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The President's Message... *Connecting to Achieve the Perfect Fit*

As I write this message, I am on the plane traveling from historic St. Louis, Missouri, where the 28th Annual NADE Conference was held. The theme, *Gateway to Success*, provided an entry portal for student success.

Let me begin by saying Florida's 2003 theme, *Developing the Connections*, was particularly appropriate to partner with the national conference theme. Our theme motivated members to connect one by one to the goals and objectives of the organization. This was confirmed when Pat Newell, NADE's 2004 president, presented her agenda for 2004—she recognized Florida's chapter as the trailblazer. For example, Florida has published student success brochures, featured student success stories on the web, encouraged ongoing collaboration through its professional network, and effectively connected with legislators. Recently, Dianne Kostelny of OWCC and Sue Hawkins of DBCC collaborated and organized materials for legislators in Tallahassee. In addition, the

executive board held a successful legislative post card writing activity.

In 2004, I challenge members to make improved connections with one another and our initiatives. To connect with institutions, I invited board members to share institutional and/or individual initiatives at the board meetings. In January, the pieces started coming together. Will Johnson, Dianne Rettig and colleagues presented a summary of how teaching math in a modular approach enhances learning at VCC. At the last meeting, Beverly Moore-Garcia of MDC presented a plethora of ideas on how to promote member participation and ways to give FDEA a quantum leap into advancing the vision of the organization.

Connecting takes time and connecting takes vision. Each piece—regardless of its condition—must fit appropriately to present a complete picture. I can assure you that Florida's developmental educators aren't alone with the challenges we are facing. On a national level, as



voiced by presenters and participants at the conference, learners are entering college less prepared, thus presenting increasing challenges for all of us. As we connect more in 2004, I encourage you to visualize the complete puzzle and a perfect fit—**a college graduate and a successful citizen making a difference in a global society.**



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Spotlight on Success

By Janice Stutte



Tenacious! That adjective certainly describes **Christy Nickerson**. When Christy Nickerson entered Brevard Community College in the fall semester of 2001, she faced the challenge of taking prep courses in both reading and writing, beginning coursework in her field of graphic arts, and working part time. Her reading skills gradually improved through three semesters of hard work, and Christy passed the state exit test in the summer of 2002. Writing proved to be far more of a challenge. Because of her learning disability, Christy found it extremely difficult to formulate her ideas into clear sentences and to master the nuances of grammar. Even after taking Prep Writing 1, Christy found the demands of the 50-minute holistically scored timed writing at the end of Prep Writing 2 overwhelming, and she did

not exit. Her second attempt brought continued improvement but no passing exit test scores.

Disheartened but not defeated, Christy registered for the course for the third time, sought additional help in the learning lab, and persevered. Success! One of her prep writing instructors describes Christy as "one very determined young lady." Christy will complete her A.S. degree in Graphic Technology in December 2004 and tentatively plans to enter the Coast Guard or the U.S. Army to continue her education.

Ruth Becker Adjunct Stipend

FDEA continues to offer a waiver to now cover the entire conference registration fee in order to assist adjunct faculty members who desire to attend the annual FDEA conference.

The adjunct faculty members must be from Institutional Membership schools. They may apply by submitting an application for the fee waiver. It is expected that member schools will support the attendance of adjuncts who apply for such a waiver by providing some or all of the additional conference expenses. For a fee waiver application, visit the FDEA website, <http://tfn.net/fdea>

News from Math...

FTYCMA Discusses Developmental Mathematics

By Barbara Lott

FTYCMA (Florida Two-Year College Mathematics Association) held its annual joint meeting with the Florida section of MAA on Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21. Prior to the joint meeting, members of FTYCMA participated in a workshop and discussion on "Developmental Mathematics: A Plan for Florida's Community Colleges."

Although the discussion focused primarily on testing and assessment, the plan itself addresses teaching strategies, curriculum, and implementation. Goals of the plan are as follows:

- To improve the quality of developmental mathematics programs in Florida and increase success and retention rates in those programs
- To improve the success in college mathematics courses of students who successfully complete developmental mathematics programs
- To improve the mathematics preparation of developmental students who will take quantitative courses in disciplines other than mathematics

A copy of the plan can be found on the FTYCMA website <http://ftycma.org/> under the News tab.

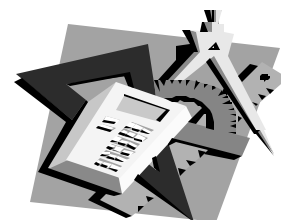
FTYCMA will hold its 3rd annual "Mathematics in the Sun Retreat" in September 2004. During the upcoming retreat, delegates will discuss implementation of the Developmental Mathematics plan and plans to revamp MAT 1033.

