



## Weekly Memo

### Action Items

#### Position Available in the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES)

A program specialist position for secondary transition (Training Specialist - 39820), funded through the Personnel Development Support Project at the Florida Center for Interactive Media/Florida State University, is currently being advertised. The application deadline is **February 8, 2016**. For more information and application details, go to [https://jobs.omni.fsu.edu/psc/sprdhr\\_er/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB\\_GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1](https://jobs.omni.fsu.edu/psc/sprdhr_er/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SCHJOB_GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1). For questions, contact Lezlie Cline at [lezlie@fcim.org](mailto:lezlie@fcim.org) or 850-645-7132, or Beth Moore at [beth.moore@fldoe.org](mailto:beth.moore@fldoe.org) or 850-245-0475.

#### Student Services Week

Student Services Week, **February 1-5, 2016**, celebrates the incredible contributions of student services professionals. School counselors, school nurses, school psychologists and school social workers dedicate their efforts to supporting the academic, behavioral, social, physical, mental and emotional development of all students. Students and families are safer, healthier, happier, more supported and ready to learn because of their expertise and persistence. To view the Integrated Student Services in Schools Action Guide, go to [http://sss.usf.edu/integrated/fissm/Action\\_guide.html](http://sss.usf.edu/integrated/fissm/Action_guide.html).

#### Training Opportunity through Learning Ally

Learning Ally is offering three webinars in February on how to enroll your school (public, including charter, and private, kindergarten [K] through Grade 12) to access and use audio textbooks, other grade-level content and literature titles available for students who have a certified print disability. These webinars are at no cost and will be available for Florida educators on **February 2 and 10, 2016**, and for digital rights managers on **February 9, 2016**. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.learningally.org/Educators/school-grants/Florida.aspx>. For questions, contact Kimberlie Hiler at [kHiler@LearningAlly.org](mailto:kHiler@LearningAlly.org) or 904-476-4009, or Vicki Gaitanis at [Victoria.Gaitanis@fldoe.org](mailto:Victoria.Gaitanis@fldoe.org) or 850-245-0475.

#### Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Collaboration 2016

Registration is now open for the CASE, Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL) and Florida Association of Student Service Administrators (FASSA) Collaboration 2016. This event is in Altamonte Springs on **February 25-26, 2016**. For more information and registration details, see the attached document.

- Filename: 2016 CASE Collaborative Meeting Flyer

## Florida CASE 19th Annual Summer Leadership Institute

Registration is now open for the summer CASE institute in Bonita Springs on **June 13-15, 2016**. For more information and registration details, see the attached document.

