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2014 Annual FATE Conference October 3 & 4, 2014

The FATE 2014 Annual Conference was held at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. With the theme, *The Core of the Matter: Teacher Voices on Florida Standards*, the conference weekend was packed with guest speakers, panel members, and presentations that inspired, encouraged and motivated teachers to do what they do best... TEACH!



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Friday, October 3, 2014

The ROTC from Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, Florida opened the day with their presence during the pledge. Lynn University's President Kevin M. Ross welcomed all of the visiting educators to campus and shared information about Lynn's iPad initiative and the many iBooks that have been written by Lynn instructors; leading Lynn to be named a Apple Distinguished School.

Brian Dassler, Deputy Chancellor of the Florida Department of Education, conducted an interactive presentation, titled *'I notice, I wonder'*, which encouraged teachers to collect data on what they actually see and hear; thus, taking out the assumptions about our students.





Graduate Student Showcase

Winners: Stephanie Cugini , UF & Harika Rao, Lynn University





The Teacher's Panel

Conference attendees were enamored with information shared by several exceptional educators. The Teacher's Panel was made up of:

- Mrs. Vivian Wilson, Florida A&M
- Mr. Daniel Shapiro, Broward County Teacher of the Year
- Mrs. Robin Oliveri, Leon County Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Stephanie Cugini, UF
- Mrs. Amanda Lavery, Kathleen High School

The panelist gave responses to questions such as:

1. What do you see as the impact of the Florida Standards for diverse learners (i.e. race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ELLs, learning exceptionalities, low performing students, etc.)
2. How can educators be more aware of the needs of all students in their classrooms? Right now in Florida, teachers have training in ESOL but it doesn't seem to be enough; how can we foster more communication, awareness, and training in ESOL for all educators?
3. In what ways can teacher preparation programs prepare teacher candidates to teach in an era of new educational standards?
4. New educational standards and 21st century learning necessitate the development of digital literacies; how is this shift reflected in pre-service and in-service education?
5. How have the new Florida Standards changed the way that you view student learning and understanding?





All work and No play?

Not for the FATE board and its members....

At the end of day one of the conference, attendees enjoyed a wonderful reception. The Board and some of its members really livened it up after that; they went out on the town in Delray Beach to relax and enjoy each other's company at Vino Van Gogh. There was painting, music, laughter and relaxation! (see some of the work of our own FATE artists below)



RoundTable Presentations





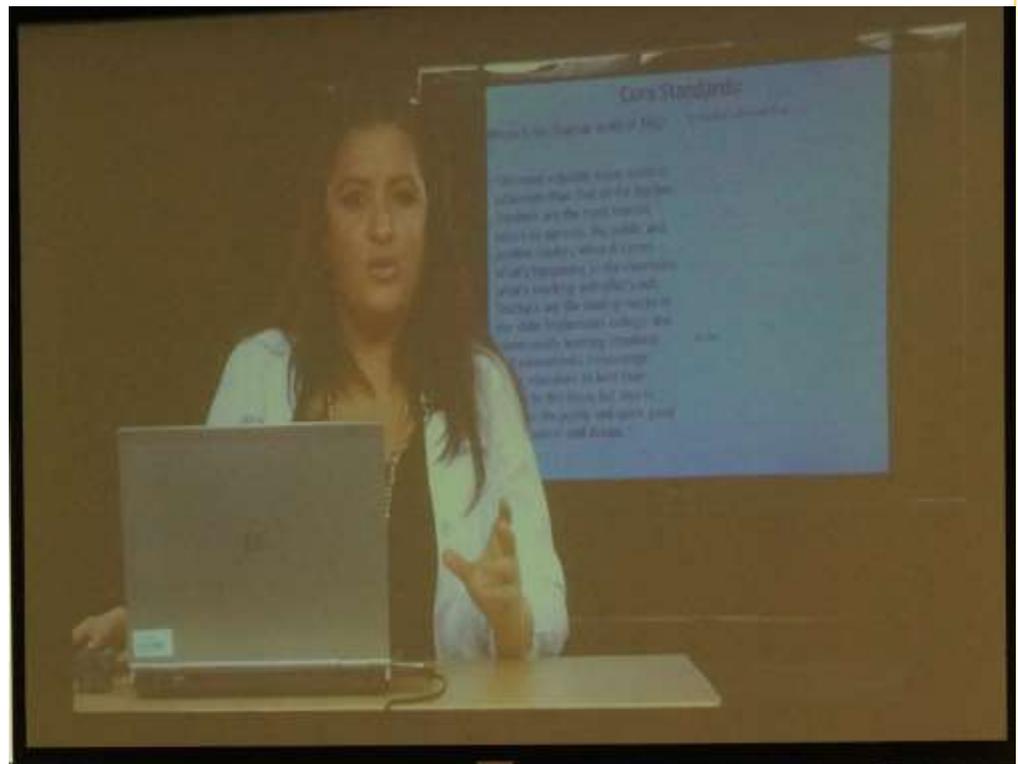
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Awards Luncheon: Keynote speakers included Mr. Frank Barbieri, Vice Chairman of the School District of Palm Beach County and Mrs. Dorina Sackman, Florida's Teacher of the Year.



Mr. Barbieri received a standing ovation for his inspiring speech supporting teachers and all that they do in our public schools.

Although she was unable to join us, Mrs. Sackman provided a special video discussing many current issues teachers face in today's classroom; including the new Florida Standards and VAM.





2014 Fancy F. Funchon Award Winners: Katlyn Walden, Southeastern University; Christell Mehu, Lynn University; Shamisha Gordon, University of North Florida; and Jamalia Ali, USF



2014 Mary L. Collins Excellence in Education Award Winner:
Dr. Rose Pringle





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The BEST Student Architects of FATE: Jason Greenwood, Bridget Harper, Hannah Springer, and Caryn Morris. For two days these students diligently worked to make sure the conference went off without a snag; and it certainly did. FATE President, Priscilla Boerger, says, "I couldn't have gotten through the process of planning and the actual conference itself without these four students. They knew what I needed, when I needed it, and how to get it done without me having to tell them." **THANK YOU!**



THANK YOU Eric Boerger for being the official FATE photographer!



Thank you Lynn University
for hosting the 2014 FATE annual
conference!

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Gainesville, Florida
2015 FATE Annual Conference