FDEA Student Essay Contest – 2004

FDEA is sponsoring a Student Success Essay Contest again in 2004. This year, one \$500 prize will be awarded to the author of the winning essay. Students who have completed at least two developmental courses are eligible to compete.

Essays must address student success and must be between 250 and 500 words in length, double spaced, and typed in 12 point font. All essays must

be submitted with a picture of the student, a release form, and the name of the sponsoring institution. The deadline for submission is May 28, 2004. Please consult the FDEA website, <http://tfn.net/fdea>, for further details.



NEWS FROM NADE

By Tanya Nelson

I was a newcomer to the NADE Conference, and, naturally, I was filled with anticipation about what was in store for me. By the time I wended my weary way home four days later, I was filled with new ideas, had met many wonderful people, and was in awe of the host chapters, who had worked five years to put on a top-notch conference.

The first morning there was a 5-K run and walk. Despite the very best of intentions, I did not get up in time to make it. In fact, I grabbed a big cup of java and slipped into the convention room just in time to hear our first keynote speaker, Dr. Richard J. Light, a professor of statistics at Harvard. You wouldn't think a statistician would be an engaging speaker; however, Dr. Light was delightfully entertaining and informative. He focused on ways to assess students' needs, and how to do this effectively but economically. His research found that the skill students wanted to improve on the most was their writing skill.

The second morning, I didn't have time to get my caffeine jolt before the keynote address, but I didn't need any more stimulation after the dynamite speech by Dr. Crystal Kuykendall, who holds both a Ph.D. in Education and a Juris Doctorate. Listening to her speak was like being on a roller coaster for an hour. She made us laugh, she made us cry, she gave us affirmations, and she

gave us challenges. If there had been an altar call, there would have been 1,000 or so people coming forward. Her main message was that we must be "merchants of hope" for our students.

Deciding what breakout session to attend was my biggest problem at the conference. There were about 20 to choose from at each time period. We didn't stop at lunch either. We picked up our box lunches and headed to another session. Every session I attended was excellent. Even the workshop on Tai Chi was a remedy for my "numb bum" at the end of the second day.

Our hosts did an excellent job of highlighting the Gateway City with a reception underneath the St. Louis Arch, a trip to the top of the arch, and many tours of St. Louis and the surrounding area.

The last morning's event was a sight and sound extravaganza. A Mariachi band; red, black, and yellow balloons; and Route 66 signs all pointed the way to Albuquerque in '05. Florida's own Pat Newell, the new NADE president, set the tone of the upcoming year by showing her edited version of the video "Fish." The fish philosophy says, "Make their day. Play. Choose your Attitude. Be there." It is a powerful message. If you have never been to a NADE conference, I encourage you to try to attend next year. Besides being an enriching experience educationally, there are all of those silver shops to explore in Albuquerque! See you there.

2004 Outstanding Developmental Educator

Name of Nominee: _____

Title/Position: _____

Name of College: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee must be a member of FDEA. Each nominee will be judged according to the following criteria:

1. Work exemplifies the philosophy of developmental education.
2. Demonstrates excellence in teaching and other professional skills with developmental students
3. Shows commitment to developmental students
4. Shows commitment to professional growth

Please include a brief biographical sketch highlighting your nominee's role in developmental education along with a narrative covering the criteria stated above. Please also include a picture of the nominee for press release.

Nominated by: _____

College/Position: _____

Telephone: _____

Send nominations to:

Jean Sieffert, FDEA Scholarship Chair
Hillsborough Community College
10414 Columbus Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-7856

Nominations must be postmarked by September 3, 2004. The winner will be announced at the FDEA annual conference in Pensacola in October.

National Reading Spin Group

At the recent NADE conference, I met with the National Reading Spin group. We have a total of 300+ members, and there were 30 members at the spin meeting. We had a great discussion about goals and objectives that would make this group a vital arm of the national organization promoting its mission of student success and professional development. Communication and sharing will be the secret to our success. Our first newsletter was sent in March with TIPPS submitted by colleagues – those tested and tried ideas that enhance the learning process. So my dear colleagues, send your TIPPS to me as well as any suggestions and topics you want addressed. Your reading advocate, Ruth in Pensacola.

NEWS FROM READING

FCRC Spring Workshop, 2004

By Lynda Wolverton

My many thanks go to all who played a part in making the Florida Reading Council's annual Spring Workshop held at St. Petersburg College a most enjoyable and profitable day. A special thanks is extended to President Yvonne McShay, president of FDEA, for attending and lending support to the organization.

Some of the highlights of the program included guest speakers from the Florida State Department of Education. Kathy Fearon, Program director for Post-Secondary and Professional Examinations, spoke about possible changes in instruction and assessment in the upcoming legislative session and assessment for Level 14. Sylvia Fleishman, Director of Programs and Academic Services, explained what kinds of funding community colleges were asking for from the legislature based on increased student enrolment growth. Other topics covered were student engagement in a course, the critical point to prevent students from dropping out (46-60 hours), and pertinent House and Senate bills to watch during the upcoming legislative session.

