



## **Mary L. Collins Award** ***Excellence in Teacher Education 2017***

The ***Mary L. Collins Award for Excellence in Teacher Education*** is presented each year to an educator who has made significant and substantial contributions to teacher education in Florida. The award, established in 2000, 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.

The nomination must originate from a FATE member. The Standards for Teacher Educators, published by ATE, the Association of Teacher Educators should be taken into consideration when completing the nomination. 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 include, but are not limited to, an educator who:

- Models professional teaching practices which demonstrate knowledge, skills and attitudes reflecting best practice;
- Inquires 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 an 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.

## Nomination and Selection

Nomination packets for the *Mary L. Collins Award for Excellence in Teacher Education* may be submitted electronically or paper copy to:

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| Electronic copy:<br>Dr. Enrique Vela<br>Awards Committee Chair<br>Enrique.vela@palmbeachschools.org | Paper copy:<br>Dr. Enrique Vela<br>Awards Committee Chair<br>3300 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite C-206<br>W. Palm Beach, FL 33418 |
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Notification of received nominations will be sent via email.

The deadline for receipt of the Nomination Packet is **Friday, May 12, 2017**

### Nomination Package:

- 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 from a FATE member** (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.

The award recipient will be notified by **August 4, 2017**, approximately two months prior to the *FATE Annual Conference* where s/he will be honored during the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, **October 14, 2017** at Palm Beach State College in Boca Raton.

As a special guest of the conference, the recipient will receive complimentary conference registration. The recipient will also receive a plaque and will have their name engraved on a circulating plaque that includes the names of past recipients.

Please direct questions to:

Dr. Enrique Vela  
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561/714-6891

Thank you in advance for promoting quality teacher education!