

Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

February 27, 2005

7-11 Community Outreach

Focuses upon education for children 14 years of age and older. Preference is given to proposals from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that assist with Workforce Development or Language Education. The Workforce Development program prepares individuals to participate in the workforce and encourage personal empowerment, betterment and self-sufficiency. The Language Education program promotes literacy, language training and English as a second language. A main focus is to help at-risk or economically disadvantaged individuals. Contact: Nancy Lear, Manager, Community Affairs, 7-Eleven, Inc. Post Office Box 711, Dallas, TX 75221. <http://www.7-eleven.com/about/outreachprograms.asp>.

Florida Literacy Coalition - New President

Joe Pankowiecki, of Seaman's Westinghouse Corporation, was recently elected interim Board President upon the resignation of Renee Hotes, Bank of America, in January 2005.

Florida Mentoring Partnership - February 24, 2005

Governor Jeb Bush hosted a mentoring celebration to celebrate five years of success in mentoring through the Governor's Mentoring Initiative. Joined by Lt. Governor Toni Jennings, former Lt. Governor and President of Florida Atlantic University Frank Brogan, Florida Secretary of Health, Dr. John Agwunobi and more than 200 Florida mentoring leaders at the Governor's Mansion, Governor Bush announced the re-naming of the initiative to the Florida Mentoring Partnership. He also announced the establishment of an advocacy council that will work to keep mentoring at the forefront of policy and practice across Florida. Five Florida leaders received honors at the celebration for their exemplary work in advancing mentoring in Florida: St. Petersburg **Mayor Rick Baker**, **State Farm**, **David Griffin**, former Secretary of the Florida Lottery, **Lynda Keever**, publisher of *Florida Trend* and *Florida Trend's NEXT*, **Steve Uhlfelder**, Chairman of the Governor's Mentoring Initiative, and **Frank Brogan**, former Lt. Governor and President of Florida Atlantic University. <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>

National Conference on Family Literacy - April 25-27, 2005

"Literacy Changes Lives" National Center for Family Literacy, The Galt House, Louisville, KY. Register online at www.familit.org

Read Across America - March 2, 2005

Sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA) and Dr. Seuss Enterprises <http://www.nea.org/readacross/index.html>

Starbucks Foundation Grants Due April 1, 2005

The Starbucks Foundation provides grants ranging from \$5k - \$20k to public schools fund literacy and youth leadership programs. CONTACT: Starbucks Foundation, 2401 Utah Avenue South, S-SR-1, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98134. <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/foundation.asp>

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at FLAmentoring@aol.com if you would like names added or deleted from the Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring. For prior issues, please visit the Governor's Mentoring Initiative, under Monthly Mentoring Update at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>

Be a mentor. Be a big help.

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