- Filename: CASE 2016 Summer Leadership Institute

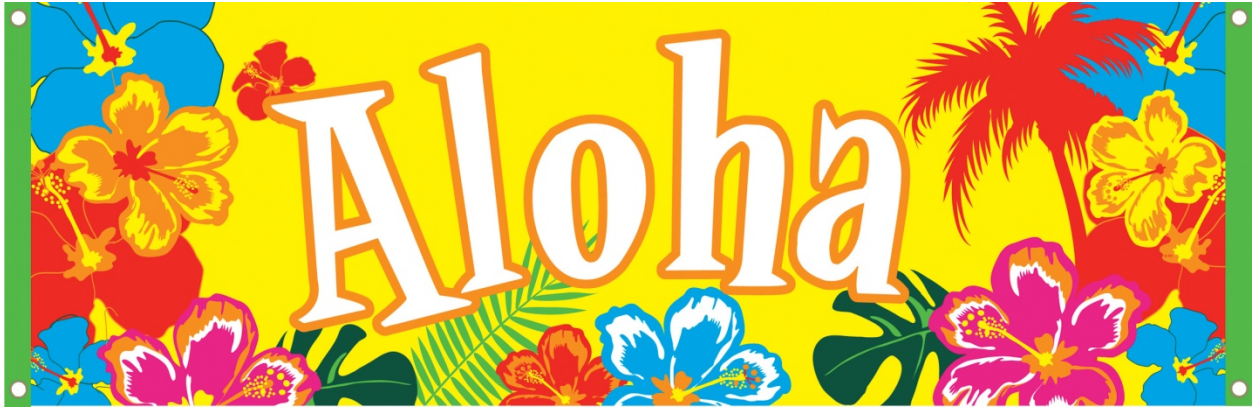
## Informational Items

### BEESS Welcomes New Staff

Victoria Gaitanis joined BEESS on January 15, 2016, as the program specialist for visual impairment, deaf or hard of hearing, and dual-sensory impairment. Vicki was most recently employed in the Leon County School District as a district-wide itinerant teacher of the visually impaired, coordinating with other ESE teachers in as many as 18 different schools simultaneously across various settings. She is an experienced, licensed educator with a master's degree and multiple certifications and endorsements. In addition to her most recent position, these settings have included adjunct reading remediation at a community college, reading remediation/social studies at a Title 1 middle school drop-out prevention program and gifted and talented pull-out classes for students K through Grade 5. Vicki can be reached at [Victoria.Gaitanis@fldoe.org](mailto:Victoria.Gaitanis@fldoe.org).

Also on January 15, 2016, Karrie Musgrove joined BEESS as the program specialist for specific learning disabilities (SLD). Karrie comes from the Wakulla County School District and brings over 20 years of experience teaching students with special needs. Her classroom experience includes elementary SLD resource, push-in and collaborative teaching in inclusion settings; middle school SLD/EBD resource; and high school EBD and intensive reading remediation classes. Karrie can be reached at [Karrie.Musgrove@fldoe.org](mailto:Karrie.Musgrove@fldoe.org).

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# Florida CASE 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Leadership Institute

Date: June 13-15, 2016

*“Rejuvenating Our Leaders to Provide  
Excellence and Equity for Every Student Every Day”*

## Hotel Location:

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa  
5001 Coconut Rd, Bonita Springs, FL  
1-888-421-1442

Registration (Rooms \$159 per night)

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FLCASE2016>

## Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD)

June 15 (PM) - 16

### Conference Registration:

- **Case National Member - \$275**
- **Florida CASE Member - \$325**
- **Non-Member - \$375**

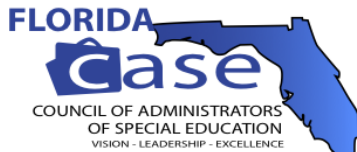


Registration: [www.flocase.org](http://www.flocase.org)

 *We look forward to seeing you!* 

# Florida CASE invites you to participate in a collaboration between

**Florida Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE),  
Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL), and  
Florida Association of Student Services Administrators (FASSA)**



**FASSA**  
Florida Association of  
Student Service  
Administrators



**Discussion Topics Will Include:**  
**FDOE Updates**  
**Leading by Convening**  
**Re-inventing Special Education**  
**Best Practices in Inclusive Education**

**Hilton Orlando Altamonte Springs**  
**350 Northlake Blvd**  
**Altamonte Springs, FL 32701**  
**Registration Code: FCASE2**

**Date: February 25 - 26, 2016**  
**Rooms \$104 per night**  
**Conference Registration \$125**



Dr. T.S. Grant grew up in New Haven, Connecticut. From humble beginnings (on and off welfare as a child & being on probation before he became a teenager), somehow his life has become an inspiration. Barely graduating from high school (1987), he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for close to four years as a military policeman. His specialty was K-9 patrol, and after two years, he became a narcotics cop. Upon his military discharge in 1991, T.S. Grant moved to New York City to try his hand at comedy and acting. That decision led to the unlikely choice to serve as a Christian leader. He became a minister in 1993 of a non-denominational church in Manhattan. As a minister, he was able to visit the Philippines, South Africa, Jamaica (West Indies) and many American states. In 1998, he resigned from the ministry, entered college and emerged less than four years later, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the City University of New York. In 2002, he began teaching U.S. History in Baltimore Maryland. At the end of his second year of teaching in the inner-city, he was offered the job of Assistance Principal. He accepted. It was not long before the New York Times contacted him for an interview about the impact of teaching. His areas of expertise include: urban education, teaching leadership, and motivation and self-improvement. He's not just a speaker; he's an educator.

**Conference Registration:** <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=s6ub7psab&oeidk=a07ebmhujbl9a682126>

**Targeted Audience:** *Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents, Regional Superintendents, District Curriculum & Instructional Staff, ESE Directors, Student Services Directors, District Learning Support Staff, School Administrators*

**Dr. Rosalind Hall, President of CASE**  
**Dr. Gina Tovine, President of FOIL**  
**Dr. Dama Abishier, President of FASSA**

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