To further emphasize FCRC's articulation between the community college and the secondary language arts program, two other speakers gave information about Pinellas County's attempts to bridge the two entities. Sheila Keller, Director of Smaller Learning Communities Grant in Pinellas County stressed that education should be made to be what everyone wants and can have. Jan Mickler, Secondary Language Arts/Reading supervisor of Pinellas County demonstrated how to involve students in curriculum

instruction by making the teacher's thinking visible to the students.

Finally, St. Petersburg College's own Sharon Williams, Director of Title III Grant, reviewed steps in securing monies for the coveted Title II grant.

FCRC members discussed upcoming goals for the year:

- Sharing curricular and instructional ideas,
- Providing for professional development,
- Finding a "voice" in Tallahassee,
- Promoting success stories about our reading students,
- Improving articulation with levels K-12.

Loaded with ideas and ammunition to achieve these goals, members and guests can look forward to next spring when Hillsborough Community College will host the 2005 Spring Workshop.

I want to extend my personal appreciation to what I consider one of the finest boards ever. These ladies worked very hard on your behalf to offer you, your students, and your profession a fine workshop. I also want to thank our hosts (Diane Reese and Evelyn Finklea) at St. Petersburg College for their outstanding leadership and hard work with the arrangements. Thanks to their efforts and our members' continued support, 2004 will be a tremendous year for FCRC.

New FCRC Listserv

What a perfect setting it would be IF—

Students did all of their homework every time, on time.

Technology worked every time.

I could network all hours of the day.

Hold on! It can happen. Visit the Florida College Reading Council (FCRC) at their NEW LISTSERV. It is called the "fcrc-list."

The purpose of this listserv is to share information about reading. Whether you are working in a student support environment, as a professor of reading, as a reading adjunct, or as an administrator, please feel free to take part in the conversations.

It's easy to join--

Send a message to Fcrc_list-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
In the subject line type **subscribe**.

To post a message:
Fcrc_list@yahoogroups.com

To Unsubscribe:
Fcrc_list-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Whenever someone posts a message, it will be sent automatically to everyone who has subscribed to the list.

Happy Networking!
See you online!



Growing Pains are Welcome

It's been less than a month since FCRC's Spring Workshop, and already we have outgrown our link from the FDEA homepage. FCRC has a new website of its very own. Visit us at <http://www.tfn.net/~fcrc67>.



FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

27th Annual Conference, October 27 – 29, 2004

Hilton Garden Inn on Pensacola Beach, FL

Breaking the Sound Barrier to Success

FDEA Conference Presentation Proposal Form

Name _____ (as you would like it in the program)

Telephone number (office) _____ (home) _____

E-mail _____

School and Campus _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

The title of your presentation _____

(as you would like it in the program)

On a separate sheet, in fewer than 500 words, please provide the following information:

_____ The overall purpose of your presentation

_____ A brief abstract of your presentation as well as a synopsis of 25 or fewer words (suitable for inclusion in the program).

FORMAT: _____ Lecture _____ Workshop _____ Discussion _____ Panel

Note: Session length is 60 minutes.

TARGET GROUP: _____ English _____ Reading _____ ESL _____ SAIL

_____ Math _____ Counseling _____ Learning Center _____ Other

Do you have a preference for the date or time of your presentation? If so, please state _____

Check the AUDIO-VISUAL equipment you will need: (NOTE: you must supply your own computer equipment)

_____ Overhead projector _____ TV/VCR _____ Flip chart _____ Screen _____ Internet connection

(Microphones and podium will be provided)

Are you willing to do your presentation more than once during the conference? _____ Yes _____ No

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS IS JUNE 18, 2004.

Send to the following address:

*Dianne Kostelny
Okaloosa-Walton C.C.
100 College Blvd.
Niceville, FL 32578-1295
Business phone (850) 729-4938*

*OR via e-mail: kostelnyd@owcc.net
OR by fax: (850) 729-5300*

Proposal and other conference information available on the FDEA website at <http://tfn.net/fdea>

FDEA 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE



“BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER TO SUCCESS”

**Hotel Information
Conference Site**



12 Via De Luna Drive
Pensacola Beach
Pensacola, Florida

Conference Rate
\$99.+ tax

Reservations
1-877-916-2999
ext. 6784
I.D. Code FDE

Deadline
September 11, 2004

*Hotel-Airport Shuttle Available
\$14.00 round trip
Reservations required

Local Arrangements Chair –
Ruth Becker
e-mail address – rbecker @pjc.edu

Conference Highlights

Wednesday, October 27

7:00- 10:00 -

Opening Reception
Peter Wilkin III, Speaker

Thursday, October 28

8:00-9:30 - Town Meeting

12:30-2:15 - Keynote speaker,
Prof. D.J. Henry

Concurrent Sessions
(Thursday and Friday)

