Developmental Educators' Association 2003 President echoed the desire for one with passion and leadership. With the commitment from 18 Executive Board members and various colleagues, I accepted the challenge to lead. Together in January we began the navigation, and here is a review of our journey.

- Adopted the theme, "Developing the connections"
- Revised the format of the board's agenda
- Planned connection "Ice Breakers"
- Implemented starting each meeting with an inspirational thought
- Encouraged members to submit written board reports
- Planned and implemented a spring board retreat

As a result of the Board's commitment, I have the ultimate respect for the term "Volunteer." Your board mem-

bers' commitment to FDEA not only confirms their dedication to education but also demonstrates passion for the developmental learners. Even though the point has begun to turn, we need you to push harder so that everyone is a part of **Developing the Connections**.

Furthermore, I invite you to become actively involved. For example, consider writing an article for the newsletter, recruiting members, presenting at the state conference, or sharing your leadership skills by serving on the executive board. For certain, your organization needs you.

Presently, we have 206 members. Like a fierce force let's come together to connect our minds with the elements as we "**Surf the Waves of Success**" at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual fall conference in Daytona Beach, Florida, October 22-24. See you there.

**Von**



### Suggested Reading Yvonne M. McShay

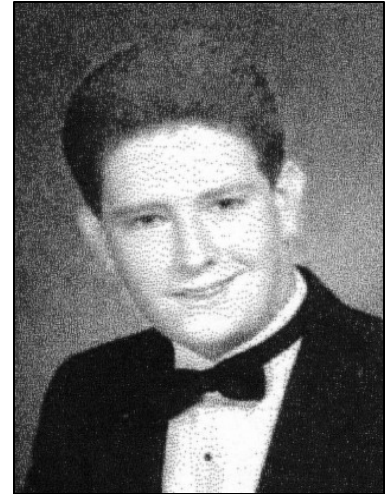
For those of you who are interested in Leadership here are a few easy reads.

1. *Who moved my Cheese?* by Spencer Johnson, M.D.
2. *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey
3. *Principle Centered Leadership* by Stephen Covey
4. *What Makes the Great Great?* by Dennis P. Kimbro, Ph. D.
5. *Managing Your Time* by Ted W. Engstrom and R. Alec Mackenzie

## Student, Charles Howell, Receives Award from Townsend Press

Submitted by  
Kathleen Riley  
Polk C.C.

Charles Howell of Lakeland always dreamed of working alongside his father as an accountant. But to do so, he had to overcome several serious challenges. First was the intractable seizure disorder that had interrupted his education. Toward the end of his high school career, he chose to undergo risky brain surgery followed by an arduous course of rehabilitation rather than accepting life on disability. Buoyed up by courage and faith in God, he underwent a successful operation, and in the months following, regained the physical functions and mental skills that are so often taken for granted by those blessed with good health. Next, Charles faced the challenge of preparing for college work. Because his education had been affected by his medical condition, Charles began his studies in Reading I and Writing I at Polk Community College. He eagerly worked his way through two levels of prep English and reading courses, earning A's in all of them. Then he faced the "acid test" of college work. Free to focus on his education and with the confidence and skills needed to succeed at higher level work, Charles earned A's in both College Composition I and II. He is now within one year of completing his associate's degree and going on to university so that he can fulfill his dream of a father and son partnership. Charles' account of his success story won him a fourth place award of \$250 in this year's Townsend Press Scholarship Essay Contest. He finished among the top 33 writers in a field of many hundreds of entrants from across the country, all of whom had begun their college careers in developmental reading or writing courses and had gone on to remarkable achievements in their credit courses. Charles' story is only one of hundreds from students whose lives have been transformed by the efforts of FDEA members. As he says himself, "I always knew I was good in math, but I never dreamed I'd be able to read and write so well!" Armed with his determination to succeed and a good foundation in basic skills, Charles no longer feels any limits on what he can accomplish in life.



### FDEA Student Essay Contest - 2003

FDEA is sponsoring a student success essay contest with three cash prizes of \$100.00, \$200.00 and \$300.00. These awards will be announced during the October 2003 FDEA conference in Daytona Beach, Florida. Students who have completed at least two developmental courses are eligible to compete. Essays must address student success, and winning essays may be published in FDEA informational brochures. Each institutional member school may submit up to four student essays.

