



**Mary L. Collins Award**  
***Excellence in Teacher Education 2010***

The *Mary L. Collins Award for Excellence in Teacher Education* is presented each year to individuals who have made significant and substantial contributions to teacher education in Florida. The award is named for Dr. Mary Collins, Professor of Teacher Education in the Fischler Graduate School of Education at Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Collins is responsible for the revitalization of FATE and has made many contributions to teacher education at the state, regional and national levels.

A nominator might consider the Standards for Teacher Educators, published by ATE, the Association of Teacher Educators. These standards can be reviewed on the Webpage:

[http://www.ate1.org/pubs/Distinguished\\_Teac.cfm](http://www.ate1.org/pubs/Distinguished_Teac.cfm)

## **Award Criteria**

Standards for this award might include, but are not limited to and educator who:

Models professional teaching practices which demonstrate knowledge, skills and attitudes reflecting best practice;

Inquires into and contributes to one or more areas of scholarly activity that are related to teaching, learning, and/or teacher education;

Inquires systematically into, and reflects on, their own practice and demonstrates commitment to lifelong professional development;

Provides leadership in developing, implementing, and evaluating programs for educating teachers that embrace diversity, and are rigorous, relevant, and grounded in best practice;

Collaborates regularly with school, university, state education department, professional associations, and community representatives to improve teaching, learning and teacher education;

Serves as informed, constructively critical advocate for high quality education for all students, public understanding of educational issues, and excellence and diversity in teaching and teacher education professions; and

Contributes to improving the teacher education profession, particularly through ATE.

## Nomination and Selection

Nomination packets for the *Mary L. Collins Award for Excellence in Teacher Education* may be submitted by email to:

Dr. Sophie Paul  
Awards Committee Chair  
[pauls@manateeschools.net](mailto:pauls@manateeschools.net)

or paper copy to

Dr. Sophie Paul  
School District of Manatee County/F.A.T.E. Awards Chair  
2501 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34208

Notification of received nominations will be sent via email.

The deadline for receipt of the Nomination Packet is the last Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>. When, as a FATE member, you receive the *Call For Nominations*, please submit:

- A **cover page** to include: nominee's name, address and telephone number, name and address of employer, job title with description of responsibilities,
- A **résumé or vitae** of the nominee,
- A **nominating letter** (detailing why the nominee should receive the award), and
- **Supporting letters** (a minimum of two).

## **Selection**

Applicants will be assessed by their ability to meet the standards required of a distinguished teacher educator. There are a number of ways applicants can provide evidence that they meet the standards of a distinguished teacher educator. This evidence may include but is not limited to: professional resume, letters of support from students and colleagues, course evaluations, statement reflecting applicant's philosophy of teacher education and its relation to professional goals and accomplishments, documentation of program design/development, evidence of collaboration, etc.

The award recipient will be notified by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, a month prior to the FATE *Annual Conference* where they will be honored during the Awards Luncheon.

As a special guest of the conference, the recipient will receive complimentary conference registration.

Feel free to contact us anytime if you have any questions related to this award.

Please direct questions to:  
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Manatee District Schools  
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Thank you in advance for promoting quality teacher education.