Beach Fun/Run (Thursday)

Share Sessions (Thursday)

Silent Auction (Thursday)

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
FORM**

MAIL THIS FORM TO:
Beverly Moore-Garcia
Miami Dade College, North Campus
11380 N.W. 27th Avenue
Miami, FL 33167

Name _____
Institution _____
Position/Title _____
Area of Expertise _____
Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____
E-mail _____

Please mark fees included in check

***FDEA Membership**
_____ \$25.00 Faculty/Administrators/Staff
_____ \$15.00 Adjuncts/Retirees
_____ \$10.00 Full-Time Graduate Students

***Conference Pre-Registration Fees**

Deadline: September 11, 2004

_____ \$90.00 Members
_____ \$125.00 Non-Members
_____ No Fee for Institutional Member
Designee

***On-Site Registration Fees**

_____ \$110.00 Members
_____ \$145.00 Non-Members

Non-member fee activates membership.

***Daily Rates or Guest(s)**

_____ \$25.00 (per guest) Wed. Eve.
_____ \$40.00 Thurs.
_____ \$20.00 Fri.

Full registration includes all meal functions. Daily rates include meal functions for that day.

***Scholarship Activity**

_____ \$10.00 Fun Run/Walk
Thurs. 7:00a.m. (gift/snacks)

Total included: _____

Would you serve as a moderator?

_____ Yes _____ No

Important Dates to Remember

May 28, 2004 — Deadlines for the Denny and Howland scholarship applications.
FDEA Student Success Essay application.
June 18, 2004 — Deadline for conference proposal.
August 1, 2004 — Deadline for submission of articles for the summer newsletter.
September 3, 2004 — Deadline for Outstanding Educator nominations.
September 10-11, 2004 — Summer Executive Board Meeting.
September 11, 2004 — Deadline for making reservations at conference hotel.
Deadline for conference pre-registration

**CATHY DENNY FLORIDA READING COUNCIL
SCHOLARSHIP (minimum \$200.00)**

Students are eligible for this scholarship if they

- attend a college that is an FDEA institutional member and
- have completed their developmental reading requirement
- have earned at least 12 semester hours of mainstream college level course work
- have achieved an overall 3.0 grade point average for all course work

All applicants must submit the following along with the application below:

- a current college transcript
- two letters of recommendation (one from the instructor of a developmental reading course and one from the instructor of a college-level course)
- a typed essay describing how reading a specific book has changed the applicant's life. Essay must focus on one book, named by title and author.
- a recent photograph (optional)

Name: _____

SS#: _____

Home address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Community College: _____

Career Goal: _____

E-mail Address : _____

Send application to:
Kathleen Riley, FCRC Scholarship Committee
Polk Community College, #8
999 Avenue H, NE
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Applications for the 2004-2005 presentation must be postmarked by May 28, 2004. Scholarship winners will be announced at the FDEA conference in October in Pensacola, Florida.

**JOSEPH HOWLAND FDEA EXCELLENCE
IN DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000) APPLICATION**

A student is eligible to apply for the Joseph Howland FDEA Scholarship if he or she:

- attends a college that is an FDEA institutional member
- has completed at least two developmental areas
- has earned at least 12 semester hours of mainstream college level course work (AA/AS)
- has achieved an overall 3.0 grade point average for all course work

The following items must be included along with this scholarship application:

- an up-to-date college transcript
- two letters of recommendation (one from an instructor of a college prep/vocational prep course and one from an instructor of a college level course)
- a typed essay describing how a developmental reading, writing, and /or mathematics course has influenced your life
- a photograph and release form
- a cover page that includes the following

Name: _____

S.S. #: _____

Home address: _____

Community College: _____

Career goal: _____

Telephone # : _____

E-mail address: _____

Send application to:
Jean Sieffert, FDEA Scholarship Chair
Hillsborough Community College
10414 E. Columbus Drive
Tampa, FL 33619- 7856

Applications must be postmarked by May 28, 2004. Scholarship winners will be announced at the FDEA conference in October in Pensacola, Florida.



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3501 SW DAVIE ROAD
DAVIE, FL 33314

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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 Editors, Linda Fields or Janice Stutte. The FDEA Board Members also encourage news items from affiliates and other organizations.

Submit: Linda Fields, Broward Community College, 3501 Davie Road, Davie, FL 33314 or e-mail articles to lfields@broward.edu.
Janice Stutte, Brevard Community College, 1311 North U.S. 1, Titusville, FL 32796 or email to stuttej@brevardcc.edu
The Editors and Board Members reserve the right to edit any material submitted.

Deadlines for receiving copy are:

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

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NADE: <http://nade.net>

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

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NADE Membership Application - Future NADE Conferences