All essays must be submitted with a picture of the student, a release form and the name of the sponsoring institution by **September 10, 2003. Essays received after this date will not be considered. No essays and pictures will be returned, so please make copies.**

Send all contest materials to:

**Jean Sieffert**  
Hillsborough Community College  
BTec 206  
10414 E. Columbus Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33619-7856

### Deadlines Fast Approaching

Applications for the FDEA Excellence in Education Scholarship and the Student Success Essay Contest must be submitted by September 10, 2003.

Please take the time to encourage former developmental students to apply.

Applications are on the web site.



### Wearing My Crown

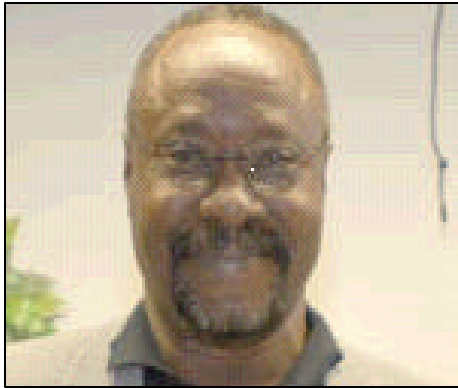
Board Members participated in "Wearing my Crown," at the last FDEA Board Meeting. The members left to right are:

1st Row- Melanie LeMaster and Yvonne McShay

2nd Row- Bonnie Hilton and Dianne Kostelyn

3rd Row- Joyce Kevetas, Cathy Seyler, Lynn Blanton,

Sue Hawkens



### Walter Tucker

Submitted by  
By Dixie Lemons

Walter Tucker is a native Floridian from Jacksonville. He earned a B.A. degree in Elementary Education and Sociology from Florida A&M University and a Master's in Educational Guidance and Counseling, also from Florida A&M University. He has also done postgraduate coursework at Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University. Professor Tucker began teaching at Miami-Dade Community College in 1970. He has taught courses in the area of psychology and college prep. Among his accomplishments, Professor Tucker has served as a board member of the Florida Developmental Education Association. He is an original member of interdisciplinary teams (Community College Studies), which clustered five faculty from different disciplines to teach the same cohort of students. This later became the foundation for the Developmental Studies Department (DSD), which later became the College Prep Department from which he is retiring after 33 years. Congratulations Professor Tucker!

### Note from the Editor...

Would you like to liven up your class? One way to learn vocabulary and wake students up is to use pictionary to learn vocabulary or new terms. First, put all the vocabulary words on separate pieces of paper and put them in a container. Then divide the students into teams. Next, choose someone to be a score-keeper. Pick a student to start the game, and when someone guesses the word, let the student at the board pick someone from the other team to take his/her place. This game is a great way to reinforce vocabulary and act as an icebreaker. It will make everyone laugh, or most everyone, and laughter is good for the soul.

## FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**SURFING THE WAVES  
TO SUCCESS**

**OCTOBER 22-24, 2003**

*Join us for the*  
**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
*on*  
**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22**

**4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Take advantage of this opportunity to  
hear Legislators and educational leaders  
discuss current educational issues, to ask  
questions and address concerns.**

**THE PLAZA  
RESORT & SPA**

**600 NORTH ATLANTIC AVENUE  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA**



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EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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## FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The FDEA Newsletter is published three times a year. Articles should be kept to a maximum of 1,000 words in Microsoft Word format. Explicit guidelines are available from the Editor, Melanie LeMaster.  
The FDEA Board Members also encourage news items from affiliates and other organizations.

Submit: Melanie LeMaster 8099 College Pkwy. SW, Fort Myers, FL 33919 or e-mail articles to [mlemaster@edison.edu](mailto:mlemaster@edison.edu) .  
The Editor and Board Members reserve the right to edit any material submitted.

**Deadlines for receiving copy are:**

SPRING - March 1      FALL - August 1      WINTER - November 15

## VISIT WEBSITES

FDEA: <http://tfn.net/fdea>

NADE: <http://nade.net>

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us>

**THE FOLLOWING CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB:**  
FDEA's Next Conference - Executive Board Meeting Dates  
FDEA Membership Application - Institutional Members  
NADE Membership Application - Future NADE Conferences